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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act request: Ministerial Advisory Group for retail crime (MAG)

I refer to your email of 19 September 2024 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information on the public nominations for the Ministerial Advisory Group for Retail Crime MAG. Specifically, you requested:

I noted, you have recently call for nomination for your retail crime MAG <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/indonz/528354/government-confirms-members-of-advisory-group-on-retail-crime> <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/members-appointed-retail-crime-mag> May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. [govt.jobs](https://www.govt.jobs) website. Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc for your role. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed in this recruitment round. May I also seek a copy of the ad went out to public and the appointment letter sent to the appointee, feel free to redact any personal information.

On 24 September 2024, your request was partially transferred from DPMC to Hon Paul Goldsmith, Minister of Justice, for response.

On 21 October 2024, Hon Paul Goldsmith, transferred your request to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) to respond to, as the Ministry holds the information you have requested.

In response to your request, the process for appointing the members of the MAG on victims of retail crime was through a targeted expression of interest process. There was no public advertisement for these roles. Communities, organisations and individuals in the retail, security and crime prevention sectors were encouraged to submit an application, and the Ministry also received applications from interested members of the community after the press release on the establishment of the MAG here: [Government creates MAG for retail crime victims | Beehive.govt.nz](#).

Twenty-five applications were received from members of the public including business owners, those with extensive retail experience, members of governance boards, CE/CEOs of retail sector peak bodies, employees of large retail organisations with experience in crime prevention and business owners in the security and crime prevention spaces. No

applications were received from public service departments or agencies nominating a particular individual.

A longlist of all 25 applications, marked against the assessment criteria included in the expression of interest form, were provided to Hon Paul Goldsmith, and Hon Nicole McKee, the Associate Minister of Justice. The Chair of the MAG, Sunny Kaushal, also reviewed applications. No interviews were conducted during this expression of interest process. The final decision on the appointment of the four members were made by Hon Paul Goldsmith and Hon Nicole McKee.

I have attached three documents for you. The first two documents are the email and the expression of interest form that was attached to the email. This form was provided to interested parties and they were asked to complete and submit it alongside their curriculum vitae. Also attached is a sample of the appointment letter sent to the new members of the MAG, with their personal details withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In withholding information under section 9, the Ministry has considered the public interest and does not consider it outweighs withholding the information at this time.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [Official Information Act responses | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#)

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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