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Ref: DSOIA286

Dear John

Thank you for your email of 6 October 2024 requesting the following information:

I noted, you have recently call for nomination for your Appointments to the Charter Schools Authorisation Board

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May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. 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.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Charter Schools Authorisation Board was established as a statutory board in the charter schools legislation. Formal appointments to statutory boards are made by the responsible minister, and are considered by both the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee and Cabinet.

Section 212B(1) of the Education and Training Amendment Act 2023 requires the Minister to appoint members to the Charter Schools Authorisation Board by Gazette notice, which you refer to in your correspondence. To clarify, this was not a call for nominations.

Public nominations to the Authorisation Board were not sought, nor were any applications received or shortlisted or interviews undertaken. As such, I am refusing your request for a copy of the advertisement that went out to the public under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Please refer to the attached **Appendix A** for a copy of the Authorisation Board appointment letters for the Board chair and Board members. As the letters for Board members are fundamentally the same, excluding any personal information, only one copy has been provided. You have advised that personal information can be redacted and, as such, contact details and other personal information has been removed from these documents removed as out of scope.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David".

Hon David Seymour
Associate Minister of Education