

10 DEC 2024



Ref: OIAC 80

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Dear John

**Official Information Act request: Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority**

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2024 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to expressions of interest sought for appointment as a Member of the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

On the same day your request was transferred to me for response. Specifically, you requested:

*May I kindly request the letter sent by the Associate Minister of Justice to caucus colleagues. Also, any correspondence received regarding this matter. Happy for you to redact any personal information under the Privacy Act.*

As previously advised in a response sent to you by the Ministry related to this appointment process, expressions of interest were sought via notice on the Ministry website and by letter from my office to caucus colleagues requesting nominations.

In response to your request, please see attached the following call for nominations letters sent to Chiefs of Staff for circulation to caucus colleagues, which are released to you in full.

1. Letter sent to Cameron Burrows, dated 13 August 2024
2. Letter sent to Andrew Ketels, dated 13 August 2024
3. Letter sent to Darroch Ball, dated 13 August 2024

As also earlier advised by the Ministry, three nominations were provided by coalition members. Those nominations (which are very brief emails forwarding the relevant curriculum vitae (CV)) and the associated CVs are withheld in full under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of the individuals concerned.

In accordance with section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in making available the information being withheld and determined that it does not outweigh the need to withhold the information at this time.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'N McKee', written in a cursive style.

Hon Nicole McKee  
**Associate Minister of Justice**