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Tēnā koe John Luke

Thank you for your email of 19 December 2024 to the Attorney-General requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (**the Act**), the following information:

*I noted, [https://urldefense.com/v3/https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-go6564;!!Asq5-8xVch3Req!vqp2R08d0ZYZ5MimHfLWy4Xyu7JGmsok377MxOouWCX9zk3\\_FSZA1kOZ0h3rjb62cFY6z152O4PEqqlcTE4eyT7wtEY\\_NSYnH8vIqJMwYICn0q\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-go6564;!!Asq5-8xVch3Req!vqp2R08d0ZYZ5MimHfLWy4Xyu7JGmsok377MxOouWCX9zk3_FSZA1kOZ0h3rjb62cFY6z152O4PEqqlcTE4eyT7wtEY_NSYnH8vIqJMwYICn0q$)*

*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. May I also seek a copy of the ad went out to public and the appointment letter sent to the appointee (not need to be this round, any previous one as an example would be ok), feel free to redact any personal information.*

*Further, may I kindly understand the appointment process and selection process of Lay Members of the High Court. Please kindly supply bio of each appointed member if you have one on file.*

The Attorney-General transferred your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (**MBIE**) on 13 January 2025, as MBIE is the nominating agency for lay members to the High Court appointed under section 77 of the Commerce Act 1986.

Please see below and attached the response to your request.

On 13 December 2024, the Governor-General appointed six individuals to be lay members of the High Court. The following is the media release, which includes bios for each of the appointed members:

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/judicial-appointments-announced-3>

MBIE carried out an open search process which ultimately led to these appointments.

- On 20 July 2021, we placed an advertisement on the MBIE website, [www.seek.co.nz](http://www.seek.co.nz), [www.jobs.govt.nz](http://www.jobs.govt.nz), and LinkedIn. Nominations were sought from government agencies including Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Women, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, and the Office for Disability Issues. In addition, an email inviting expressions of interest was sent to persons registered on the Treasury's board appointments database and to people within the MBIE Competition and Consumer Policy Team's networks (eg Heads of Economics Departments at New Zealand Universities).

- On 27 July 2021, we contacted the four lay members whose warrants expired in April 2021 to ask if they were interested in being reappointed. We also invited them to nominate or email persons within their networks who may be interested in this role.

Applications for this position closed on 19 August 2021. We received 18 applications and expressions of interest, and no nominations from other government agencies.

I attach a copy of the advertisement and position description. The position description also outlines the appointment process and selection process for lay members of the High Court.

The appointments were made in two tranches. Five candidates were appointed as lay member on 7 July 2022. The current appointments complete the second tranche.

I also attach a copy of an example of the appointment notice.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact [OIA@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@mbie.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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