Hon Simon Watts

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Dear John Luke

Thank you for your email of 19 December 2024 to the Office of the previous Minister for Energy requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"I noted.

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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. 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 please also supply bio of each members appointed, if you have one."

I have considered your request under the Act.

The vacant board member roles for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) were advertised on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) website, Seek.co.nz and Jobs.govt.nz. There were 78 applications received for the role. There were 60 nominations from the Ministry for Women, of which four people applied, and four nominations from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, where

two people applied. There were three Minister and coalition nominees where all three applied.

After advertising, there was a decision made to reduce the board to seven members as this was seen as appropriate for an organisation of this scale and scope. This resulted in candidates being considered for two roles.

10 candidates interviewed for the two board member roles. Initially seven candidates were shortlisted and interviewed. Subsequently, a further three people were shortlisted at the request of the previous Minister and were also interviewed. The previous Minister appointed the two new members for terms commencing 6 January 2025.

Please find a copy of the following documents relevant to your request enclosed in Appendix One:

- Advertisement for the role
- Candidate bios (extracted from briefing 2425-1081)
- Appointment letters

Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Hon Simon Watts

Minister for Energy