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Tēnā koe Aaron,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2425-0695

I am responding to your email of 23 January 2025, to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am requesting the names of the members on the Lottery Grants Board and the organization they work for if applicable. I would like the scope to cover the last 5 years.

Response to your request

The New Zealand Lottery Grants Board (the Board) was established by section 116A of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1977. The legalisation specifies that the Board will consist of:

- the Minister of Internal Affairs, as the presiding member of the Board;
- the Prime Minister, or their representative;
- the Leader of the Opposition, or their representative; and
- three persons appointed by the Governor-General, having regard to the appointees' knowledge, skills, and experience relating to the functions and powers of the Board.

Please find attached, at **Appendix A**, a list of Board members for the period 2021 to 2025.

Some years have more members listed due to new members being appointed to fill vacancies. The Minister of Internal Affairs, the Prime Minister, and the Leader of the opposition are listed as ex officio members, with no date of original appointment, or expiry date of present term. This is because an ex officio member is a member of a body who is part of it by virtue of holding another office.

I am withholding the information in scope of your request seeking the employment details of individuals under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Accessing the Ombudsman

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Proactive release

We intend to publish our response to your request on our website at: www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Cauchi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeremy Cauchi

Director, Ministerial and Monitoring



Appendix A: Lottery Grants Board Membership for the period 2021 to 2025

2021

Role	Name	Date of original appointment
Presiding Member	Hon Jan Tinetti	Ex Officio
The Prime Minister or their representative	Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan	Ex Officio
Leader of the Opposition or their representative	Simon O'Connor MP	Ex Officio
Member	Khoa Truong Nguyen	8 September 2015
Member	Maxine Khrona Shortland	1 May 2017
Member	Sumati Govind	20 July 2020

2022

Role	Name	Date of original appointment
Presiding Member	Hon Jan Tinetti	Ex Officio
The Prime Minister or their representative	Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan	Ex Officio
Leader of the Opposition or their representative	Simon O'Connor MP	Ex Officio
Member	Khoa Truong Nguyen	8 September 2015
Member (resigned on 9 January 2022)	Maxine Khrona Shortland	1 May 2017
Member	Sumati Govind	20 July 2020
Member	Colleen Tuuta	1 September 2022
Member	Antonina (Toni) Grant	1 August 2022

2023

Role	Name	Date of original appointment
Presiding Member	Hon Barbara Edmonds	Ex Officio
The Prime Minister or their representative	Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan	Ex Officio
Leader of the Opposition or their representative	Simon O'Connor MP	Ex Officio
Member	Sumati Govind	20 July 2020
Member	Colleen Tuuta	1 September 2022
Member	Antonina (Toni) Grant	1 August 2022
Member	Karen Coutts	10 July 2023

2024

Role	Name	Date of original appointment
Presiding Member	Hon Brooke van Velden	Ex Officio
The Prime Minister or their representative	Hon Louise Upston	Ex Officio
Leader of the Opposition or their representative	Lemaunga Lydia Sosene MP	Ex Officio
Member	Sumati Govind	20 July 2020
Member	Colleen Tuuta	1 September 2022
Member	Karen Coutts	10 July 2023
Member	Garth Clarricoats	7 October 2024

2025

Role	Name	Date of original appointment
Presiding Member (Minister of Internal Affairs)	Hon Brooke van Velden	Ex Officio
The Prime Minister or their representative	Hon Louise Upston	Ex Officio
Leader of the Opposition or their representative	Lemaunga Lydia Sosene MP	Ex Officio
Member	Colleen Tuuta	1 September 2022
Member	Karen Coutts	10 July 2023
Member	Garth Clarricoats	7 October 2024