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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act request: Human Rights Review Tribunal – Panel Members

Thank you for your email of 27 February 2025, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the appointment of members to the Human Rights Review Tribunal (the Tribunal). Specifically, you requested:

“I noted, you have recently call for nomination for your Human Rights Review Tribunal / Taraipiunara Mana Tangata - Panel Members and expressions of interest close 5.00 p.m today. <https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/statutory-vacancies/#HRRTMember> 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, given it is close today, may I ask 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 each location of your role (separate to Auckland, Hamilton and Whangarei). May I also seek a copy of the appointment letter sent to the previous appointee (one example is sufficient), feel free to redact any personal information. Further, how many people you want to recruit for this round.”

For ease of reference, I have separated out your request and responded to each part.

1. *How you called for public nomination and on what platform?*

Calls for expression of interest were made via the Ministry of Justice’s website and LawPoints.

Nominations were sought by the Associate Minister of Justice, Hon Nicole McKee to caucus colleagues by way of letter. Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa (The Māori Law Society), the Pacific Lawyers Association and the New Zealand Asian Lawyers were also notified of the public call for expressions of interest.

2. *How many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies...for each location of your role (separate to Auckland, Hamilton and Whangarei).*

In total, 35 expressions of interest have been received, 3 of which were by way of nomination from members of caucus. A breakdown of the number expressions of interest received broken down by location can be found in the table below.

Location	Number of expressions of interest
Auckland	9
Canada	1
Christchurch	2
Dunedin	1
Hamilton	2
Kawakawa	1
Kerikeri	1
New Plymouth	1
Ohope	1
Pirongia	1
Rotorua	2
Tauranga	1
Waharoa	1
Wellington	10
Whangarei	1

3. *May I also seek a copy of the appointment letter sent to the previous appointee (one example is sufficient).*

Please find attached a copy of an example appointment letter of a panel member's inclusion to the Tribunal. This document is released to you in full.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [Official Information Act responses | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#)

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Newall', with a horizontal line underneath.

Wayne Newall
Manager, Appointments and Specialist Functions

[Name]
[Address]

Dear [Name]

HUMAN RIGHTS REVIEW TRIBUNAL

I am pleased to advise you that, pursuant to section 101 of the Human Rights Act 1993, I have approved your appointment as a member of the panel of the Human Rights Review Tribunal. This appointment is effective for a term of five years effective from the date of the instrument, a copy of the instrument of appointment is enclosed.

I would like to wish you well for your term of appointment.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nicole McKee
Associate Minister of Justice

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