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John Luke

By email: fyi-request-30527-575beb90@requests.fyi.org.nz
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Tēnā koe John

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 25 March 2025. You requested:

“I noted, you have recently call for nomination for the Board of Pharmac – Te Pātaka Whaioranga - May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website. A copy of your ad as well. 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. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed. Also, can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to the previous appointee. I am happy for you to remove all the personal information.”

The roles for Pharmac were publicly advertised between 29 August to 13 September 2024 on the Ministry’s Careers webpage and the New Zealand Government Jobs website.

The Ministry received 50 applications from members of the public. Nominations were also sought from a variety of nominating agencies, however no nominations were received. Six candidates were shortlisted. One person was reappointed, and two people were interviewed and appointed. Three appointment letters were sent out with a memo and the terms of reference document.

Copies of the advertisement, appointment letter, memo and terms and conditions of appointment are attached. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. I have considered the countervailing public interest in withholding this information.

Further details about the appointees can be found in the publicly available notice on the New Zealand Gazette <https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2025-go1492>.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Turner', is positioned below the text 'Nāku noa, nā'.

Sarah Turner
Deputy Director-General
Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga



Talia Anderson-Town

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Dear Talia

Reappointment as a member of the Board of Pharmac – Te Pātaka Whaioranga

Thank you for your willingness to continue serving as a member of the Board of Pharmac – Te Pātaka Whaioranga (the Board).

I hereby reappoint you as a member of the Board under section 73 of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022, and section 28(1)(a) of the Crown Entities Act 2004 for a three-year term. Your term of appointment will commence on 23 March 2025 and end on 22 March 2028.

The Board has an important role to uphold public service principles and values. Board members are bound by the *Code of Conduct for Crown Entity Board Members* (the Code) issued under the Public Service Act 2020. Consistent application of the Code is critical to ensure Boards, and Board members, conduct themselves in a way that maintains public trust and confidence. The Code can be found on the Public Service Commission – Te Kawa Mataaho website (www.publicservice.govt.nz).

My specific expectations of you in this role are set out in the Terms and Conditions and the roles and responsibilities documents attached to this letter.

Please formally acknowledge your appointment by signing the attached form, scanning, and emailing this to appointments@health.govt.nz.

Thank you again and let me be the first to congratulate you on your reappointment.

Kind regards,

Hon David Seymour
For **Minister of Health**

Encl Pharmac Terms and Conditions of Appointment
Appointment Memorandum

Cc Sarah Fitt, Chief Executive, Pharmac
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Statutory Appointments and Integrity Services, Ministry of Health
appointments@health.govt.nz

MEMORANDUM

To: Stasha Mason
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Statutory Appointments and Integrity Services
Ministry of Health

Email: appointments@health.govt.nz

Subject: **Reappointment as a member of the Board of Pharmac – Te Pātaka Whaioranga**

From: Talia Anderson-Town

1. I confirm I have received a copy of the terms and conditions of my appointment to the Board of Pharmac – Te Pātaka Whaioranga.
2. I acknowledge my reappointment as a member of the Board of Pharmac – Te Pātaka Whaioranga pursuant to section 73 of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022, and section 28(1)(a) of the Crown Entities Act 2004, for a three-year term commencing on 23 March 2025 and ending on 22 March 2028.
3. I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the *Code of Conduct for Crown Entity Board Members* issued under the Public Service Act 2020.
4. I have read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions of my reappointment.

Signed

Date