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Tēnā koe John,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2425-1116

I am responding to your email of 20 May 2025 to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) in relation to nominations for the Board of Fire and Emergency New Zealand (the Board):

I noted, you have recently call for nomination for Fire and Emergency New Zealand Board.

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 appointee. I am happy for you to remove all the personal information.

Also, may I request the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Board Member job description for the appointed role. What's pay rate?

Response to your request

There was no recent call for nominations for the Board of Fire and Emergency New Zealand, (the Board). It was decided that Mr Amit Prasad would be reappointed to the Board. There was no call for public applications or nominations from agencies such as Te Puni Kōkiri and Ministry for Women. The position was not publicly advertised, and a formal job application process was not followed, including shortlisting of candidates and interviews.

A copy of the job advertisement is refused under 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

In relation to your request for the job description, the Department provides a Candidate Information Sheet when it publicly advertises for a position on a board or other body. As expressions of interest were not publicly sought in 2025 for the Board member, there was no Candidate Information Sheet. The Candidate Information Sheet is refused under 18(e) of the Act.

The letter from the Minister of Internal Affairs, notifying Mr Prasad of his reappointment to the Board is attached as **Appendix A**. Some information has been withheld from this document under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Board members, such as Mr Prasad, receive an annual fee of \$25,410 which covers all Board duties, including meeting preparation. These fees are paid in accordance with the Cabinet Fees Framework CO (22) 2 and more information can be found at:

www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/interpreting-and-implementing-the-cabinet-fees-framework.

I am refusing your request for Fire and Emergency New Zealand's Board Member job description under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Department.

Public interest considerations

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, consideration has been given as to whether the withholding of information is outweighed by other public interest considerations which would make it desirable to make this information available. In this instance, it is not considered to be the case.

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



Jeremy Cauchi
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