



10 March 2026

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Tēnā koe John Luke

Thank you for your email of 10 February 2026 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

*I noted, you have recently made Reappointment / Appointments to the Waste Advisory Board [https://urldefense.com/v3/https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go440;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!uCKv0I3wybYGRyLPz57UEvmF68Symggjpfztlk4U5D0QDaZG3C4RIUPYzJyEcUSadRfIU2pAooZZVSKouw09hb7hCsTohrrmmlHcY91LFt\\_PQ\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go440;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!uCKv0I3wybYGRyLPz57UEvmF68Symggjpfztlk4U5D0QDaZG3C4RIUPYzJyEcUSadRfIU2pAooZZVSKouw09hb7hCsTohrrmmlHcY91LFt_PQ$)*

*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 and pay rate for the role as well.*

*Also, how many applications you have received for each of the role 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.*

1. *How you called for public nomination and on what platform you have called for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website.*

As required under section 93(2) of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA) the Minister for the Environment must call for nominations and allow one month to receive nominations by giving public notice:

- in the *Gazette*
- in daily newspapers circulating in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin
- on the Ministry's website.

In addition to these legislative requirements, the Ministry also advertises on the Government Jobs website ([Home | NZ Government Jobs](#)) and through LinkedIn posts which include links to websites where people can apply.

The above process was followed for this appointment round.

- 2. A copy of your ad and pay rate for the role as well.*

I have released to you in full a copy of the advertisement material as per the attached document schedule.

The rate for the Board membership advertised is \$535 per day. This is in alignment with the [Cabinet Fees Framework for members appointed to bodies in which the Crown has an interest](#) released on 28 July 2025.

- 3. How many applications you have received for each of the role from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc for your role*

The Ministry received 24 nominations, with no nominations from any public service agencies such as Te Puni Kōkiri or Ministry for Women.

- 4. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed.*

Nine were shortlisted and three were interviewed.

- 5. 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.*

The recent round of Board appointments resulted in two new Board member appointments and one reappointment of a Board member. I have partially released two appointment letters and one reappointment letter to you with personal information removed under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, as per the attached document schedule.

Please note that while the letters are dated 2 January 2026 this was a misprint, the letters were sent on 2 February 2026 as noted in the document schedule.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of information in this request is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information shortly after the response has been sent on our website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/>. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team at: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ME', written on a light blue background.

**Monique Esplin**  
Manager, Waste Policy Priorities  
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

### Document schedule

#	Date	Title	Decision	Grounds
1.	29 May 2025	Advertisement wording: Call for Waste Advisory Board Nominations	Released in full	N/A
2.	2 February 2026	Letter: Appointment to Waste Advisory Board – Chris Grant	Partially released	9(2)(a)
3.	2 February 2026	Letter: Appointment to Waste Advisory Board – Barney Irvine	Partially released	9(2)(a)
4.	2 February 2026	Letter: Appointment to Waste Advisory Board – David Howie	Partially released	9(2)(a)