



**Internal Affairs**  
**Te Tari Taiwhenua**

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Tēnā koe Luke,

**Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2526-0889**

I am responding to your email of 23 February 2026 to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*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 and pay rate. 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. How many vacancies are you looking to fill?*

*I note that you may receive my OIA request in the morning before the stated deadline of 5pm on 24 February. Please consider this request only after the deadline has passed, so that you are able to respond to all of my questions in full.*

**Response to your request**

An open search process was carried out in line with Public Service Commission (PSC) guidelines, which included seeking nominations from the Department, caucuses, the PSC (for the Chair role only), population agencies, and advertising on the Department's website, Appoint Better Boards, jobs.govt.nz, and Seek. Copies of the advertising material, which include the fee rates for both the Chair and member positions, are enclosed as **Appendix A**. There is one Chair position and one member position to be filled through this process.

The Department received 10 applications for the Chair role and 41 for member positions. Of the Chair applicants, three were nominated through PSC and one via the Ministry for Women. Of the member applicants, four were received through the Ministry for Women, one from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, and one from the Ministry for Disabled People. Shortlisting is not yet complete, and interviews have not yet taken place. The Department expects new appointments to be made by August 2026, noting that this may change.

## **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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Batt', written in a cursive style.

Mark Batt  
**Director Branch Performance  
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**Appendix A: Documents within scope**

| No. | Title  | Date | Decision (Release, partial release or withhold) | Withholding grounds under the Act |
|-----|--|------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1.  | Advertisement: Applicants wanted for the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Board    | NA   | Released in full                                | NA                                |
| 2.  | Candidate profile: Fire and Emergency New Zealand Board Chair                    | NA   | Released in full                                | NA                                |
| 3.  | Candidate information sheet: Fire and Emergency New Zealand Board Member vacancy | NA   | Released in full                                | NA                                |