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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 9 March 2026, in which you asked:

I noted you have several board appointments end at 6 March 2026 namely:

Game Animal Council

New Zealand Conservation Board

QEII National Trust Board

For each of the board, please provide the following information separately.

- 1. May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website.*
- 2. 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.*
- 3. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed in this recruitment round.*
- 4. May I also seek a copy of the ad went out to public and the pay rate.*
- 5. How many role you are wanting to fill per each board for this round.*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) and our responses follow. For ease of understanding we have answered these questions in turn by each board.

Game Animal Council

- 1. May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website.*

Public nominations were called for through the Department's website, NZ Herald, Waikato Times, The Post, The Press, Otago Daily Times, Facebook, and Instagram.

- 2. 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.*

The Department received 18 applications from the public. None were received from other nominating agencies.

3. *How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed in this recruitment round.*

As this appointment process is currently underway, we are declining your request for the number of nominees shortlisted under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not yet exist. No nominees will be interviewed, as this is not part of the Department's appointments process.

4. *May I also seek a copy of the ad went out to public and the pay rate.*

Please refer to Schedule 1 for a list of the advertisements published in relation to these vacancies. The submitted text for the advertisements is attached. The daily pay rate for the Chair is \$400, and for members is \$290.

5. *How many role you are wanting to fill per each board for this round.*

In this round, the Department sought to fill four roles.

New Zealand Conservation Authority

1. *May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website.*

Public nominations were called for through the Department's website, NZ Herald, Waikato Times, The Post, The Press, Otago Daily Times, Facebook, and Instagram.

2. *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.*

The Department received 12 applications from the public. None were received from other nominating agencies.

3. *How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed in this recruitment round.*

As this appointment process is currently underway, we are declining your request for the number of nominees shortlisted under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not yet exist. No nominees will be interviewed, as this is not part of the Department's appointments process.

4. *May I also seek a copy of the ad went out to public and the pay rate.*

Please refer to Schedule 1 for a list of the advertisements published in relation to these vacancies. The submitted text for the advertisements is attached. The daily pay rate for the Chair is \$700, and for members is \$450.

5. *How many role you are wanting to fill per each board for this round.*

In this round, the Department sought to fill three of the public vacancy roles.

QEII National Trust

1. *May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website.*

Public nominations were called for through the Department's website, NZ Herald, Waikato Times, The Post, The Press, Otago Daily Times, Facebook, and Instagram.

2. *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.*

The Department received 13 applications from the public. None were received from other nominating agencies.

3. *How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed in this recruitment round.*

As this appointment process is currently underway, we are declining your request for the number of nominees shortlisted under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not yet exist. No nominees will be interviewed, as this is not part of the Department's appointments process.

4. *May I also seek a copy of the ad went out to public and the pay rate.*

Please refer to Schedule 1 for a list of the advertisements published in relation to these vacancies. The submitted text for the advertisements is attached. The annual fee for the Chair is \$22,000, and for members is \$11,000.

5. *How many role you are wanting to fill per each board for this round.*

In this round, the Department sought to fill two roles.

I have decided to release the relevant documents, listed in **Schedule 1**, in full. Please refer to **Attachment A**.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

SCHEDULE 1 – NOMINATION ADVERTISEMENTS

Document	Date	Document description	Decision
1	5 February 2026	Game Animal Council newspaper advertisement text	Released in full
2	5 February 2026	Game Animal Council advertisement text for Department of Conservation website	Released in full
3	9 February 2026	Game Animal Council advertisement text for Instagram and Facebook	Released in full
4	5 February 2026	NZ Conservation Authority newspaper advertisement text	Released in full
5	5 February 2026	NZ Conservation Authority advertisement text for Department of Conservation website	Released in full
6	9 February 2026	NZ Conservation Authority advertisement text for Instagram and Facebook	Released in full
7	5 February 2026	QEII National Trust newspaper advertisement text	Released in full
8	5 February 2026	QEII National Trust advertisement text for Department of Conservation website	Released in full
9	9 February 2026	QEII National Trust advertisement text for Instagram and Facebook	Released in full