



**Te Tāhuhu o  
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Tēnā koe John

### **OIA: GEMS-47153 – New Zealand School Property Agency Board appointments**

Thank you for your email of 6 March 2026 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 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. A copy of your ad as well and pay rate.*
- 2. 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.*
- 3. How many vacancies are you looking to fill for this round.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In response to **part one** of your request, Expressions of Interest for positions on the New Zealand School Property Agency Board (the Board) were sought via the Ministry's website and through the Institute of Directors. Expressions of Interest closed on 25 March 2025. Please find attached as **Appendix A** a copy of the advertisement seeking expressions of interest for the Board, which was posted on the Ministry website on 23 February 2025, and the job description linked with the advertisement.

Fees for members of the Board have yet to be confirmed, therefore I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information you have requested is not yet held by the Ministry, and I have no grounds for believing that it is either held by, or more closely connected to the functions of, another department or organisation subject to the Act.

We can confirm that the range of fees payable to Board members is \$31,200 - \$66,200, as the fees will be in the range of Level 2, Group 3a - General Governance Boards as set out on Page 27 of the Cabinet Fees Framework. You can find the Cabinet Fees Framework on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

website at the following link: <https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2025-09/co-25-2-cabinet-fees-framework-v3.pdf>.

While an appointments process for the Board has commenced, it will take many months to be completed. The establishment of the New Zealand School Property Agency (NZSPA) is part of the Education and Training (System Reform) Amendment Bill (the Bill) that is currently before Parliament. Appointments to the Board will only be confirmed once the Bill comes into force.

You can find more information about the Bill, including the full text, on the Parliament website at the following link: <https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/65445e46-256b-4800-37f2-08de25831691?lang=en&Tab=history>.

You are welcome to resubmit your request for information relating to this appointment once decisions regarding the appointment to the Board have been finalised.

In response to **part two** of your request, the appointment process is still underway and applications from the public and nominating agencies are yet to be finalised. As such, I am refusing these parts of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry.

In response to **part three** of your request, as the Bill providing for the establishment of NZSPA (and its Board) has not yet been passed into legislation, there technically are no vacancies at this time. Subject to the Bill becoming legislation, the Board can have up to nine members (see section 517D of the Bill). The number of members it will have when it is established will be confirmed in due course by the Minister of Education, along with the fees for members of the Board. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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