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Tēnā koe John,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2526-0968

I am responding to your email of 14 March 2026 to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I noted, you have call expression of interest for Film and Literature Board of Review.

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, how many space you are looking to fill in this round. Would you provide any equipment to the successful candidate (e.g., a laptop, mobile phone, etc.)? Also, what other benefits would they receive besides payment, such as Air NZ Koru membership or other perks?

Update on your request

On 30 April 2026, the Department provided a response to your request in relation to the Archives Council. We regret that the portion of your request relating to the Film and Literature Board of Review was not addressed at that time. The information responding to that part of your request is therefore provided below.

Responses to your questions are set out below

The Department advertised for applications to the Film and Literature Board of Review via the Department's statutory appointments webpage and also provided the opportunity for nominations through relevant nominating agencies. In addition, the Minister of Internal Affairs sought nominations from caucus colleagues. To ensure the Board has the appropriate mix of skills and experience, suitably qualified individuals were also approached directly to gauge their interest in submitting a self-nomination.

A copy of the advertising material is attached as **Appendix A**.

This appointment round will fill six Film and Literature Board of Review roles, three of which, including the Presiding Member, may be reappointments of current members.

The Department received a total of 15 applications during this appointment round. This includes one application received from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities. Shortlisting is currently underway and applications are still under assessment. Interviews have not yet been conducted. Accordingly, the portion of your request relating to the number of applicants shortlisted and interviewed is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not yet exist.

Remuneration, equipment, and other support

In addition to the daily fee payable for Board duties, Film and Literature Board of Review members are provided with the following support:

- a laptop for use during in-person meetings at the Department of Internal Affairs to access meeting materials;
- Airpoints with Air New Zealand, where members have provided their Airpoints number in advance;
- a catered lunch on each day of in-person hearings;
- reimbursement of reasonable meals and incidentals incurred while members are in Wellington for hearings;
- reimbursement of travel costs, including taxi, rideshare, or petrol expenses, for travel to and from the airport and the Department;
- flights and accommodation associated with travel to Wellington; and
- access to counselling support, including sessions with a psychologist following the conclusion of hearings where required, due to the nature of the material reviewed.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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.	Film and Literature Board of Review Advertisement		Released in Full	N/A