

22 April 2022

Our Ref: C66952

By email: fyi-request-34250-ea02f910@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe John,

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA): Request for licensee information

Thank you for your request made via email dated 25 March 2026. You requested the following information:

I noted, Government approves pay hikes for Crown board, authority members after fee framework changes <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/politics/government-approves-pay-hikes-for-crown-board-authority-members-after-fee-framework-changes/>

In your response, "CAC Pay Rate (as of 23 March 2026)" May I ask whether the rate will increase as reported in the news? If so, when will it take effect and by how much?

In your response, "Three CAC members provide REA with a GST invoice (1 Chair, 1 Deputy Chair and 1 Member)." Could you please confirm whether GST is already included in the fee chart table you provided, or if the amounts shown are exclusive of GST? Same with the board fees, "The Board Chair and one member provide a GST invoice." Could you please confirm whether GST is already included in the fee chart table you provided, or if the amounts shown are exclusive of GST?

I have counted the number of people in your table, and it exceeds 20. However, the law states: "The Authority must maintain a panel of up to 20 persons who are suitable to serve as members of Complaints Assessment Committees." Could you please explain how the number exceeds this limit?

We have considered your request under the OIA.

Information being released

Rate increase

There has been no rate increases confirmed by Public Service Commission as at the date of this letter.

GST payments

The amounts provided in the table in our letter dated 24 March 2026 for the CAC and Board Members who submit an invoice are GST exclusive.

CAC Panel Members

At any given time, the REA appoints up to 20 CAC Panel Members. The table in our letter of 24 March 2026 includes some CAC members whose terms ended between 1 March 2025 – 28 February 2026, and members that began their terms during that period.

Next steps

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Tringham', is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

Andrew Tringham

Head of Regulatory Response and Legal