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Tēnā koe John

I refer to your requests received by Hon Mark Mitchell's office on 29 and 31 March 2026, which were transferred to the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (the Ministry) on 30 March and 1 April 2026, regarding appointments to the Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ) Board and the Sport Integrity Commission Board respectively. Your requests have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

For both entities you requested the following information:

- *How the Ministry called for public nomination and on what platforms.*
- *A copy of the advertisement for the vacancy and the pay rate.*
- *How many applications the Ministry received, including how many from the public and how many from other nominating agencies.*
- *How many applicants have been shortlisted and how many interviewed.*
- *A copy of the appointment letter sent to each appointee, with personal information removed.*

And for the Sport Integrity Commission, you also requested:

- *Whether Board members receive any benefits beside meeting fees and, if so, to be provided with the Commission's expense reimbursement policy for Board members.*

### **Sport NZ Board appointments**

Appointments to the Sport NZ Board are made in accordance with the Sport and Recreation New Zealand Act 2002 and the Crown Entities Act 2004. As these Acts do not require a public call for nominations, no public advertisement was created and no applications were received. The pay rate for these positions is set in accordance with the Cabinet Fees Framework and is outlined in the appointment letters being released.

Instead, candidates were selected from several sources, including the Ministry nominations register, which comprises members of the public who have expressed interest in Crown board roles, individuals considered suitable from previous nominations, and nominations from caucus and coalition party colleagues. For these appointments, the Ministry received three nominations from Government nominating agencies. All three nominations came from Te Puni Kōkiri.

From these nominations, four candidates were shortlisted and three were interviewed.

## **Sport Integrity Commission Board appointments**

Appointments to the Sport Integrity Commission are made by the Governor-General on my recommendation, in accordance with the Integrity Sport and Recreation Act 2023 and the Crown Entities Act 2004. As these Acts do not require a public call for nominations, no public advertisement was created and no applications were received. The pay rate for these positions is set in by the Remuneration Authority.

Instead, candidates were selected from several sources, including the Ministry nominations register, which comprises members of the public who have expressed interest in Crown board roles, individuals considered suitable from previous nominations, and nominations from caucus and coalition party colleagues. For these appointments, the Ministry received one nomination from Government nominating agencies. This nomination came from the Ministry for Pacific Peoples.

From these nominations, four candidates were shortlisted and two were interviewed

### **Information being released**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>
1	4 March 2026	Letter and Appointment Notice – Lisa Tai
2	4 March 2026	Letter and Appointment Notice – Traci Houpapa
3	16 March 2026	Letter and Appointment Notice – Dale Stephens
4	16 March 2026	Letter and Appointment Notice – Daniel Procter

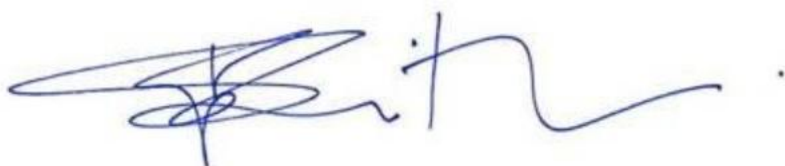
As per your requests, personal information has been removed from the enclosed documents under Section 9(2)(a).

A partial transfer of your requests has been made to the Sport Integrity Commission under Section 14(b)(i). Information regarding the pay rate for appointees to the Sport Integrity Commission and other reimbursement fees beside meeting fees, is not held by the Ministry but by the Sport Integrity Commission.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [uia@mch.govt.nz](mailto:uia@mch.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available via [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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