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Dear John

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 31 March 2026 to the Office of Hon Matt Doocoy, Associate Minister of Health, for information regarding appointments to the Dietitians Board – Te Mana Mātanga Mātai Kai (the Board). Please find a response to each part of your request below.

I noted, Reappointments to the Dietitians Board – Te Mana Mātanga Mātai Kai [gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go1756](https://www.gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go1756)

May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. [govt.jobs](https://www.govt.jobs) website.

The vacancies were advertised on the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) Careers webpage (www.health.govt.nz/about-us/careers) and the Government Jobs webpage (www.jobs.govt.nz).

A copy of your ad as well...

A copy of the advertisement is attached to this letter as Document 1 and is released to you in full.

...and pay rate

Besides meeting fees, do they receive any other benefits, such as expense reimbursement (If so, may I request to view your expense reimbursement policy in relation to your board member), a laptop, ID card, phone, or similar provisions?

A copy of the “Candidate Information on the Terms and Conditions of Appointment to the Dietitians Board” is attached to this letter as Document 2 and is released to you in full.

Members of the Board, and of any committees appointed by the Board, are paid fees for attendance at meetings. Currently, the Chairperson is paid \$800 (less tax) per full day or \$100 per hour. Members, including the Deputy Chairperson, are paid \$640 (less tax) per full day or \$80 per hour. The Board pays for actual and reasonable travel and accommodation expenses.

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.

The Ministry received eight lay member applications and five health practitioner applications. One applicant was nominated by the Ministry for Ethnic Communities – Te Tari Mātāwaka. Three applicants were interviewed, and three additional candidates were shortlisted.

Also, can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to Thomas Shand Irene Durham and Julia Hunter. I am happy for you to remove any relevant personal information.

Copies of the appointment letters are attached to this letter as Document 3. Please note some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. The Office have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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