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Ref: DOIA-REQ-0031764-John Luke

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Tēnā koe John Luke

Thank you for your email of 21 April 2026 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I noted, Appointments to the New Zealand Standards Approval Board

https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdefense.com%2Fv3%2F_https%3A%2F%2Fgazette.govt.nz%2Fnotice%2Fid%2F2026-qa1897_%3B!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!rN0fTP-7Go8g8zxXSoSBZDiBGOx0hmEspd03IQ8uj3ibnlOQMofNShySp8Yqz5PjduGyyxwUEprRl_C7HC1qXfoW4UqhPuvSAh3mWPjWaX8%24&data=05%7C02%7Cministerials%40mbie.govt.nz%7Cb4e26641849c4ca4e7f108de9f51b172%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C639123370404317671%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilSkFOljoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=M%2Fxp9A0r28O9lxTwaK17ZnEHaiZych%2FrgD9BAiVj6e8%3D&reserved=0

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 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, can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to Peter Harris, Samantha Gray and Katja Feldtmann. I am happy for you to remove all the personal information.

I also understand that these appointments typically need to go through Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee. May I request to review the paper before it is submitted to the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee for confirmation?

I have considered your request under the Act.

The roles were advertised on MBIE's website, Seek and the Government Jobs website. Letters were also sent to leaders of the National Party, New Zealand First and ACT New Zealand, advising that nominations were being sought.

There were 9 applications from the public for the Chair's role and 42 applications from the public for the members' roles. Both roles had 0 nominations from any nominating agencies.

Five people were shortlisted and interviewed for the chairs' role and eight people were shortlisted and interviewed for the members' roles.

The requested documents are attached as listed below:

#	Description	Information Withheld
1	NZSAB Chair Advertisement (Pay rate included)	None
2	NZSAB Member Advertisement (Pay rate included)	None
3	Letter of Appointment – Peter Harris	Information withheld under section 9(2)(a)
4	Letter of Appointment – Samantha Gray	Information withheld under section 9(2)(a)
5	Letter of Appointment – Katja Feldtmann	Information withheld under section 9(2)(a)

Please note some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Appointments are made after submission to the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee. Ministerial briefings would not be released prior to being submitted to the Minister. Therefore, I am withholding the draft versions of the briefings in full, under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.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 at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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