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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 17 April 2026 to the Office of Hon Matt Doocey, Associate Minister of Health. Each part of your request is addressed in turn. You requested:

I noted, Appointments / Reappointment to the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand – Te Poari Tiaki Tinana o Aotearoa

<https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go2081>

May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. gov.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 enclosed in this response as Document 1 and is released to you in full.

...and pay rate

A copy of the “Candidate Information on the Terms and Conditions of Appointment to the Physiotherapy Board” is enclosed in this response as Document 2. 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.

Members of the Board, and of any committee appointed by the Board, are paid fees for attendance at meetings. Currently, the Chairperson is paid \$1,080 (less tax) and the members are paid \$864 (less tax). This does not include preparation time for any Board meeting. The hourly rate is \$135 per hour for Chairperson and \$108 per hour for Board members for work authorised by the Board. 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.

Eight total applications were received. Four applications were received for lay member roles and four applications were received for health practitioner roles. No nominations were received from nominating agencies.

How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed.

Four health practitioner applicants were shortlisted, and two health practitioner candidates progressed to due diligence interviews. Four lay member applicants were shortlisted, and one lay member candidate progressed to due diligence interviews.

Also, can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to the Lilo Dr Oka Sanerivi, Kore Tombs and Martine Abel-Williamson. I am happy for you to remove all the personal information.

Appointment letters for Kore Tombs, Martine Abel-Williamson, and Lilo Dr Oka Sanerivi are outlined in Appendix 1 and enclosed in this response.

Also, can you provide the names of all current board members of the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand, including their start dates and end dates of their terms?

Board members and their respective term dates, including the new appointees, are detailed below. Board members typically serve a three-year term and may be reappointed. No person is eligible to be a member for more than nine consecutive years:

Rosemary Wilson:	10/06/2020 - 13/08/2026
Kelly Brodie:	10/06/2020 - 13/08/2026
Gisela Sole:	12/08/2024 - 11/08/2027
Sharon Russell:	12/08/2024 - 11/08/2027
Lilo Dr Oka Sanerivi:	08/02/2022 - 16/04/2028
Martine Abel-Williamson:	17/04/2026 - 16/04/2029
Kore Tombs:	17/04/2026 - 16/04/2029

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



James Watson-Black
Ministerial Advisor

Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	July 2025	Physiotherapy Board advertisement 2025	Released in full
2	Last updated January 2024	Candidate Information on the Terms and Conditions of Appointment to the Physiotherapy Board	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.
3	February 2026	Appointment letter: Kore Tombs	
4		Appointment letter: Martine Abel-Williamson	
5		Appointment letter: Lilo Dr Oka Sanerivi	