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Ref: OIATP-377

29 May 2026

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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request dated 5 May 2026 which relates to the recent appointment of Ms Olivia Hall as a member and Chair of the Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board (KRRB). You requested the following:

*I noted, Appointment to the Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board
[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go2324;!!Asq5-8xVch3Req!v3ReaSyA7kNStkFY1avu25KWN4NXvfMxePuP9fphZ5EBSFGqFb256FnvqKaSKS1qY0qdNAQtKE18BbQKEfbMvBwZESznBqRrcARO3Zbuqt\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go2324;!!Asq5-8xVch3Req!v3ReaSyA7kNStkFY1avu25KWN4NXvfMxePuP9fphZ5EBSFGqFb256FnvqKaSKS1qY0qdNAQtKE18BbQKEfbMvBwZESznBqRrcARO3Zbuqt$)*

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 as well and pay rate. 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 the Olivia Hall. I am happy for you to remove any relevant personal information.

Besides meeting fees, do she 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?

Appointment process

I did not undertake a public or contestable appointment process when recently appointing Ms Hall as member and Chair of the KRRB. This decision reflects the specific and transitional circumstances arising from the Nelson Tenth settlement, under which ownership and administration of the Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve and Kākā Point Historic Reserve will transfer to Te Here-ā-Nuku Trust once settlement legislation is enacted.

The appointment was made at the Trust's request to support an orderly transition of governance, land, assets, and operations during the interim period before the Board is expected to be disestablished.

As no public or contestable appointment process occurred; your request for information of the appointment process in this instance is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

Letter of appointment

A formal letter of appointment was sent to Ms Hall. A copy is attached, with personal information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect privacy.

Remuneration and benefits

As Chair and member of the Board, Ms Hall will receive \$24,995 per year, based on 50 days' work. She receives no additional benefits, including expense reimbursements, laptops, mobile phones, identification cards, or similar provisions. There is no separate expense reimbursement policy for Board members.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Mauriora

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tama Potaka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and a long horizontal stroke underlining the name.

Hon Tama Potaka
Minister of Conservation

Table 1 - Schedule of documents

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
<i>1</i>	<i>29 April 2026</i>	<i>Olivia Hall Letter of Appointment to Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board</i>	<i>Released in part – Personal email removed under 9(2)(a)</i>