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Tēnā koe John,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2526-1148

I am responding to your email of 12 March 2026 to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I noted, you have call expression of interest for Community Trusts

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 for the role 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, how many space you are looking to fill in this round. Please separate your response for each of the community trusts you are seeking expressions of interest for. I understand that multiple trusts are included in this round.

Responses to your questions are set out below

Advertising and nomination process

The Department called for nominations for community trust trustee positions via the Department's statutory appointments webpage. The relevant Community Trusts also promoted the vacancies within their respective regions using local media, their own websites, and social media platforms. In addition, the Associate Minister of Finance, Hon Shane Jones, sought nominations from his caucus colleagues.

A copy of the advertising material is attached as **Appendix A**.

Applications received

The Department received a total of 29 applications in this appointment round. Of these, three applications were received via the Ministry for Ethnic Communities. Appointments may be made by reappointing current trustees and/or appointing new trustees.

Shortlisting and interviews

Shortlisting has not yet been completed, as applications are currently under assessment. Consequently, no interviews have been conducted to date. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not yet exist.

Community Trust details

The table below outlines the number of positions to be filled, nominations received, and trustee fees for each Community Trust included in this appointment round.

Name	Positions to be Filled	Nominations Received	Trustee Fee (per annum)
Waikato Community Trust	Three	Seventeen	\$13,931.50
Eastern and Central Community Trust	Two	Seven	\$13,200
Toi Foundation	Three	Five	\$11,000
Wellington Community Fund	One	Seven	\$6,600
West Coast Community Trust	Four	Six	\$2,640
Rātā Foundation	Four	Seventeen	\$15,400
Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury	Two	Five	\$7,650
Otago Community Trust	Two	Sixteen	\$13,200
Community Trust South	One	Fifteen	\$15,675

Accessing the Ombudsman

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Mark Batt
**Director Branch Performance
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Appendix A: Documents within scope

No.	Title	Date	Decision (Release, partial release or withhold)	Withholding grounds under the Act
1.	Community Trust 2026 Candidate Information Sheet	N/A	Released in Full	N/A