



**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education

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Tēnā koe John Luke

OIA: GEMS-48085 – Appointment and Reappointment to the Board of Education New Zealand

Thank you for your email of 11 May 2026 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 1. May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website.*
- 2. A copy of your ad as well and pay rate.*
- 3. 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.*
- 4. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed.*
- 5. Also, can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to the Dr Dona (Thérèse) Arseneau and Piers Bebbington. I am happy for you to remove any relevant personal information.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

With regard to **parts one and two** of your request, information pertaining to the call for public nominations was provided to your in our decision on your earlier information request on 9 Feb 2026 [GEMS-46368 refers]. There has been no additional advertising nor any change in fee information since our earlier response.

Information on the fees to be paid to Piers Bebbington (as a member), and to Dr Arseneau (as Deputy Chair), is provided in the letters being released in response to **part five** of your request.

Regarding **part three** of your request, there were 13 self-nominations and 17 agency nominations.

With regard to **part four** of your request, three candidates were shortlisted. Detailed discussions were held with two of these candidates

With regard to **part five** of your request, please refer to the appointment letters for Dr Dona (Thérèse) Arseneau and Piers Bebbington, attached as **Appendix A**. Please note, some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider that the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

As per our letter to you on 26 May 2026, **part six** of your request has been transferred to Education New Zealand (ENZ) in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry but is believed to be held by ENZ.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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