

# Hon Scott Simpson

Minister for ACC  
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Dear John

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 13 May 2026. You requested:

*I noted, Appointments to the Board of the Accident Compensation Corporation*

*[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go2296\\_\\_;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!pb3Ezk6hbRWy4DM9jxLiDbTTN\\_IQhga5DP293-83S1PskYoBByz3r3Yk0efocUg0eq3Ea1PqAfd6GrePU3lhzEZNWhr4kxMmXk7yzP-o6x0g\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go2296__;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!pb3Ezk6hbRWy4DM9jxLiDbTTN_IQhga5DP293-83S1PskYoBByz3r3Yk0efocUg0eq3Ea1PqAfd6GrePU3lhzEZNWhr4kxMmXk7yzP-o6x0g$)*

*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 Richard George Keys, Michael James Playford and Lindsay Megan Wright. I am happy for you to remove any relevant personal information.*

*Besides meeting fees, do they 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?*

## Response

I approved the Treasury calling for nominations from their candidate database and conducting a targeted search for candidates with the requisite skills, while also seeking nominations from my Caucus and Coalition colleagues to support the delivery of ACC's turnaround plan. The attached position specification outlines the capabilities and expertise sought and the director's fee (please refer to item 1 of the attached information for release).

In total, 38 nominations were received, 13 from my Caucus and Coalition colleagues. I agreed to Treasury interviewing five candidates and I appointed Richard Keys, Lindsay

Wright, and Michael Playford. The appointment letters are attached (please refer to items 2-4 of the attached information for release).

Board members may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their duties, in line with ACC's Board Travel and Reimbursement of Expenses Policy (item 5). Board members may also be provided with tools required to perform their role effectively, such as access to ACC systems, a laptop, or other equipment where necessary (item 6).

In response to your request, I am providing the following documents that are publicly available:

1. ACC Board Governance Manual (publicly available on the ACC website, here: [Board-Governance-Manual-v3.pdf](#))
2. Cabinet Office Circular CO (25) 2: Cabinet Fees Framework for members appointed to bodies in which the Crown has an interest (publicly available, here: [Cabinet Office Circular CO \(25\) 2: Cabinet Fees Framework for members appointed to bodies in which the Crown has an interest - July 2025 - Cabinet Office](#))

### Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

| Item | Date            | Document Description                              | Decision        |
|------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| 1.   | 26 January 2026 | ACC Position Specification                        | Release in full |
| 2.   | 26 April 2026   | Letter of Appointment – Richard Keys              | Release in part |
| 3.   | 26 April 2026   | Letter of Appointment – Lindsay Wright            | Release in part |
| 4.   | 26 April 2026   | Letter of Appointment – Michael Playford          | Release in part |
| 5.   | 29 October 2024 | Board Travel and Reimbursement of Expenses Policy | Release in full |
| 6.   | 29 October 2024 | Board IT Policy                                   | Release in full |

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

This reply addresses the information you requested. 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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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