



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

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Tēnā koe John

OIA: GEMS-48151 – Appointment to the Board of the Tertiary Education Commission – nomination, platform used

Thank you for your email to Hon Penny Simmonds of 13 May 2026. As you are aware, on 14 May 2026 the Minister's office transferred the request to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry). The request is as follows:

I noted, Appointment to the Board of the Tertiary Education Commission

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- 1. 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. 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. I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to the Michelle Elizabeth Findlater. I am happy for you to remove any relevant personal information.*
- 6. 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?*

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

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe for responding to your request, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. You can now expect to receive a response to your request on or before 3 July 2026, which is an extension of 15 working days.

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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