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DOIA26-050

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Tēnā koe John

I refer to your request received by Hon Mark Mitchell's office on 20 May 2026, which was transferred to the Ministry for Culture and Heritage on 21 May 2026, regarding appointments to the Sport and Recreation New Zealand (Sport NZ) Board. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). You requested the following information:

- *How the Ministry called for public nomination and on what platforms.*
- *A copy of the advertisement for the vacancy and the pay rate.*
- *How many applications the Ministry received, including how many from the public and how many from other nominating agencies.*
- *How many applicants have been shortlisted and how many interviewed.*
- *A copy of the appointment letter sent to the appointees, with personal information removed.*
- *Detail of any other benefits such as expense reimbursement that members receive besides meeting fees.*

Appointments to the Sport NZ Board are made in accordance with the Sport and Recreation New Zealand Act 2002 and the Crown Entities Act 2004. As these Acts do not require a public call for nominations, no public advertisement was created and no applications were received.

Instead, candidates were selected from several sources, including the Ministry for Culture and Heritage nominations register, which comprises members of the public who have expressed interest in Crown board roles, individuals considered suitable from previous nominations, and nominations from caucus and coalition party colleagues. For these appointments, the Ministry received nominations from the following Government nominating agencies:

- Five from Ministry for Women
- Three from Ministry for Ethnic Communities
- Six from Ministry for Disabled People

From these nominations, three candidates were shortlisted and two were interviewed.

The annual pay rate for each respective role is included in the attached material.

Information being released

Item	Date	Document Description
1	30/04/2026	Letter and Appointment Notice – Gina Mills

2	30/04/2026	Letter and Appointment Notice – Rowena Davenport
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Personal information has been removed from the enclosed documents under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA. This is limited to personal email addresses only.

As advised to you by email on 25 May 2026, we have transferred the final part of your request for *detail of any other benefits that members receive* to Sport NZ under section 14 of the OIA. This is because Sport NZ has advised that it holds information relevant to this part of your request. You can expect a response to this part of your request from Sport NZ by 23 June 2026.

Aside from this, members of the Sport NZ Board are remunerated in accordance with the Cabinet Office Circular *CO (25) 2: Cabinet Fees Framework for members appointed to bodies in which the Crown has an interest* (Cabinet Fees Framework). Publicly available information about the Cabinet Fees Framework can be found here: www.dpmc.govt.nz/publications/co-25-2-cabinet-fees-framework-members-appointed-bodies-which-crown-has-interest

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact ويا@mch.govt.nz.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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