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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act request: Firearms Licensing Review Committee

Thank you for your email of 21 June 2026 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry). Under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), you requested:

Firearms Licensing Review Committee

<https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/statutory-vacancies/#Firearms>

- 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. In this round, how many vacancy you have.*
- 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 numbered for ease of response.

In response to part 1 of your request, between 4 and 18 June 2026 the Ministry sought expressions of interest in being appointed as a member for the Firearms Licensing Review Committee (the Review Committee). Applicants were required to send their expression of interest to the dedicated email address in the advertisement.

Anyone could apply to be a member of the Review Committee via the Ministry website. This information is available via the link you sent along with your request, here: [Statutory vacancies | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#).

To further publicise the expression of interest process, Minister McKee also wrote to 31 agencies, political offices and stakeholder groups. A copy of this letter is attached in the Appendix (please note, some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons). This letter was sent to the following agencies and offices:

1. Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister
2. Chief of Staff, Act New Zealand
3. Chief of Staff, New Zealand First
4. Chief of staff, Labour Party
5. Chief of Staff, Green Party
6. Co-leaders Te Pāti Māori
7. Attorney-General
8. Minister for Pacific People
9. Minister for Ethnic Communities
10. Minister for Māori Development and Minister of Conservation
11. Minister for Women
12. Minister for Hunting and Fishing
13. Minister for Rural Communities
14. New Zealand Law Society
15. New Zealand Bar Association
16. Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa
17. Target Shooting New Zealand
18. Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women
19. Ministry for Ethnic Communities
20. Ministry for Pacific Peoples
21. Māori Development and Chief Executive Te Puni Kōkiri
22. Department of Conservation
23. Minister's Arms Advisory Group
24. Pistol New Zealand
25. New Zealand Deerstalkers Association
26. Council of Licenced Firearm Owners
27. New Zealand Game Animal Council
28. Fish and Game New Zealand
29. Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand
30. Gun Control New Zealand
31. Mountain Safety Council

Regarding part 2 of your request, the job advertisement can be found using the link above. However, in case it is removed from the Ministry website, we have attached a copy of the Job Description and Expression of Interest form to this letter in the Appendix.

As noted above, expressions of interests for the Review Committee closed on 18 June 2026. As such, the Ministry is currently reviewing and considering the applicants. For this reason, part 3 of your request is refused under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions that protect confidentiality of advice tendered by officials. In withholding information under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the public interest and do not consider that it outweighs withholding the information at this time.

Parts 4, 5 and 6 of your request are refused under 18(e) of the Act as the information does not yet exist. The selection process is still underway, and this information has not been created.

You are welcome to resubmit a new official information request in approximately three months' time, after the selection process is complete.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [Official Information Act responses | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28 of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by phone on: 0800 802 602, by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or via the webform: [Make a complaint \(for members of the public\) | Ombudsman New Zealand](#).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Crooke".

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