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Tēnā koe John,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 371: Appointments to Archives Council

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2026 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Appointments to the Archives Council

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

- *Rātangihia (Rā) Steer*
- *Dr Cadence Kaumoana*
- *Dr Katharine Watson.*

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 to your request

There are four documents within scope of your request. These are listed in the table below and attached as **Appendix A**.

A copy of the advertisement and pay rates is being released in full. I am partially releasing the remaining three documents, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Advertising and nomination process

The Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) called for nominations for Archives Council positions on:

- the Department's statutory appointment page
- the public platforms SEEK and LinkedIn; and
- Te Rōpū Whakahau.

Applications received

The Department received a total of 15 applications in this appointment round. Of these, one application was received via the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, and one was received from the Ministry for Women.

Shortlisting and interviews

The shortlisting process has been completed, with ten applications accepted. No interviews are required for this category.

Other benefits in addition to meeting fees

Board members do not receive any benefits other than meeting fees. They are not provided with expense reimbursements, laptops, ID cards, mobile phones, or any similar benefits or allowances. There is no board member expense reimbursement policy.

Accordingly, this part of the request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Public interest considerations

As required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding information from the documents provided with this response are outweighed by other considerations that would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

Accessing the Ombudsman

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bv', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister of Internal Affairs

Appendix A: Documents within scope

No.	Title	Date	Decision (Release, partial release or withhold)	Withholding grounds under the Act
1	Archives Council Candidate Information Sheet	N/A	Released in full	N/A
2	Email: Appointment letter to Ratangihia Steer	22 June 2026	Partially released	9(2)(a)
3	Email: Appointment letter to Dr Cadence Kaumoana	22 June 2026	Partially released	9(2)(a)
4	Email: Appointment letter to Dr Katharine Watson	22 June 2026	Partially released	9(2)(a)