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26-OIAD-01813

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Tēnā koe John Luke

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), which was transferred from the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Hon Nicola Grigg, to the Ministry for the Environment on 25 June 2026. Your request is as follows:

"I noted,

Reappointment to the Waste Advisory Board

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go3512;!!Asq5-8xVch3Req!qGHmY3efWNnagF6UT1Id4ZoGYq6Dcn36zB8MjbDRI6TI31iaxDQLcYEW09UP7UceYx1J67aa109FUDxk58PAj-EW94ezq7Fe7whOCoy0pDQx\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go3512;!!Asq5-8xVch3Req!qGHmY3efWNnagF6UT1Id4ZoGYq6Dcn36zB8MjbDRI6TI31iaxDQLcYEW09UP7UceYx1J67aa109FUDxk58PAj-EW94ezq7Fe7whOCoy0pDQx$)

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 Don Chittock

I am happy for you to remove any relevant personal information."

As the functions of the Ministry for the Environment were transferred to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport (MCERT) on 1 July 2026, MCERT is the agency now responsible for responding to your request.

A response to each part of your request is outlined below.

1. *How you called for public nomination and on what platform you have called for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website.*

I refer to information provided in my response to you, dated 10 March 2026, in relation to your previous request under the Act (26-OIAD-00302 refers).

As noted in my previous response, as required under section 93(2) of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA), the Minister for the Environment must call for nominations and allow one month to receive nominations by giving public notice:

- in the *Gazette*
- in daily newspapers circulating in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin
- on MCERT's website (previously the Ministry for the Environment's website).

In addition to these legislative requirements, advertisements are also posted on the Government Jobs website ([Home | NZ Government Jobs](#)) and through LinkedIn posts which include links to websites where people can apply.

The above process was followed for this appointment round.

2. A copy of your ad and pay rate for the role

I have released to you, in full, a copy of the advertisement material titled 'MfE Call for Waste Advisory Board nominations'.

As noted in my previous response, the rate for the Board membership advertised is \$535 per day. This is in alignment with the [Cabinet Fees Framework for members appointed to bodies in which the Crown has an interest](#) released on 28 July 2025.

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

The Ministry received 17 nominations, with no nominations from any public service agencies.

4. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed.

Five applicants were shortlisted and one was interviewed.

5. Can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to Don Chittock. I am happy for you to remove any relevant personal information.

I have released to you, in part, a copy of the reappointment letter titled 'NGCOR2969 Waste Advisory Board reappointment letter - Don Chittock 2026'. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

If you would like to discuss this decision with us, please do not hesitate to contact us at OIA@mcert.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you may be published on its website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ME', is positioned above the printed name of Monique Esplin.

Monique Esplin

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