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Dear Ms McCarthy

On 12 December 2017 the Reserve Bank received a request from you, via [www.fyi.org.nz](http://www.fyi.org.nz) and pursuant to section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), asking:

*In the recent recruitment process to appoint a new Governor of RBNZ (which resulted in the Board recommending to the Minister of Finance that Adrian Orr be appointed as Governor), please advise:*

*1. How many of the total applicants/individuals considered for the role were:*

- a) women; or*
- b) non-Pakeha; or*
- c) both.*

*2. What was the total number of applicants/individuals considered?*

*3. If there is a shortlisting process, how many of the individuals who were included on that shortlist were:*

- a) women; or*
- b) non-Pakeha; or*
- c) both.*

*4. If there was a shortlisting process, how many individuals were included on the shortlist in total?*

## **Decision**

The Reserve Bank is declining your request, as allowed by section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, in order to protect the privacy of the candidates considered for the role of Governor.

Given the nature of the process and the final pool of candidates, releasing the information that you have requested is likely to identify people who were considered but not appointed – which is private information.

**Other information**

It is worth noting that Governor designate Adrian Orr described his Cook Islands heritage in an interview with e-Tangata magazine. You can read the article here <https://e-tangata.co.nz/news/adrian-orr-our-31-billion-dollar-man>

Under section 28 of the OIA, you have the right to seek a review of the Reserve Bank's decisions in relation to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Barclay', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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