

Ref: 202149

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John Luke

By email to fyi-request-12605-16959972@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe John,

Response to your request for Official Information

On 11 April 2020, you requested from the Human Rights Commission (“the Commission”) the following information:

1. The current member/past member who sit on the Human Rights Commission Race Relations Advisory Committee and their bio;
2. The terms of reference of this group and how you select member from the public to sit on this group;
3. How much they were or are being paid for each meeting and their term for appointment.

Race Relations Sector Advisory Group

The Race Relations Sector Advisory Group (“the Advisory Group”), of which Dr Manying Ip was a member was established in late 2003 to assist the Commission to engage in widespread participation by a diverse range of ethnic communities in order to develop a New Zealand Action Plan for Human Rights (“NZAP”).

Other members of the Advisory Group included Canon Hone Kaa, Debbie Teale, Donna Matahaere-Atariki, Dr Love Chile, Farida Sultana, Ian Baker, Rev John Murray, Val Gavriel and Tala Cleverly. I am unable to locate any biographical information that we hold on each of those members.

While members of the Advisory Groups were ultimately selected by the Commission, the list of potential members was taken from those who were nominated for the overseeing National Advisory Committee but were not appointed to that Committee. Please find **attached** for your reference a Commission paper from June 2002 which outlines; the process for appointment to the Advisory Group and the proposed terms of reference for the group. Some information within the paper has been withheld for confidentiality and privacy reasons.¹

¹ SS9(2)(a), (ba) Official Information Act 1982.

As far as I can tell, members of the Advisory Group would not be paid, however the Commission would meet the costs of meetings including meeting fees.

As the paper indicates, the term suggested for members was 14 months or a five meeting commitment. I am unable to locate any further meeting minutes of the Advisory Group beyond 2004.

Alternative avenues

If you are unhappy with this response, under the Official Information Act you are entitled to complain to the Ombudsman's Office. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or on freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries about this response, please feel free to contact me directly.

Nāku noa, nā

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