



MP for Tāmaki Makaurau

Minister of Civil Defence

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Minister for Youth

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Tēnā koe Mr Luke

On 11 August 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *May I ask the Minister to confirm how long she would appoint the current Partnership Fund Board members?*

On 13 August 2020, your question was transferred to my office as the information requested falls within my ministerial responsibilities as Minister for Youth.

The Ministry of Youth Development partners with business and philanthropic sectors, iwi and other government organisations to support an increase in quality youth development opportunities. The Partnership Fund Board leads the development of these collaborative partnerships.

In July 2020, I reappointed the nine individual members of the Partnership Fund Board for either 11- or 17-month terms, ending 30 June 2021 or 31 December 2021, respectively. The Chair and Deputy Chair were appointed for terms of 17 and a half months commencing 20 July 2020. The other members' terms commenced 31 July 2020. The earlier start date for the Chair and Deputy Chair provided an opportunity for them to commence work in preparation for their first Board meeting.

Five members' terms will end on 30 June 2021 and four members' terms end on 31 December 2021. The staggering of terms will support the development of members and offer continuity as terms end.

When making decisions about the length of terms for individual members, I took into account the total length of time that members have been in their roles. I also considered the mix of skills and backgrounds across the entire Board, to ensure that at each round of term ends, when new members may be appointed, there will continue to be a deep level of experience, and the Board continues to be balanced in terms of demographics and skills. I also wanted to continue to have strong youth representation on the Board.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the terms of appointment for members of the Partnership Fund Board, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon Peeni Henare
Minister for Youth