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Dear John Luke

## Official Information Act request: Statutory and CE appointments 1 Jan 2019 - 1 June 2021

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 21 June 2021. You requested:

"the appointment for statutory and other government agencies, chief executive appointments that has been going through to this committee for consideration and decision has been made by the Committee between 1st January 2019 to 1st June 2021.

If possible, can you please provide any position that is going through this committee but the decision is yet to been made as well between 1st January 2019 to 1st June 2021."

Each appointment considered by the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee (APH) is an individual Cabinet committee agenda item that belongs to the Minister who has submitted the item to be considered by the committee.

In order to process your request, we would need to transfer each of the individual items from each appointment to the responsible Minister. This would require reviewing each item from APH from 1 January 2019 to 1 June 2021, identifying the portfolios that the papers relate to, and transferring each item to the responsible Minister.

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to process the information you have requested, we are refusing your request under section 18(f), on the basis that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If there are particular appointment items that you are interested in, we recommend contacting the Minister responsible directly.

We note that there is publicly available information on appointments, including on the websites of the Public Service Commission and Department of Internal Affairs:

 https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/our-work/informationreleases/appointments/  https://www.dia.govt.nz/Appointments-to-Statutory-Bodies#Recentappointments

Many appointments, including chief executive appointments, are also gazetted in the *New Zealand Gazette* which can be found online at gazette.govt.nz.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

Michael Webster

**Secretary of the Cabinet** 

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