

29 July 2022



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Tēnā koe John,

Thank you for your letter dated 1 July 2022 requesting information as follows.

*Dear Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand,*

*thank you for your recent reply.*

*In your reply, I noted you have 3 other groups, named, Pacific Education Steerage Group, Maori Medium Advisory Group and Early Childhood Education Advisory Group.*

*Can I please request the full meeting minutes for Pacific Education Steerage Group and Early Childhood Education Advisory Group from 1st Jan 2020 to now.*

*You have mentioned "Maori Medium Advisory Group (please note this group has not met in the past 3 years, and only meets as needed)", can I be supply the last meeting minutes for this group.*

*Also, I encourage you to upload these meeting minutes on your website to ensure public transparency like many other government departments did.*

*I also noted on your website, you have a Competence Authority*

*<https://teachingcouncil.nz/professional-...>*

*Can I have the name and bio of it's current member and their term of appointment and pay rate. Also, I noted you have recently call for nomination on this Authority, can I please have how many applications you have received and how many you have shortlisted for interview. How many are direct application and how many are referral from organizations.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*john luke*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 and I can advise as follows.

- 1. Can I please request the full meeting minutes for Pacific Education Steerage Group and Early Childhood Education Advisory Group from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 to now. You have mentioned "Maori Medium Advisory Group (please note this group has not met in the past 3 years, and only meets as needed)", can I be supply the last meeting minutes for this group.*

Please find the requested minutes attached seperately.

- 2. I also noted on your website, you have a Competence Authority. Can I have the name and bio of it's current member and their term of appointment...*

Please find the current Competence Authority Members listed below.

*Vivienne Shearsby – appointed 2016*

Viv brings extensive experience in early childhood education from a wide range of education contexts. In her current role at Core Education, Viv facilitates professional learning in the areas of governance and management, leadership, curriculum and assessment and mentoring. Prior to this role, she consulted for Core Education and was the South Island Professional Services Leader for Kidicorp (now BestStart Educare) from 2012 to 2014. She has also lectured in a range of initial teacher education contexts and

was a professional development facilitator for the Ministry of Education. Since 2004, Viv has been mentoring certificated teachers and teachers involved in performance improvement.

*Julie Treweek – appointed 2016*

As the Senior Professional Leader for Central Kids Kindergartens and Early Learning Centres, Julie brings significant experience in early childhood particularly in leadership roles across kindergarten associations. A large part of her current role is dealing with disciplinary matters supporting professional leaders in relation to complaints about teacher competence and conduct. She has been an independent reviewer in a kindergarten association's disciplinary process and was a member of the accreditation panel for the Education Council. She has a Master's degree in Educational Leadership.

*Mark Brown – appointed 2016*

Mark Brown is the Chief Advisor Schools and Community Engagement for the Ministry of Education. He previously worked there as the Regional Manager for the Nelson, Marlborough West Coast region in Education Curriculum Performance. He was the principal of Victory School, Nelson from 1994 to 2013, and Newtown School, Wellington, from 2014 to 2021.

*Alison Taylor – appointed 2019*

Alison Taylor was the deputy principal of Pakuranga College from 2019 to 2021. She is now retired. She brings extensive leadership and teaching experience from a secondary schooling perspective, and a strong academic background. Alison has nearly two decades of senior leadership experience. She currently leads whole-school Professional Learning and Development and has responsibility for improving outcomes for Māori. Alison has also worked in sector wide settings including for NZQA.

*Steve Elers – appointed 2018*

Dr Elers (Ngati Kauwhata) is a tertiary educator from Palmerston North and is employed as a senior lecturer at Massey University's School of Communication, Journalism and Marketing. He has an active interest in Māori education and his second master's degree is in educational leadership. Dr Elers has studied at universities in New Zealand and Australia and he is a former police officer (Western Australia).

*3. and their pay rate.*

Please see the below fee schedule that the Competence Authority Members are entitled to, as per the fees schedule set by Cabinet and advice from AuditNZ and the Office of the Auditor General. The Cabinet Office Circular is linked below.

[Fees Framework for members appointed to bodies in which the Crown has an interest](#)

**Competence Authority Daily Rates**

Chair: \$475

Preparation Fee (2 hours for work that takes 4 hours): \$237.50

Members: \$385

Preparation Fee (2 hours for work that takes 4 hours): \$192.50

*These rates are inclusive of GST, if any.*

*4. Can I please have how many applications you have recieved and how many you have shortlisted for interview*

We have received 32 applicants for the Competence Authority position. No further information is available at this stage as the selection process is in progress and not yet complete.

5. *How many are direct application and how many are referral from organizations.*

All applicants for the Competence Authority position were direct applicants via Seek and Education Gazette. There have been no referrals from other organisations.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Jess Ludgate, Information, Privacy & Government Relations Advisor who may be able to provide further assistance should you be willing to change or refine your request. Her email address is [Jessica.ludgate@teachingcouncil.nz](mailto:Jessica.ludgate@teachingcouncil.nz)

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