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Tēnā koe Beryl

### **Request under the Official Information Act 1982 - Te Pūkenga website and AI platform**

Thank you for your emails to both Unitec and MIT of 17 October 2022, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*.. all documents held by [Unitec and MIT] pertaining to the appointment of Fale Andrew Lesa to the [Unitec and MIT boards]. Documents sought may include, but are not limited to: a copy of the CV provided by Mr Lesa as part of his appointment process, a copy of any correspondence between government ministers and [Unitec and MIT] pertaining to Mr Lesa's appointment, documents that containing due diligence or evaluations of Mr Lesa by [Unitec and MIT] (e.g. documents setting out how [Unitec and MIT were] satisfied that Mr Lesa was qualified for appointment), and any referee statements provided by a third party regarding Mr Lesa's appointment*

As noted in our acknowledgement, on 1 October 2022 MIT and Unitec transitioned to become business divisions of Te Pūkenga. This means I am now responsible for the release of information under the OIA by those divisions.

This letter provides a response to your requests under the OIA.

The appointment of MIT and Unitec board members was made by the IST Establishment Board early in 2020 and as such neither MIT nor Unitec holds information related to these appointments.

Appointments to former ITP subsidiary boards were made prior to establishment of Te Pūkenga, subject to ratification and approval by the then NZIST Council on 1 April 2020. This process included an update on the subsidiary board appointments. Details of documents Te Pūkenga holds within scope of your requests, that I am releasing to you at this time, are detailed in the table at Appendix A. This includes where information has been withheld under the OIA, which includes information out of scope of your request and personal information related to board fee remuneration (withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA).

While Te Pūkenga does not hold any further information within scope of this request I can advise that personal information specific to board member Fale Andrew Lesa, such as CVs, referees, and evaluations, would not be able to be released under Principle 11 of the Privacy Act 2020 and section 9(2)(a) of the OIA in order to protect his privacy.

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA if you are not happy with this response. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



Peter Winder  
Acting Chief Executive



Appendix A

**SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – OIA request from Beryl Beauchamp – appointment to the Unitec Board**

Document	Date	Title	Information withheld, if any
1	19 February 2020	IST Establishment Board paper – “Subsidiary Board Director Appointments”	Information out of scope of this request where it relates to other subsidiary boards and other board members
2	16 March 2020	“Minutes from IST Establishment Board 16 March 2020 meeting”	Information out of scope of this request where it relates to other agenda items and where it relates to other subsidiary boards
3	1 April 2020	Relevant pages from “NZIST Council – First Council Meeting Resolutions”	Information out of scope of this request where it relates to other subsidiary boards and board members  Information related to board fees withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA

