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Tēnā koe John Luke

On 27 October 2022, your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) was transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) from the Ministry of Justice. You requested the following information:

*I noted,- Appointments to the Social Security Appeal Authority:*  
<https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2022-go2527>

- *May I ask how did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website.*
- *Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK. further, how many you have shortlisted.*
- *I am also requesting the position description of this role and the pay rate.*

For clarity, I will respond to each section of your request in turn.

- *May I ask how did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website.*

The members of the Social Security Appeal Authority (SSAA) are expected to reflect the interests of the broader community. The following approach was taken to call for expressions of interest and to identify suitable candidates:

- Advertising the position through websites such as the Ministry's website and the SEEK website
- Asking the Minister to invite nominations from her Cabinet and Caucus colleagues; and,
- Utilising the Ministry's networks to ensure that community groups operating in the social sector are aware that the position is being advertised.

- *Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK. further, how many you have shortlisted.*

I refer you to a previous OIA response provided to you on 21 October 2022. The Ministry provided you with the number of applications, including those shortlisted and nominated from other agencies.

- *I am also requesting the position description of this role and the pay rate.*

Please find attached **Appendix One** containing the position description for the SSAA role.

Please note, the pay rate outlined in the position description was the old rate – the fee at the time of appointment was \$521 per day plus actual expenses.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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