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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act 1982 request – Board member Appointment

This letter responds to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ) on 3 February 2023 via www.fyi.org.nz. Your request was for the following information:

"I noted you have an ad on Appoint website for a while now,

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.appointbetterboards.co.nz%2Ffind-a-board-position%3Fapp%3D7%26sort%3D1%26page%3D2&data=05%7C01%7Cpolicy%40sportnz.org.nz%7C740dafb3a80d4ba30c5e08db05079f22%7C9d5ca952e4a543e6b17cc01d313ad135%7C0%7C0%7C638109302696629199%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FY%2FtrGYE7anhkIMT7wuY%2BmIY9G7FTZnmBEOb6XLp9FU%3D&reserved=0>

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You are seeking women board member, may I ask since you have put up the ad how many application you have received and how many you have shortlisted for interview.

Also, what is your term of reference for the position you are advertising."

Response to your OIA Request

In response to your OIA request outlined above, we advise that the advertisement that you are requesting information about is for self-identified women who have or wish to make themselves available for board roles in the Play, Active Recreation and Sport sector. Sport NZ established this sub-set of directors in response to its [National Policy for Gender Equity in Governance](#) and the target set within that Policy for a minimum of 40% self-identified women on qualifying boards. This is a permanent advertisement to ensure the pool of potential women directors is regularly refreshed.

There is no guarantee of a role. Rather it allows boards who are seeking directors, in this instance women, to search the database as they form their long list of candidates.

As such we are refusing your request under section 18(d) as the information requested does not exist.

Please note that if you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or you can phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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