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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act (OIA) request: Expressions of interest for the Data Ethics Advisory Group

On 4 April 2023, you contacted Stats NZ requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I noted,

<https://data.govt.nz/blog/calling-for-expressions-of-interest-for-joining-the-data-ethics-advisory-group/>

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 or Ministry of women etc. further, how many you have shortlisted.

Please supply the pay rate and term of reference/job description of this role.

On 15 March 2023, Stats NZ called for expressions of interest for joining the Data Ethics Advisory Group (DEAG).

The expressions of interest were advertised publicly on the data.govt.nz website and also went to the following nomination services:

- Ministry for Women's Nominations Service
- Te Puni Kokiri Te Pae Ārahi – Nominations Service
- Ministry of Pacific Peoples Nominations Service
- Ministry for Ethnic Communities Nominations Service
- Office for Disability Issues Nominations Service

Stats NZ received 34 expressions of interest, and at the time of your request is currently in the process of shortlisting these candidates. Because applicants could submit their expression of interest directly to the Secretariat, and there was no requirement to identify where they saw the advert, we are unable to differentiate between how many applicants were received from the public or nominating agencies. Therefore this section of your

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request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

In terms of your request for the pay rate and term of reference/job description. This part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the information requested is already publicly available. You can find this information on the data.govt.nz website [here](#).

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact Stats NZ at: OfficeoftheGSCE@stats.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 or 0800 802 602.

It is Stats NZ's policy to proactively release its responses to official information requests where possible. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published on the Stats NZ website. Publishing responses creates greater openness and transparency of government decision-making and helps better inform public understanding of the reasons for decisions.

Ngā mihi nui, nā



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