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Tēnā koe John

### **Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2223-0795**

I am responding to your email of 27 April 2023 to Te Tari Taiwhenua | the Department of Internal Affairs requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. 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.*
- 2. Also, how many applications you have received for each trusts from the public and how many you have received from other government nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc.*

The information you have requested relates to nominations to the boards of twelve community trusts. I have provided an answer to each of your questions below.

#### **Item one**

Te Tari Taiwhenua advertised the nomination round for the community trusts on its public website, [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz). A nomination/expression of interest form, a candidate information sheet describing the role and selection criteria, and the role overview were available in the section of the website about appointments to statutory bodies, which includes community trusts: [www.dia.govt.nz/Appointments-to-Statutory-Bodies](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Appointments-to-Statutory-Bodies).

Additionally, Te Tari Taiwhenua submitted a request for nominations to the agencies that provide nominations for statutory bodies. These agencies included the Ministry for Women, Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry for Pacific Peoples, and the Ministry for Ethnic Communities. Te Tari Taiwhenua also worked with the community trusts to identify candidates.

#### **Item two**

Te Tari Taiwhenua received a total of 52 applications, four of which came via the Ministry for Ethnic Communities - two for Bay of Plenty Community Trust and two for the Toi Foundation. Please refer to **Appendix A** for the list of applications received for the 2023 round of appointments.

## **Access to the Ombudsman**

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, 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.

We intend to publish our response to your request on [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz). This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anita Balakrishnan', written in a cursive style.

Anita Balakrishnan

**Tumuaki | Director Ministerial, Monitoring and Capability**

## Appendix A: List of applications per community trust

Trust	Number of applications received
Foundation North	No vacancies in 2023 appointment round
Bay of Plenty Community Trust	5
Waikato Community Trust	2
Toi Foundation	2
Whanganui Community Foundation	No vacancies in 2023 appointment round
Eastern and Central Community Trust	8
Wellington Community Trust	1
West Coast Community Trust	0
The Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury	3
Rata Foundation	No vacancies in 2023 appointment round
Otago Community Trust	3
Community Trust South	28