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Tēnā koe John Luke

On 15 July 2023, you emailed Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled Peoples (Whaikaha) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

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. When you expect the recruitment process will concluded.

I will respond to each your questions in turn.

1. *How did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website.*

The call for nominations was made through the Whaikaha website (www.whaikaha.govt.nz/about-us/policy-strategies-and-action-plans/my-home-my-choice/steering-group/). It was also sent directly to contacts in the Whaikaha and Office for Disability Issues distribution lists. These lists include disabled peoples' organisations, groups representing family/whānau of disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori (disabled Māori), disability service providers and provider groups.

Information about the call for nominations was made available in writing, New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL), Easy Read, large print, audio, Braille, Te Reo Māori, Tongan and Samoan.

2. *How many applications you have received from the public.*

Forty-five nominations were received in total, all were received from the public.

3. *How many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc.*

No nominations were received from agencies such as Te Puni Kokiri or the Ministry for Women.



4. *How many you have shortlisted.*

Fourteen nominees were shortlisted. The nominations process has now concluded.

5. *When you expect the recruitment process will concluded.*

Nominations opened on 9 June 2023 and closed on 26 June 2023. The steering group selection process concluded on Friday 28 July 2023.

As Whaikaha continues to become more established, there will be a range of opportunities for people to be involved in advisory, working and steering groups that will determine the direction of some of our key work programmes. Information about these opportunities will be made available through the Whaikaha website:

www.whaikaha.govt.nz.

We strongly encourage disabled people who are interested in other Public Sector Board opportunities, including at Whaikaha, to register on the Whaikaha Nominations Database. More information can be found here: www.whaikaha.govt.nz/about-us/get-involved/.

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.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_requests@whaikaha.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.

Ngā mihi nui



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