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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act request: Ministry nominations and endorsements

Thank you for your email of 29 October 2023 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

- 1. The name of positions you have nominated your qualified individuals to.*
- 2. In your status, "239 this year (2022/23)", do you include nominated multiple individuals to one position, or you have only nominated one person per position?*
- 3. The name of positions you have sent endorsements to.*
- 4. What is the difference between nomination and endorsement? Who signs off the endorsement and who signs off the nomination?*
- 5. How many qualified individuals were successfully appointed?*

For clarity, your request is in reference to the *Te Pūrongo ā-Tau a Te Tari Mātāwaka – Annual Report of the Ministry for Ethnic Communities 2022/23*.

I have addressed each part of your request in turn below.

1. The name of positions you have nominated your qualified individuals to?

In 2022/23 the Ministry nominated individuals for the following roles on public sector boards and committees: Chair, Chair and Member, Deputy Chair, Director, Layperson, Member, Member Health Practitioner, and Natural Science Commissioner.

2. In your status, "239 this year (2022/23)", do you include nominated multiple individuals to one position, or have you only nominated one person per position?

For clarification, there were 239 nominations. One individual may be nominated for more than one position, and one or more individual may be nominated for a single position.

3. The name of positions you have sent endorsements to?

In 2022/23 the Ministry endorsed candidates for the following positions: Chair, Deputy Chair, Health Practitioner, Lay Person, Member, and Member Health Practitioner.

4. What is [the] difference [between] nomination[s] and endorsement[s]? Who sign[s] off the endorsement, and who sign[s] off the nomination?

This information was previously provided to you in February 2023 (*OIA2223-0532 refers*).

“Nomination” means that the Ministry identifies and nominates suitable candidates from its database to the appointing organisation or the Minister in response to their request. More information regarding the Ministry’s Nominations Service can be found here:

<https://www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/programmes/nominations/>.

The Ministry may endorse candidates for a board vacancy who have self-nominated/applied for a board vacancy directly. In that instance, the Ministry can contact the appointing agency to advise of the Ministry’s endorsement. An “endorsement” means that the Ministry supports the candidate’s application for the vacancy as they are a person on the Ministry’s database. Endorsements and nominations are signed off by the Talent and Governance Lead.

5. How many qualified individuals [were] successfully appointed?

The Ministry is aware of 17 individuals from our database who were appointed or reappointed in 2022/23 as the individual informed us; the appointment/reappointment was announced on www.beehive.govt.nz website or published on in the New Zealand Gazette. There may be other appointments or reappointments that the Ministry is not aware of.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our response to your request. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman’s office is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team:

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Ngā mihi



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