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Tēnā koe John

### **Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2324-0290**

I am responding to your email of 29 October 2023 to Te Tari Taiwhenua | the Department of Internal Affairs requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding nominations for the Racing Integrity Board (the Board):

*“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. Also, can you please supply the term of appointment and member's pay rate. Further, the name of current board member.”*

I have interpreted your request as relating to the latest round of nominations for the Board. I respond to each part of your request below.

#### **How were the calls for public nomination made, and on what platforms did Te Tari Taiwhenua advertise the calls?**

Te Tari Taiwhenua advertised the nomination round for the Board on its public website, [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz). A nomination/expression of interest form and a candidate information sheet, describing the role and selection criteria, were also available in the section of the website about appointments to statutory bodies: [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. This included the Ministry for Women, Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry for Pacific Peoples, and the Ministry for Ethnic Communities. Te Tari Taiwhenua also sought nominations from the key organisations within the Racing industry; New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, Harness Racing New Zealand, New Zealand Greyhound Racing, and TAB New Zealand.

#### **How many applications were received from the public and how many were received from other nominating agencies?**

Te Tari Taiwhenua received two expressions of interest for the Board role from members of the public, and two nominations from TAB New Zealand. We may however receive late nominations from the key industry organisations.

### **The term of appointment and members' pay rate**

Members are appointed for a term of up to three years. Members are reimbursed at an annual rate of \$14,371 in accordance with the Cabinet Fees Framework. The estimated workload is 15 days per annum. The Chair is reimbursed at an annual rate of \$28,655, with the estimated workload of 30 days per annum.

### **Names of current board members**

The current members of the board are Kristy Pearl McDonald KC ONZM (Chair), Neville Owen Harris QSO, Brent Donald Williams, Dr Patricia (Trish) Valerie Pearce, and Penny Mudford ONZM.


### **Access to the Ombudsman**

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to seek a review of my response by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz).

### **Proactive release of this response**

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



Jeremy Cauchi

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