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Tēnā koe John

I refer to your email of 28 November 2023 to the Ministry for Social Development requesting information on the nomination process for Grievance Panel members. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations for the Grievance Panel Member, e.g. govt.jobs website. Also, after the closing date, which is 29 Nov 2023- tomorrow, can you please let me know 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.

I understand this recruitment is for two different sites, please separate the information per sites.

On 11 December 2023, your request was transferred to Oranga amariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) under section 14 of the Act, as the information is more closely connected with the functions of Oranga Tamariki.

Seeking Grievance Panel Member nominations

The process for seeking Grievance Panel Member nominations is the same for all Oranga Tamariki Care and Protection and Youth Justice residences. Grievance Panel Member vacancies are publicly advertised on the Oranga Tamariki website, NZ Government Jobs, and Seek.

Oranga Tamariki also contacts the following agencies who hold databases of suitably qualified people from within their specific populations who may be interested in applying:

- Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People
- Te Puni Kōkiri
- Ministry for Pacific Peoples

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- Ministry for Women
- Ministry for Ethnic Communities.

The most recent round of applications for Grievance Panels ended on 29 November 2023.

Epuni Grievance Panel

As at 29 November 2023, Oranga Tamariki has received 14 applications for the Epuni Grievance Panel.

Whakatakapokai Grievance Panel

As at 29 November 2023, Oranga Tamariki had received 26 applications for the Whakatakapokai Grievance Panel.

Of the 26 applications, we received one application from a candidate who had been referred by Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People.

Term of office and remuneration

The term of office and remuneration for a Grievance Panel Member is the same for all Oranga Tamariki Care and Protection and Youth Justice residences.

The term of office is open-ended and at the discretion of the responsible Minister. A tenure review is carried out after the first three years of appointment, and every two years thereafter.

In accordance with the Cabinet Fees Framework, remuneration for the role is set at \$360 per day (pro rata) for panel members and \$499 per day (pro rata) for the Chair . The Chair position rotates around the panel.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public with your personal details removed.

I trust the information provided is useful. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with us directly by contacting OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz. You also have the right to also raise any concerns on this response to your request with the Office of the Ombudsman by contacting them on 0800 802 602 or www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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