

## Hon Simeon Brown

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OIA-197

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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your email of 27 April 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“What appointments, if any, have you made since 27 November 2023 to crown entities, boards, working groups, taskforces, inquiries, or any other role, if any, broken down by the date of each appointment made, the tenure start and end dates of each appointment made, and the remuneration paid to date to each individual appointment, and which other Ministers, if any, were consulted on each appointment?”*

All information within scope of my request is attached at **Appendix A**.

Please note that this response is only in relation to my Local Government portfolio. As such, the only information within scope that I am providing is related to the Local Water Done Well Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

As of the date of your request, no remuneration has been paid yet to any of the members. We have provided details relating to their daily rates.

In February 2024, I announced the establishment of the TAG to provide expert advice to myself and the Department of Internal Affairs on the implementation of Local Water Done Well.

I determined the membership of the TAG, and the five members were appointed based on their skills, knowledge and experience in finance, infrastructure, and local government. To read my announcement on the establishment of the TAG, please visit [www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-advances-local-water-done-well](http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-advances-local-water-done-well).

I consulted with cabinet colleagues and coalition partners earlier this year.

These are short-term appointments, with members appointed for an initial term of approximately five months, commencing on 31 January 2024 and ending on 30 June 2024. At that point I will assess whether it is necessary for the TAG to continue. Members are paid as per the Cabinet Fees Framework and funded by reprioritising funding from the previous government's water services programme.

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding this information are outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make them available. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address 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).

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. B.', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Hon Simeon Brown  
**Minister of Local Government**

## Appendix A: Technical Advisory Group

#	Name	Role	Date of appointment*	Tenure start date	End date	Member fees set	Member fees paid as of 27 April 2024
1.	Andreas Heuser, Managing Director at Castalia Limited	Chair	1 February 2024	1 February 2024	30 June 2024	\$1150/day 10 days per month	\$ 0
2.	Raveen Jaduram, Director of the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission	Member	1 February 2024	1 February 2024	30 June 2024	\$865/day 8 days per month	\$0
3.	Wendy Walker, Chief Executive of Porirua City Council	Member	1 February 2024	1 February 2024	30 June 2024	\$865/day 8 days per month	\$0
4.	Mark Reese, Partner at Chapman Tripp	Member	1 February 2024	31 January 2024	30 June 2024	\$865/day 8 days per month	\$0
5.	Simon Weston, Chief Executive of Whangārei District Council	Member	8 February 2024	31 January 2024	30 June 2024	\$865/day 8 days per month	\$0

\* date of signed appointment letter