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Tēnā koe John

I refer to your request received on 5 May 2024, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). You requested the following information:

*“you have recently call for nomination for your Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa: [https://urldefense.com/v3/https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-go2068;!!Asq5-8xVch3Req!tNcWM0WCuX1UZPF-nBUT-SYDu7NS1jnAI0mmn802i0FWYp\\_wVpbLkWWlqtLJS6UtxcW4X5e36SC8hRQtxAgGelAuun479oD2eX26Nw9Q0yaMW0\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-go2068;!!Asq5-8xVch3Req!tNcWM0WCuX1UZPF-nBUT-SYDu7NS1jnAI0mmn802i0FWYp_wVpbLkWWlqtLJS6UtxcW4X5e36SC8hRQtxAgGelAuun479oD2eX26Nw9Q0yaMW0$)”*

*May I ask how you called 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 for your role. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed.”*

The Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa (Arts Council) has 13 members and therefore, member terms regularly expire. The appointment of Jannita Pilisi was made due to the term expiry of Caren Rangi as a member of the Arts Council. Caren Rangi was appointed under Section 10(5) of the Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 1994 in which two persons must be appointed under consultation with the Minister for Pacific Peoples, having regard of their knowledge of arts and traditions or cultures of the Pacific Island Peoples. When making this appointment there was a search for candidates who fulfilled these requirements.

Appointments to the Arts Council are made in accordance with Section 10 of the Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 2014 and the Crown Entities Act 2004. A public call for nominations is not required under these Acts and was not conducted in the most recent round of appointments. No nominations were received from the public, however nominations were received from Government nominating agencies and from caucus colleagues. A list of 14 candidates was compiled and one candidate was shortlisted and interviewed. Candidates were compiled by searching the Manatū Taonga register of nominations, seeking nominations from Government population agencies and caucus colleagues. We received 18 nominations from the population agencies for positions on the Arts Council, including this position.

If you wish to discuss this response decision with us, please feel free to contact [oia@mch.govt.nz](mailto:oia@mch.govt.nz).

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Nāku noa, nā



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