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Tēnā koe John

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 14 August 2024 for information regarding the process for appointment to the Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology (ECART). Please find a response to each part of your request below.

*May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website.*

The roles on ECART were publicly advertised on the Ministry's Careers webpage and the New Zealand Government Jobs website from 23 July 2024 to 11 August 2024.

*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.*

The Ministry received 43 applications from the public. Since the commencement of the recruitment process, two have withdrawn from the candidate selection process. Nominations were also sought from a variety of nominating agencies and seven were received from Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People.

*How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed.*

Candidates are yet to be shortlisted and interviewed.

*When you expect the process will concluded.*

The appointments process takes between 6 and 12 months to complete. It is estimated that the ECART appointments will be completed in early 2024. However, this is subject to change.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Turner', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Turner  
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