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Dear John,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your email of 26 October 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I noted, you have recently call for nomination for your Appointments / Reappointment to the Guardians Kaitiaki of the Alexander Turnbull Library... 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.
Also, can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to the appointee mentioned.*

Response to your request

On 11 June 2024, the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) began calling for nominations and applications for three positions as the Guardians Kaitiaki of the Alexander Turnbull Library (the Guardians). This involved an open search process, following the Public Service Commission's guidelines, and included:

- seeking nominations from the Minister of Internal Affairs and political party caucuses;
- seeking nominations from population agencies, such as the Ministry for Women, the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry for Pacific Peoples, and the Ministry for Disabled People;
- advertising on job sites, including that of the Department of Internal Affairs, jobs.govt.nz, Māori and Pacific jobs, TradeMe, and Seek;
- advertising with sector organisations, including the Publishers Association of New Zealand, the Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa, and the Professional Historians Association of New Zealand Aotearoa; and
- sharing information with the National Digital Forum.

The Department received 19 applications from interested candidates. One applicant was a nominee of the Ministry for Ethnic Communities. No other applicants were nominated by nominating agencies.

On 1 August 2024, I received a shortlist of five candidates. No interviews were carried out. Each candidates' suitability for appointment was assessed using information provided in their applications and other publicly available information.

I have attached as **Appendix A** copies of the letters of appointment with information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Public interest considerations

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, considerations have been made as to whether the grounds for withholding information from the documents provided with this response are outweighed by other considerations which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance, it is not considered to be the case.

Accessing the Ombudsman

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'BW', is positioned above the typed name.

Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister of Internal Affairs