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Dear John

Thank you for your email dated 4 November 2024, which requests the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"I noted, you have recently call for nomination for your New Zealand Transport Agency Board
"https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.com%2Fv3%2F__https%3A%2F%2Fgazette.govt.nz%2Fnotice%2Fid%2F2024-go5633__%3B!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!txM241ObO5_kaVJ5Dp3TG8nTs6IHimJv3inRsesuG6RccogGWGK7_OKmuXpsF10UarzfeEF9W5apHcC8-Woz1EcZoOTGmW5i4vGiKJlrgcTX%24&data=05%7C02%7COIA%40transport.govt.nz%7C3ffe825df2844595812108dcfd4608cd%7Cff09ef007cd0407ebe0ef00bc475a9ab%7C0%7C0%7C638663725616355777%7CUnknown%7CTWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMClslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbCIsllldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uz4WzVCOHh6LZIQOr5TfF6WhrwJctv%2Ba6eDT098YAhk%3D&reserved=0"
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 in this recruitment round. May I also seek a copy of the ad went out to public and the appointment letter sent to the appointee, feel free to redact any personal information."*

The table below outlines the answers to your request. In addition, three documents fall within the scope of your request. These documents are detailed in **Annex One** with certain information withhold under the following section of the Act;

9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons

Regarding the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding the information at this time are not outweighed by public interest that would make it desirable to make the information available.

Requested Information	Response
How you called for public nominations and on what platform?	On my behalf the Ministry sought nominations through a public advertisement, the Treasury's appointments database and on our LinkedIn page. The Ministry also sought nominations from Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry for Women, Ministry for Ethnic Communities and Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People. I also sought nominations from my caucus colleagues and coalition partners.
How many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from nominating agencies?	128 nominations were received in total. Of these, one nomination was endorsed by the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, and one was endorsed by the Ministry for Women.
How many you have shortlisted?	22 candidates were shortlisted.
How many you have interviewed?	11 candidates were selected for Interview.

I would like to note that the appointments that you enquired about were made as part of a wider tranche of appointments. In total five appointments were made from this call for nominations – three of these appointments were announced in August 2024, along with the two appointments you have enquired about in November
<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/nzta-board-appointments-announced-1>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport

Annex One – Document Schedule

Doc #	Title of Document	Decision on request
1	Position Description	Released in full.
2	Letter of Appointment – Mary Macleod	Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a).
3	Letter of Appointment – Mike Rudge	Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a).

