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John Luke

By email: [fyi-request-29612-f9166ac6@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-29612-f9166ac6@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear John Luke,

## Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 19 December 2024 in which you requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I noted, <https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-go6366>*

*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. May I also seek a copy of the ad went out to public and the appointment letter sent to the appointee (not need to be this round, any previous one as an example would be ok), feel free to redact any personal information.*

*Further please also supply bio of member appointed, if you have one.*

The Gazette notice you referenced in your request (Gazette Notice No. MPI 1863) was for the reappointment of a Board member. Generally, nominations are only sought when new members are to be appointed and the process that we follow is informed by the Crown Entities Act 2004. I therefore did not seek nominations for this reappointment.

The appointment letter sent to the appointee is attached as **Appendix One**.

Some information has been withheld pursuant section 9(2)(a) of the Act – *to protect the privacy of natural persons*.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

For more information on the Commission's Board and its members, please refer to <https://www.herengaanuku.govt.nz/our-work/about/our-people/board>. As this page contains biographies of Board members, this part of your request is declined under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Warm regards,



Hon Todd McClay  
**Minister of Agriculture**