

two people applied. There were three Minister and coalition nominees where all three applied.

After advertising, there was a decision made to reduce the board to seven members as this was seen as appropriate for an organisation of this scale and scope. This resulted in candidates being considered for two roles.

10 candidates interviewed for the two board member roles. Initially seven candidates were shortlisted and interviewed. Subsequently, a further three people were shortlisted at the request of the previous Minister and were also interviewed. The previous Minister appointed the two new members for terms commencing 6 January 2025.

Please find a copy of the following documents relevant to your request enclosed in Appendix One:

- Advertisement for the role
- Candidate bios (extracted from briefing 2425-1081)
- Appointment letters

Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

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

Yours sincerely



Hon Simon Watts
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