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John Luke

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Dear John Luke

Thank you for your email of 12 January 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*I noted, you have recently call for nomination for your Member role of the Board of Management of the New Zealand Antarctic Institute*

[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2025-go59\\_!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!rMlebWxfOBtdRwt1NByN-D-81ejLfyllIHdmfhYihhRVcfvf04ozSWwZfivhWZYNRBGV5qvJcBF15GYwCm3-AxKCc\\_X-EG5fVHqCblaSpRai\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2025-go59_!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!rMlebWxfOBtdRwt1NByN-D-81ejLfyllIHdmfhYihhRVcfvf04ozSWwZfivhWZYNRBGV5qvJcBF15GYwCm3-AxKCc_X-EG5fVHqCblaSpRai$)

*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 link you provided leads to the Notice of Appointment of a Member of the Board of Management of the New Zealand Antarctic Institute on 8 January 2025. We have interpreted this to be the context for your request.

The Crown Entities Act 2004 allows the Minister of Foreign Affairs to make appointments to Antarctica New Zealand's Board of Management. The gazette notice is an announcement of the decision to appoint Craig Ellison to the Board.

The appointment of a new member to Antarctica New Zealand's Board of Management is made in accordance with the Public Service Commission's guidance on board appointments. These guidelines are available on the Public Service Commission website at: <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/guide-board-appointment-and-induction-guidelines>.

The position was advertised through the relevant channels and nominating agencies which includes (but is not limited to) government agencies that work on Antarctic issues. Self-nominations were also accepted. Please find attached the job description for this position.

Thirteen candidates were nominated for this position. Six of these candidates were nominated through nomination agencies using the process outlined above and seven were self-nominations that came from the public.

A shortlist of six nominated candidates was provided to the Minister of Foreign Affairs for consideration. No interviews were held. Please find attached the letter of appointment for Craig Ellison.

Please note some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect individuals' privacy.

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

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Winston Peters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs**