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Tēnā koe Mr Luke

### **Official Information Act request: Immigration and Protection Tribunal**

Thank you for your email of 23 January 2025 requesting information, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), relating to expressions of interest sought for appointment to the Immigration and Protection Tribunal (IPT). Specifically, you ask:

*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 each location of your role (separate to Auckland, Hamilton and Whangarei). May I also seek a copy of the appointment letter sent to the previous appointee (one example is sufficient) , feel free to redact any personal information. Also do you issue warrant card to the Member, if so, an example of the warrant card would be much appreciated. Further, how many people you want to recruit for this round.*

On 20 February 2025 , the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), advised that under section 15(1) of the Act the Ministry had decided to grant your request, but that due to a server issue, your request could not be responded to in the original timeframe and further time was required to finalise the information for release. You were advised that you could expect a response as soon as possible.

Firstly, I should just note that the advertisement for the IPT roles did not specify any particular location and accordingly I haven't addressed that aspect of your question.

Answers to your queries are listed below:

1. *"...how you called for public nomination and on what platform..."*

Calls for expression of interest were made via the Ministry of Justice website, Capital Letter, The Law Association and LawPoints. Nominations were sought by the Associate Minister of Justice to caucus colleagues by way of letter.

2. *“...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 each location of your role (separate to Auckland, Hamilton and Whangarei).”*

Ten applications have been received. No applications have been received from TPK, Ministry for Women, however two were received as a result of the letter sent to caucus colleagues by the Associate Minister of Justice.

3. *“...a copy of the appointment letter sent to the previous appointee...”*

A copy of an example letter of appointment is **attached**.

4. *“...do you issue warrant card to the Community Magistrates, if so, an example of the warrant card would be much appreciated.”*

Warrants are issued to people appointed as Community Magistrates. A copy of an example warrant is **attached**.

5. *“...how many people you want to recruit for this round.”*

The Tribunal hopes to be able to appoint two new members.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz)

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [Official Information Act responses | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#)

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Wayne Newall

**Manager, Appointments and Specialist Functions**

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Dear Mr XXX

**IMMIGRATION AND PROTECTION TRIBUNAL – APPOINTMENT**

I am pleased to advise you that Her Excellency the Governor-General has appointed you as a member of the Immigration and Protection Tribunal for a term of XXX years.

The warrant is enclosed for your record.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable contribution and to wish you well for your term.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nicole McKee  
**Associate Minister of Justice**

Encl.

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**Appointment of a Member of the Immigration and Protection Tribunal**

**Governor-General**

Pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration Act 2009, I, The Right Honourable Dame  
Cindy Kiro, Governor-General of New Zealand hereby appoint:

**XXXX**

of XXX, to be a member of the Immigration and Protection Tribunal for a term of XX  
years commencing on the date hereof.

Given under the hand of Her Excellency the Governor-General and issued on  
this            day of            202X.

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