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Tēnā koe John Luke,

Thank you for your email of 27 January 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I noted, Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfills Fund panel
<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fenvironment.govt.nz%2Fwhat-you-can-do%2Ffunding%2Fcontaminated-sites-fund%2Fcontaminated-sites-and-vulnerable-landfills-fund-panel-members%2F&data=05%7C02%7COIA%40mfe.govt.nz%7C9699800ba33542b0607908dd3ea68b63%7C761dd003d4ff40498a728549b20fcbb1%7C0%7C0%7C638735608275600758%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIiYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hNkLEDwwHBjfRduRwr3Mk09bsHN9f9vaWb0exeyJHFq%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.

May I also seek a copy of the proposed appointment letter send to the appointee, feel free to redact any confidential information.

Further, how many people you want to recruit for this round.

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has provided a response to each part of your request below:

1. Due to the specialist nature of this panel and eligibility requirements for panel members relevant sector networks were utilised along with the Ministry's website. Nominations were advertised through the Waste Management Institute of New Zealand (WasteMINZ) network (emails & website), dedicated communications, and advertising on the Ministry's website from October 2024 until nominations closed on 10 January 2025. One of the dedicated communications was an email sent on 15 October 2024, titled 'CSVLF Email – Join our webinar', and this is being released to you in full.

2. The Ministry received 23 applications from people outside of the Ministry. None were from nominating agencies; however, three were from individuals who were employed by local government bodies.
3. The proposed appointment letter sent to the appointees, titled '*CSVLF Letter of Appointment FINAL*', is also being released to you in full.
4. Up to 14 panel members were being recruited, including Ministry staff members with contaminated sites expertise, regional/unitary and territorial council employees, and certified technical experts in contaminated land management.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at:

www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,



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