

OIA25-0046

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Dear john luke

Thank you for your email of 27 January 2025 requesting information relating to the Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures fund Investment Advisory Panel. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*I noted, SFF Futures Investment Advisory Panel <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/sustainable-food-fibre-futures/about-sustainable-food-and-fibrefutures/sff-futures-investment-advisory-panel/>
How do you call for nomination for your panel member and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. [govt.jobs](https://www.govt.jobs) website.
May I request a copy of the term of reference of this panel and their pay rate.
May I also seek a copy of the appointment letter sent to the appointee (one example is sufficient), feel free to redact any personal information.*

We do not call for public nominations for panel members for the SFF Futures Investment Advisory Panel. Panel members are appointed by the Minister of Agriculture after consulting with his Cabinet colleagues.

A revised Terms of Reference for the panel is currently being developed. The Investment Advisory Panel board member fees are in line with the Cabinet Fees Framework, which can be found at <https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-09/co-22-2-revised-fees-framework-v2.pdf>.

A copy of an appointment letter sent to an appointee is attached as Appendix One. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – *to protect the privacy of natural persons*.

MPI is satisfied that, in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information under section 9 of the OIA is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SP', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Penno
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