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Dear J Whyte

Thank you for your request to the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC), dated 7 February 2017 asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Please could you provide me with any and all relevant documentation and information relating respectively to each of the consultation, consideration and communication phases of the process in respect of each and every Tertiary Council member appointed by the Minister on your advice consequent to the commencement of the new regime established under the Education Amendment Act 2015.

Including, but not limited to:

(1) Where the member in question had served two terms already, any documents (and any related documents) received by the TEC which provide an assessment of the skills required and/or which provide for nominations for a new member.

(2) Detailed lists of all of the nominees for each membership position.

(3) Full documents and information detailing the decision-making process behind, and the rationale for, the Commission's choice of nominee for consideration by the Minister.

(Please include a list of the decision-makers involved in the process for each nominee and their respective role/s within the TEC.)

(4) The submissions proper which have been presented to the Minister for consideration.

(5) If any, all correspondence between the Minister and the Commission in relation to the Commission's proposed appointees.”

The TEC's website contains information about the role and responsibilities of tertiary education institution (TEI) councils, how they are appointed, and their composition at <http://www.tec.govt.nz/teo/working-with-teos/tei/governance/> .

The TEC's skills framework, against which applicants for Ministerial appointments to TEI councils are assessed, can also be found here at <http://www.tec.govt.nz/teo/working-with-teos/tei/governance/become-a-council-member/> .



The TEC's role in making Council appointments involves seeking nominations, short-listing suitable candidates for council membership and managing the appointment process on behalf of the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment. Decisions relating to the short-listing of suitable candidates are made by the Chief Executive of the TEC, Tim Fowler.

The remainder of your request is more closely connected with the functions of the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment. Therefore, the TEC is transferring the remainder of your request to the Minister for a response.

The Minister will respond to the remainder of your request under the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about my decision.

Yours sincerely



Brendan Kelly
Acting Chief Executive
Tertiary Education Commission



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