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Tēnā koe Douglas

Official information request for Prime Minister's Award for Literature raw figures (ref. 217)

I refer to your official information request dated 9 October 2018 regarding the nomination figures for the Prime Minister's Awards for Literary Achievement. Your request is being addressed under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). The Act is based on the concept that information held by government agencies should be made available on request unless there is good reason for withholding it.

You requested the raw figures that made up the nominations received by Creative New Zealand for the 2018 Prime Minister's Awards.

The number of nominations received for each nominee in the three categories of fiction, non-fiction and poetry is **attached** as Appendix 1. Please note that the number of nominations received is not determinative of the final award winners.

In order to protect the privacy of individuals, we have made the decision to withhold the names of nominees under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. We considered whether releasing individuals' names was in the public interest when making our decision.

If you wish to discuss this information request with us, please feel free to contact Charlotte McKay at charlotte.mckay@creativenz.govt.nz or on (04) 473 0193.

You have the right to seek a review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1: Prime Minister's Awards for Literary Achievement 2018 – nominations

Fiction		Non-fiction		Poetry	
Nominee	No. of nominations	Nominee	No. of nominations	Nominee	No. of nominations
Nominee 1	1	Nominee 1	2	Nominee 1	1
Nominee 2	13	Nominee 2	1	Nominee 2	1
Nominee 3	2	Nominee 3	1	Nominee 3	1
Nominee 4	1	Nominee 4	14	Nominee 4	13
Nominee 5	1	Nominee 5	1	Nominee 5	2
Nominee 6	2	Nominee 6	1	Nominee 6	2
Nominee 7	1	Nominee 7	2	Nominee 7	1
Nominee 8	1	Nominee 8	1	Nominee 8	27
Nominee 9	7	Nominee 9	1	Nominee 9	4
Nominee 10	4	Nominee 10	1	Nominee 10	1
Nominee 11	1	Nominee 11	1	Nominee 11	2
Nominee 12	1	Nominee 12	1	Nominee 12	1
Nominee 13	1	Nominee 13	1	Nominee 13	1
Nominee 14	2	Nominee 14	1	Nominee 14	1
Nominee 15	1	Nominee 15	1	Nominee 15	1
Nominee 16	1	Nominee 16	9		
Nominee 17	1	Nominee 17	2		
Nominee 18	1	Nominee 18	1		
Nominee 19	1	Nominee 19	13		
Nominee 20	1	Nominee 20	1		