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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 1 September 2023. You asked for the following information:

"I would like to enquire how TERRANCE LESLIE MOOK HOHNECK. was elected onto the Maori Statutory Board. [REDACTED]

Your request was originally made to Auckland Council. On 7 September 2023, Auckland Council transferred your request to Te Puni Kōkiri for response.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

On 28 July 2023, the Minister for Māori Development invoked the Ministerial powers of appointment under Schedule 2 Clause 2(6) of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 ("the Act") as the Selection Body was unable to perform this function. The Minister delegated these powers to the Secretary of Māori Development (as per Clause 5(1) of Schedule 6 of the Public Service Act 2020).

In exercising these delegated appointment powers, the Secretary for Māori Development chose from the pool of nominations that the Selection Body grouping for Ngāti Wai had already accepted.

Mr Terrence Hohneck was one of the three candidates for consideration to represent the Ngāti Wai grouping.

When making his decision, the Secretary for Māori Development considered the following:

- Statutory requirements as per [Schedule 2, Clause 2\(4\)](#) and in particular:
 - The IMSB's purpose ([section 81](#)), function ([section 84](#)) and powers ([section 85](#))
- The governance experience of the candidate
- Correspondence received from the Selection Body Secretariat, the Selection Body Chair and grouping members regarding the candidates
- Information submitted for consideration in response to the Secretary's letter (dated 9 August 2023) which notified candidates that he was making a final decision on candidates and whether there was any additional information they wished him to consider.

Considering all the above factors, the Secretary for Māori Development, in making this appointment, was satisfied that Mr Hohneck was most suitable for the role.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

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

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oa@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grace Smit Hautū', written in a cursive style.

Grace Smit Hautū, Te Puni Whakahaere Tikanga | Deputy Secretary, Strategy, Finance & Performance