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File Ref: OIA 47884

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 30 October 2023. You asked for the following information:

"I noted you have a nomination service and I have made a similar request same time last year, reference number "File Ref: OIA 44841" May I get an update for the below:

May I ask how is your process of nominating people and how many people registered within your registry. Also, how many people you have successfully nominated to a position from the past two year, If possible, may I also get the list of positions that you have nominated people to from your registry in the past two year".

Response

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). My decision regarding the release of the information is set out in the response. In addition, I have addressed below the points you raised in your request.

"How is your process of nominating people?"

The nomination process that Te Puni Kōkiri uses remains the same as previously outlined to you in our response of 30 March 2022. Te Puni Kōkiri helps ensure that individuals with a commitment to Māori development are considered for appointment to public bodies, in part by inviting people to register their interest. Te Puni Kōkiri follows the following process:

1. We receive a request for nominations from an agency managing the process of appointments to a public sector entity.
2. We review the requirements for the position.
3. We search our databases for individuals who match the requirements for the position and seek their agreement to be nominated.

4. We send a list of matching individuals to the responsible agency.
5. The responsible agency considers the nominations as part of their appointment process.

There are some public bodies to which the Minister for Māori Development makes appointments or recommends that the Governor-General do so. Te Puni Kōkiri manages these appointment processes on the Minister's behalf.

“How many people registered within your registry?”

Te Puni Kōkiri has a database of approximately 1,260 registered persons which we draw on when nominations are requested.

“How many people you have successfully nominated to a position from the past two years?”

Te Puni Kōkiri receives numerous requests for nominees from across the public sector. Appointments are made when a board member's term expires, or a member resigns. We will rarely be advised of successful or non-successful appointments for those nominees or the positions they may or may not have been appointed to. Accordingly, I refuse this part of your request under Section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

With respect to nominations for appointments made by the Minister for Māori Development, we have provided successful nominations and appointments made in 2022 and in 2023, as follows:

2022

- Te Mātāwai – 1 appointment.

2023

- Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission) – 1 appointment
- Te Māngai Pāho – 2 appointments
- Poutama Trust – 2 appointments.

“May I also get a list of positions that you have nominated people to from your registry in the past two year”

Te Puni Kōkiri has provided nominations from its database to agencies administering appointments to the following:

- Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori
- Te Māngai Pāho
- Poutama Trust
- Tupu Tonu – Ngāpuhi Investment Fund Limited
- Retirement Commission Māori Advisory Rōpū
- New Zealand Lottery Grants Board
- New Zealand Symphony Orchestra
- Te Pou Atawhai Taiao o Aotearoa / New Zealand Conservation Authority
- New Zealand Geographic Board

- New Zealand China Council
- Māori Economic Development Advisory Board
- National Kaitiaki Group (National Cervical Screening Programme)
- Te Puna Wai ō Tuhinapo / Oranga Tamariki Residence Grievance Panel
- New Zealand Lottery Grants Board / Te Puna Tahua
- Medicine Adverse Reactions Committee (MARC)
- Financial Advice Code Committee.

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.

I trust my response satisfies your request, if you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oja@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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