

31 August 2021

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Thank you for your email of 4 August 2021 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), subsequent to our 3 August 2021 response to you regarding the Chief Executive’s Advisory Panel (the Panel):

- *How the expression of interest process went?*
- *What method you have used to call for nominations?*
- *Any website you have used to advertise the role?*
- *How many nominations you have received and how many you have shortlist and interviews.*
- *How many public expression of interest you have received and how many was referred to you by industry or particular organization.*
- *Please explain a bit further about your expression of interest process.*

The Panel is appointed by the Chief Executive of Oranga Tamariki. The Acting Chief Executive and Secretary for Children at the time, Sir Wira Gardiner, identified gaps within the Panel’s capability. He identified and sought interest from people he thought could assist in building the capability of the Panel. To that end, the people who the Chief Executive identified were specifically approached with an expression of interest. As the Panel is appointed by the Chief Executive, the recruitment of members does not go through a process of public nomination.

As such, the aspects of your request asking for websites used to advertise the role, how many nominations were received, shortlisted and interviewed, and how

many public expressions of interests were received are refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

Please note, our earlier response of 3 August 2021 referred to Sir Wira Gardiner as the Acting Chief Executive and Secretary for Children. Since late July, Chappie Te Kani has been acting as the Chief Executive, Secretary for Children of Oranga Tamariki.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter to the wider public shortly. We will do this by publishing this letter on our website. Your personal details will be deleted and we will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Groom', written in a cursive style.

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