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Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to nominations for a disability community representative on Kāpuia

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 13 September 2022. You requested:

"I noted on your website,
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We are seeking nominations from Disability communities. Nominations are open till 5pm Monday 29 August, 2022. Successful nominees will have demonstrated strengths in one or more areas including experience advocating for their community, strong connection to community organisations (formally or informally), diversity of lived experiences and a commitment to a diverse, inclusive and safe New Zealand.

May I ask where is the process at and when you expect to announce the new member. Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other agencies such as TPK."

As you noted in your request, nominations for a replacement disability community representative for Kāpuia closed on 29 August 2022. Decisions on the appointment of this replacement member will be made by the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee based on advice from Hon Andrew Little, Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into the Terrorist Attack on the Christchurch Mosques, followed by full Cabinet confirmation of those decisions. This process remains underway. However, we currently expect the appointment process to conclude by the end of this year. Once the replacement member is appointed, their name will be added to the list of Kāpuia members on DPMC's website, available here: <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/special-programmes/kapua-ministerial-advisory-group>.

Until then, it is necessary to withhold specific details regarding the expected announcement date of the new member, and the number of applications received, under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials. I

can however advise that no nominations have been directly received from agencies for this particular appointment process.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on DPMC's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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