



CABINET OFFICE

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Tēnā koe [redacted]

Official Information Act request: Board appointments of current government

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 18 July 2024. You requested:

- “1. How many women has the National government appointed to boards since November 2023? How many of those are Māori and Pasifika women?*
- 2. What is the ratio of males versus females the government has appointed?*
- 3. All correspondence the APH has received on appointments from any Minister since November 2023.”*

This request was transferred from the Minister for Women to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC).

On 23 July 2024, after communication with DPMC, you refined your request to the following:

How many women did the following Ministers appoint to boards since November 2023? How many of those are Māori and Pasifika women?

Ministers

- *Minister Shane Reti (Health)*
- *Minister David Seymour*
- *Minister Chris Bishop*
- *Minister Shane Jones*
- *Minister Brooke van Velden*
- *Minister Winston Peters*
- *Minister Penny Simmons [sic] (Environment)*

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Response to your request

Refined parts 1 and 2

The specified Ministers have appointed 38 women since 27 November 2023 for appointments considered by the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee (APH). Of those, 8 stated they were Māori, and 1 stated they were Pasifika.

Part 3 of your request

APH does not receive correspondence. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act on the basis the information does not exist.

DPMC advised you by email on 23 July 2024 that APH does not receive correspondence. We invited you to refine this part of your request if you were seeking papers taken to APH by Ministers. The request for each paper would be transferred to the relevant Minister, in accordance with the OIA. Your response did not make such a refinement. If you would like to request copies of papers taken to APH, we invite you to make the request of the relevant Ministers.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet