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Tēnā koe John Luke

I refer to your email of 11 June 2022 via fyi.org.nz requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The following part of your request was transferred to us on 12 July 2022 from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) as the information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT):

Disarmament Education United Nations Implementation Fund (DEUNIF)

Can you please provide the name for current member of above Crown funded schemes listed. Bio and term of appointment (expired date for each member) for each members of each schemes if available. Also, member's pay rate and how did you call for public expression of interest to these roles.

You mentioned "Funds are distributed on the recommendations or decisions of independent panels, steering groups or committees." Can you please explain what do you mean by that? Does each funds listed above have separate independent panels, steering groups and committees?

Background

The Disarmament Education United Nations Implementation Fund (DEUNIF) is a Crown fund administered by DIA. DIA makes DEUNIF grant decisions on the basis of recommendations from the Public Advisory Committee on Disarmament and Arms Control (PACDAC), an independent committee of experts established by the New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone, Disarmament and Arms Control Act 1987. In terms of Crown fund disbursement, PACDAC's recommendations are confined to DEUNIF. MFAT serves as the secretariat of PACDAC.

PACDAC membership, member biographies, term of appointment, and pay rate

We are refusing your request for names of current PACDAC members, their biographies, term of appointment, and pay rates under section 18(d) of the OIA, as this information is already publicly available. We have provided links to this information below.

The current members of PACDAC, their term of appointment, and pay rate can be found on the MFAT website here: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/peace-rights-and-security/disarmament/pacdac-public-advisory-committee-on-disarmament-and-arms-control/>

Please note that PACDAC members are eligible for the honorarium of NZD\$190 per meeting (whether they attend meetings virtually or in person), which is subject to tax.

The Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control, Hon Phil Twyford, provided a biography for each member of PACDAC in a Tweet announcing the new Committee for the 2022-2025 term. This information is available on Twitter here:

<https://twitter.com/PhilTwyford/status/1473407292653535237?cxt=HHwWioCsgYqIzPIoAAAA>

Public expression of interest

The process for public expression of interest (EOI) in PACDAC membership for the 2022-2025 term consisted of a call for nominations via the MFAT website and across MFAT's social media channels.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade