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Tēnā koe John

OIA request 22/23 0297 Follow up for information about COGS

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 10 October 2022.

You requested –

- *I noted there are many COGS positions do not have enough applicants, some even have none. What is department's guideline on these situations? Would you appoint members to these COGS committees.*

Once votes confirmed, would you release the vote count per each applicants publicly?

In response to your request I can provide you with the following information.

With the positions that have not been filled by the Local Distribution Committee (LDC) elections, the Department will co-opt members from the community to fill the vacant positions on the consideration of gender, ethnic background, knowledge and skills of the existing LDC.

While the vote count is not published on our website, the Department will publish a confirmed list of successful candidates once election results have been confirmed. Please see the following link for this information: <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/ask-us/view/1858>

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi,



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