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Tēnā koe Mr Luke

Official Information Act (1982) request 2223-0582

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request of 13 February 2023.

You have asked:

- How did [the Department of Internal Affairs] call for public nomination [for Te Awhi Rito] and on what platforms did you call for public nominations, [e.g. govt.jobs website.]
- How many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies [such as TPK or Ministry of women etc.]
- How many you have shortlisted and interviewed.
- What payment or benefit does Te Awhi Rito Reading Ambassador get?

In response to parts one to three of your request:

- Nominations for Te Awhi Rito were called for between 12 December 2022 and 31 January 2023 via media release and the websites and online channels of the partners in the Te Awhi Rito initiative, being the National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa; Te Puna Foundation; Read New Zealand Te Pou Muramura; Creative New Zealand Toi Aotearoa; and Storylines Children's Literature Charitable Trust Te Whare Waituhi Tamariki o Aotearoa.
- A Department of Internal Affairs media release from the National Library was issued on 13 December 2022.
- Fourteen nominations were received, with one of these nominations received from an organisation and thirteen from individuals. No nominations were received from Te Puni Kōkiri or the Ministry for Women, or other agencies.
- Three nominees were shortlisted. The selection process did not include interviews. Nominations included statements provided by the nominators as well as links and references.

I am declining part four of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information regarding remuneration for Te Awhi Rito is publicly available and can be found at <https://natlib.govt.nz/about-us/collaborative-projects/new-zealand-reading-ambassador#nomination-and-selection> .

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the decision has been made to proactively release a copy of this response on the Department of Internal Affairs website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior

to release. The released response will be made available here: [Official Information Act Requests-2 - dia.govt.nz](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.

If you have any feedback or questions about the Department's response, please let us know at OIA@DIA.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Esson', written in a cursive style.

Rachel Esson

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