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Ref: DOIA 2223-2157

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Dear John,

Thank you for your email on 22 March 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"I noted,

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May I ask how did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website. Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other government nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc.

The pay rate for it's member.

Also, I noted, "The Group will meet each quarter for up to 12 months, with the first meeting held on 21 March 2023.

May I request the full meeting minute of this first meeting held on the 21 March 2023."

Please see below my response to your requests regarding the Migrant Community Reference Group:

1. *How did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website. Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other government nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc.?*

There was no call for public nomination. The Minister of Immigration received recommendations for candidates from officials based on the experience and community knowledge of a number of government agencies. There was a long list of approximately 50 potential candidates.

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Members were invited to join the group by the Minister following consultation with the Ministers for Pacific Peoples and for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities. In appointing members, the Minister considered the composition of New Zealand's migrant population, diversity in gender, age and geographic regions, and the connection of candidates to either specific or broader migrant communities.

2. *[What is] the pay rate for [each] member?*

As per the terms of reference, Members of the group will be paid a daily rate in line with the Cabinet Office Fees Framework (CO (22) 2) for a level 4, Group 4 body. Members will be remunerated for 6 hours work for every meeting (2 hours preparation, 2 hours attendance, 2 hours re-engaging with their migrant communities), at around \$173 per meeting.

3. *May I request full meeting minute of this first meeting held on the 21 March 2023?*

There are not any formal minutes taken for the Group discussions. However, members are encouraged to share the outcomes of any discussions with their wider migrant communities. I am therefore refusing this part of your request in accordance with section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

I trust you find this information helpful.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



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