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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your email of 1 May 2023 requesting information relating to appointments. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 ('OIA').

You requested the following:

Thank you for your recent OIA reply, - OIAD-2806 dated 13 March 2023. I noted, "The appointment process will be completed by 30 June 2023." May I kindly seek an update on these appointment process as where they are at, how many you have shortlisted and interviewed for each of the list positions. Also, how many positions per each list authority you are intend to appoint.

*Nature Heritage Fund Committee
Queen Elizabeth II National Trust Board of Directors
Game Animal Council
New Zealand Conservation Authority*

I have decided to withhold most of the information you are seeking, pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA, *to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.*

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA and determined there are no public interests which outweigh the grounds for withholding.

However, I can advise that the matters you outline are making progress through the necessary steps. In relation to shortlisting and intended appointments, I can confirm the following details:

- Nature Heritage Fund Committee - six short-listed with the intention of appointing four
- Queen Elizabeth II National Trust Board of Directors - four short-listed with the intention of appointing four
- Game Animal Council - five short-listed with the intention of appointing five
- New Zealand Conservation Authority - five short-listed with the intention of appointing two.



Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā

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Te Papa Atawhai