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Tēnā koe John

### Official Information Act: Request for information regarding the members of the Complaints Assessment Committee (CAC) at the Real Estate Authority

I refer to your request made via [fyi-request-23497-7890e1f1@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-23497-7890e1f1@requests.fyi.org.nz) received by the Real Estate Authority (REA) on 7 October 2023, in which you request the following:

*"May I request the list of current member as of 1st Oct 2023. Same with my previous OIA-C37069, please mark if the member is a lay member, deputy chair or chair.*

*Please also provide the current pay rate for each members and how much in total each members have been paid for the last two years (1st Oct 2023 to 1st Oct 2021)"*

#### Information being released

##### Current CAC members:

Please find below a table of our current CAC members, including name, whether they are a Lay Member, Deputy Chair or Chair and when their 5-year term of appointment ends, as of 1 October 2023

Name	Role	Position
Willam Acton	Lawyer	Chair
Denise Evans	Lawyer	Chair
Natalie Small	Lawyer	D Chair
Rachel Palu	Lawyer	Chair
Belinda Moss	Lay Member	D Chair
Amanda Elliot	Lay Member	D Chair
Fale Lesa	Lay Member	Member
Jim Lindsay	Lay Member	D Chair
Paul Biddington	Real Estate	Chair
Julian Twiss	Real Estate	Member
Susanne Guhl	Real Estate	Member
Nigel Fletcher	Real Estate	Member
Noel Cooper	Real Estate	D Chair

**CAC Members Salary:**

REA follows the Cabinet Fees Framework to determine and reassess fees paid to CAC members. The hourly rate our CAC members are paid is as follows:

Role	per hour (\$)
Chair	85.36
Deputy Chair	65.66
Member	52.53

With respect to your request for "how much in total each member has been paid for the last two years (1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2021)", please find attached total amount for each member for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 (which covers the period 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022), the financial year ended 2023 (which covers the period 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023), and for the period 1 July -31 August 2023.

Our finance team advise that invoicing is a month behind as REA does not receive invoices from the Members until the end of every month, and we are just finalising the figures for September 2023. I trust this information will be sufficient but if you require further detail you are able to request it.

Please also note that the names and positions of Members in the tables have been anonymised/removed pursuant to s 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 in order to protect their privacy.

In relation to the information withheld, I am of the view that the reason outlined above is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable in the, public interest, to make this information available.

**Next steps**

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please contact us by phone on 04 8458580, or by email at [info@rea.govt.nz](mailto:info@rea.govt.nz)

You have the right to make a complaint, in respect of this response, to the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz). You may make the complaint online at that web address, by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), or in writing to the following address:

The Ombudsman  
PO Box 10 152  
WELLINGTON 6143

Nāku iti noa, nā



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