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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your email of 03 April 2023 requesting information regarding the recent gazettal of the appointment of a Trustee of the Riccarton Racecourse Recreation Reserve. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 ('OIA').

You requested the following:

[...] 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 nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc. further, how many you have shortlisted.

Please supply the pay rate and term of reference/job description of this role.

It may help to understand the response if I provide some background information about the Board of Trustees of the Riccarton Racecourse. The Christchurch Racecourse Reserve Act 1878 appointed a Board of seven named Trustees, with perpetual succession. Originally, Trustees were appointed by the Governor. Trustees are appointed until they resign, die, or the position becomes otherwise vacant.

Under the Riccarton Racecourse Act 2016, the Minister of Conservation is responsible for filling vacancies. Trustees are appointed from time-to-time as positions become vacant. These are people generally active in the racing industry and recommended for appointment by the Board. These appointments have been sub-delegated to Department of Conservation ('the Department') staff and are usually done by gazette notice.

Links to the two Acts are provided below:

- <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/local/1878/0029/latest/whole.html>
- <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/local/2016/0002/latest/DLM6629304.html#DLM6629325>.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *[...] how did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website*



The Board advises of vacancies and nominates suitable people for appointment as Trustees. There is no 'call' by the Department for public nominations.

2. [...] *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. further, how many you have shortlisted*

No applications are received from the public as nominations are received from the Board.

3. *Please supply the pay rate and term of reference/job description of this role.*

The Board of Trustees of the Riccarton Racecourse are a statutory body, they are not Departmental employees; therefore, there is no pay rate or job description. Consequently, this part of your request is refused, pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Taylor'.

Steve Taylor
Director, Regulatory Services
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai