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I refer to your email of 27 November 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations for the Tokelau International Trust Fund Board of Trustees, 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 with you most recent call for nomination.

Also, can you please supply the term of appointment and member's pay rate.

In the lead up to appointing the substantive, and alternate, New Zealand Government representatives to the Tokelau International Trust Fund in October 2022, we sought nominations from the New Zealand Treasury, the Ministry of Pacific Peoples, Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry for Women, the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, and the Ministry of Disabled People. This process aligns with the requirements and processes, which are publicly available on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC) website:

<https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications/appointments-process>.

We received seven nominations from the Ministry for Women, six from the Ministry of Disabled People, and two from the Ministry of Pacific Peoples.

The term of appointment for New Zealand Government representatives to the Tokelau International Trust Fund is three years, commencing 1 November 2022, potentially renewable for up to two further three-year terms.

The New Zealand Government representatives to the Tokelau International Trust Fund were assessed as being at the upper range of Level 2 Members of a board under the "Group 4: All Other Committees and Other Bodies" category of the Cabinet Fees Framework, as set out in Cabinet Office circular CO (22)(2) available on the DPMC website:

<https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications/co-22-2-revised-fees-framework-members-appointed-bodies-which-crown-has-interest#revised-fees-framework-for-members-appointed-to-bodies-in-which-the-crown-has-an-interest>

Their daily rate has therefore been set at NZD\$560. Actual remuneration for a meeting to be paid at either at the full daily rate, or half the daily rate, depending on the actual time spent, including preparation time and travel time.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade