

19 December 2023

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Our ref: OIA 108246

Tēnā koe <sup>Section 9(2)(a)</sup>

### Official Information Act 1982 request: Race Relations Commissioner

Thank you for your email of 21 November 2023 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Specifically, you requested:

*I noted, <https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/statutory-vacancies/>*

*Applications close at 4.00 pm Friday 3 November 2023. Race Relations Commissioner*

*May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations mostly recently, e.g. [govt.jobs](https://www.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. Also, can you please supply the term of appointment and its pay rate.*

In response to your request, I can advise, the expressions of interest were sought via a posting on the Ministry website. In addition, about 100 community organisations and individuals were emailed and asked to encourage suitable candidates to put themselves forward. The recipients of the email were mostly identified from the contact list for the Ministry's international human rights reporting. Ten applications have been received, all from individuals responding to the call for expressions of interest.

Under the Crown Entities Act 2004, this appointment can be made for a term of up to five years. The remuneration for the position is set by the Remuneration Authority and is individualised at the time of each new appointment. I can, however, advise that recent determinations for Human Rights Commissioners have been about \$250,000 a year.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz).

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/](https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by phone on 0800 802 602 or by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Newall', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Wayne Newall

**Manager, Appointments and Specialist Functions**