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Official Information Act request: Race Relations Commissioner

Thank you for your email of 20 December 2024, to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about the selection of the Race Relations Commissioner. Referencing a previous response to you (our ref: OIA 108246), you requested:

I noted [you said]: 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.

Please provide the name of that 100 community organizations and individuals if allows. Also, you have mentioned about a contact list for the Ministry's international human rights reporting, can you please provide the contact list in full if possible. Also, a background information about how you came up with that contact list and how can people get on to this list.

In response to your request, please find attached a list in appendix 1 of the organisations that were contacted. As noted in a previous response to you, this is a contact list for the Ministry's international human rights reporting. The names of four individuals have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. In this latter regard, I do not consider that the reason for withholding the information is outweighed by the public interest in this matter.

You also asked how the list was compiled and how you might have your name added to it. All the groups or individuals are on the list because they have asked to be. If you wish to confirm your interest in being added to the list, you can email your request to: humanrights@justice.govt.nz.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at 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/.

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 Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Orr', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jeff Orr
Chief Legal Counsel

Appendix 1: Organisations

Human rights reporting contacts

Afghan Association of New Zealand

African Community Council Wellington

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at New Zealand

Al-Ameen Islamic Development New Zealand

Aotearoa Latin American Community Inc

Asia NZ Foundation

Asian Family Services

Auckland Asian Association

Auckland Council Ethnic Peoples Advisory Board

Auckland Malayali Samajam Inc.

Auckland Tamil Association

Auckland University

Azerbaijan-New Zealand Friendship Society

Chinese Women Association of New Zealand

Club Latino

Fiji Association in Auckland

Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple

Gisborne District Council

Hawke's Bay Regional Council

He Waka Tapu

Hindu Council – Wellington chapter

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IHC Advocacy

Inclusive Aotearoa

Indian Association Manukau NZ

Islamic Women's Council New Zealand

Iwi Chairs Forum

Kahungunu Whānau Services

Leva

Manawatu Afghan Society

Māori Academic (Victoria Uni)

Māori Academic (Victoria Uni)

Māori Womens Welfare League

Marlborough District Council

Migrant Action Trust

Multicultural Aoraki

Multicultural Council of Wellington

Multicultural NZ

Multicultural Whangarei

National Māori Authority

Nelson City Council

New Zealand Chambers of Commerce

New Zealand Chinese Association (NZCA)

New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services

New Zealand Indian Central Association

New Zealand Nepal Society

New Zealand Newcomers Network

New Zealand Public Service Association

New Zealand Sikh Women's Association

New Zealand Social Ethnic Services

Ngā Tauria Māori – Māori Students Association, Auckland University

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust Board

Nigerian Canterbury Association of New Zealand

Northland Regional Council

NZ Law Society

NZ Sikh Society Wellington

Otago Regional Council

Pacific Allied Women's Council

Pakistan Association of NZ

Pakistani Association of Canterbury

Pasifika Futures

Pearl of the Islands Foundation Inc

Pinoy CARES (Filipino community group)

Porirua Multicultural Council

Purapura Whetu

Rehua marae

Rotorua Multicultural Council

Samoa Students Association, Victoria University

Shakti Youth

Shama Ethnic Women's Trust

Shanti Niwas Charitable Trust

SIAOLA

Solomon Islands Students Waikato Association

Southland Multicultural Trust

Soutland Regional Council

Tainui/Te Whakakitenga o Waikato

Tanzania New Zealand Association Inc

Taranaki Regional Council

Tasman District Council

Te Hunga Roia Māori o Aotearoa - Māori Law Society

Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa Trust

Te Runananui o Ngāti Porou

Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri Trust

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua

Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa

Te Runanga o Tūranganui a Kiwa

Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi

The Asian Network Inc

The Cause Collective

Tuhono Trust

Tutala Niue Waikato

Ursula Cheer

Vaka Tautua

Victoria University

Victoria University Tongan Students' Association

Waikato Ethnic Family Services Trust

Waikato Multicultural Council

Waikato Muslim Association

Waitakere Ethnic Board

Wellington Regional Council

West Coast Regional Council

Pacific Women's Watch

New Zealand Māori Council

Samoan Advisory Council

Iwi Chairs Forum
