

29 April 2026



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Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 29 March 2026 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Specifically, you have requested:

- 1. Names of the members of the Ethnic Communities Development Fund.
- 2. The community involvement of the Fund board members
- 3. When they were appointed, how many years have they served
- 4. How much they get paid
- 5. Names and amount of funding received by organisations in 2023,2024,2025
- 6. Number of people recommended by the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs for appointment to the government. Boards, trusts, and committees from 2023 to 2025.
- 7. Number of people appointed to boards, committees, and trusts, and to which Ministry, 2023 to 2025.
- 8. What the Ministry has achieved during the years 2023 to 2025 for the Ethnic communities.

In response to parts one, two and three of your request, detailed information on each member of the Ethnic Communities Development Fund (ECDF) Panel, including names, community involvement and dates they held a panel position are available on the Ministry’s website at [Panel Members - Ethnic Communities Development Fund | Ethnic Communities](#). As such, these parts of your request are refused under section 18(d) of the Act; as the information requested is publicly available.

In response to part four of your request, please refer to the below table:
ECDF Panel member fee breakdown (as at 1 April 2026)

Panel action	Rate	Amount
Induction session for new Panel members up to 3 hours	Half day meeting rate	\$108.00
Meeting – up to 1 hour	Pro rata meeting rate	\$54.00
Meeting – 1 to 3 hours	Half day meeting rate	\$108.00
Meeting – full day	Full day meeting rate	\$215.00
Reading fee - every 50 reviews	Full day meeting rate	\$215.00
Current reading fee	Pro rata per application	\$4.30

In response to part five of your request, information on all successful funding applications, broken down by month, are regularly published on the Ministry's website at [Funded projects | Ethnic Communities](#). Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

In response to parts six and seven, between 2023 and 2025 the Ministry put forward 237 individuals for consideration by government agencies filling vacancies on public sector boards and committees. However, the Ministry does not make appointments to boards, committees, trusts, or other Ministries, and as a result does not hold reporting information on any such appointments. Due to this, part seven of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act; as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist. The Ministry for Women publishes an annual report of appointees to public sector boards and committees broken down by gender and ethnicity. The latest report which covers the period up to June 2025, can be found at [2024 Stocktake of Gender and Ethnic Diversity on Public Sector Boards and Committees \(2025\) | Ministry for Women](#).

In response to part eight, information on the work and achievements of the Ministry can be found on our website at www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz. In particular, the Ministry publishes Annual Reports which outline our financial and organisational performance over the previous financial year. The latest is the [2024/25 Annual Report of the Ministry for Ethnic Communities](#). The next report covering the period June 2025 to June 2026 will be published in October 2026. All previous reports are available at [Annual reports | Ethnic Communities](#).

Additionally, the Ministry's *Ethnic Voices* newsletter includes information on the Ministry's work at the time, stories from Ethnic Communities, and messages from our Chief Executive. The newsletter is published every three months at [Our newsletter | Ethnic Communities](#). As the Ministry's achievements can be found at the links provided above, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

Under section 28 of the OIA, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz.

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