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Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2025 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"Please advise if Gurdeep Talwar is on any committees/groups within the Ministry. If yes the provide full details. Has he been facilitate'd on any organization."

In response to your request, I can confirm that Gurdeep Talwar is currently a panel member for the Ministry's Ethnic Communities Development Fund (ECDF). The ECDF panel is currently the only committee established within the Ministry. For more information on the ECDF panel members, please visit the Ministry's website at www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/funding/ethnic-communities-development-fund/panel-members-ethnic-communities-development-fund.

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.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Aimee Lim', written over a red diagonal watermark that reads 'Proactively released by the Ministry for Ethnic Communities'.

Aimee Lim
Acting Director of Ministerial Services