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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 26 November 2022 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Waste minimisation fund panel call for nominations

I noted,

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fenvironment.govt.nz%2Fwhat-you-can-do%2Ffunding%2Fwaste-minimisation-fund%2Fapplicants-sought%2F&data=05%7C01%7COIA%40mfe.govt.nz%7C8a1096f1fe704b42e4ec08dacf8de0f7%7C761dd003d4ff40498a728549b20fcbb1%7C0%7C0%7C638050505656573665%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&data=W1GSY2pWs6mpBtQ5XRJkHo1lfDY5cyzRGM03jilL07D8%3D&reserved=0>

May I ask how did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, 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.

In response to part one of your request, the panel you refer to is the Independent Waste Investment Assessment Panel which covers both the Waste Minimisation Fund and the Plastics Innovation Fund. The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) did not call for public nominations, the Ministry advertised the vacancies through the Institute of Directors, the Ministry's website, and through well-established sector groups including WasteMINZ, the Waste Management Industry Forum, and Zero Waste Network.

In response to part two of your request, the Ministry received 47 applications. All applications received by the Ministry were from the public, none of the applicants were from nominating agencies.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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