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Ref: OIAD-5748

22 October 2025

Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 10 October 2025, in which you asked for:

'I noted, you have recently made Reappointments / Appointments to the Winton Racecourse Reserve Trust

[Reappointment / Appointments to the Winton Racecourse Reserve Trust - 2025-go5474- New Zealand Gazette](#)

May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website. A copy of your ad as well. Also, how many applications you have received for each of the role from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc for your role. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed. Also, can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to the previous appointee. I am happy for you to remove all the personal information.'

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA). Below are our responses to each part of your request.

1. *What platforms you used to call for public nominations?*

A public nomination process was run by the Department's Murihiku | Invercargill Office, by way of an advertisement in local newspapers.

2. *How many applications were received from the public?*

A total of 11 nominations were received from the public.

3. *How many applications were received from nominating agencies?*

No nominations were received from the nominating agencies.

4. *How many candidates were shortlisted, and how many were interviewed?*

Five nominates were *shortlisted*, none were interviewed.

5. *The following documents were requested:*

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	November 2024	Copy of advertisements	Released in full
2	29 September 2025	Copy of appointment letter 2025	Released in part – s9(2)(a)

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- personal information, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the OIA.

Please note that this letter and attached documents may be published on DOC's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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