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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA009-2024/25)

On 14 August 2024, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information on the Pacific Business Trust Board appointment process. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses below.

May I ask:

1. *How many people you have shortlisted?*

Three candidates were shortlisted.

2. *Has the process been completed now?*

Yes, the process has been completed.

3. *If so who has been appointed?*

Agnes Loheni has been appointed as a member to the Pacific Business Trust Board.

4. *Can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one?*

I have appended to this letter a copy of the appointment letter to Agnes Loheni. Please see **Appendix 1**. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons. I am satisfied that there are no public interest considerations that render it desirable to make the information withheld under section 9 of the OIA available.

In line with standard OIA practice, the Ministry proactively publishes some of its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter may be published on the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you or your organisation.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: ويا_requests@mpp.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Lu Avia
Chief Advisor to the Secretary
Executive Office



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APPOINTMENT TO THE PACIFIC BUSINESS TRUST BOARD

I am pleased to advise you that you have been appointed as a Member of the Pacific Business Trust (PBT) Board.

Thank you for confirming your availability for this role. You have extensive governance, sustainable business growth, and international business experience in both New Zealand and Samoa that I believe will be beneficial to the PBT board.

Your appointment term is effective from 1 August 2024 and will end on 31 July 2027.

As formal notification of your acceptance is required, please complete the enclosed acceptance form, and return this as soon as possible to nominations@mpp.govt.nz.

Congratulations on your appointment.

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Hon Dr Shane Reti
Minister for Pacific Peoples