

John Luke

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Ref: H201910164

Dear Mr John Luke

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 25 November 2019 for:

"I would like to request a list of vacancy (ministerial appointment only, e.g. board member, Lay member, Trustee etc) that the nomination period has been closed but still under consideration by the Minister or Department. In your list, can you please included the date that vacancy been advertised and when the vacancy been closed as well.

Also, I would like to know if you have any future opening in 2020. e.g. the position that will call for nomination in the year of 2020."

On 4 December 2019 your request was refined to:

"I would like to request a list of vacancies for Ministerial appointments under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 that were publicly advertised in 2019, that the application period has been closed but still under consideration by the Minister of Health, Hon Dr David Clark. In your list, can you please included the date that vacancy been advertised and when the vacancy been closed as well. Also, I would like to know if the Ministry of Health has any future opening in 2020 under the aforementioned Acts. e.g. the position that will be publicly advertised in the year of 2020."

The process for vacancies for Ministerial appointment differs according to the role. Information about appointments is available at www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-health-sector-organisations-and-people/appointments-health-statutory-bodies

The timeline for making appointments varies between appointments, with many factors impacting on the time taken to complete the process. These include time for advertising the role, collation and consideration by the Ministry of Health and relevant authority, initial consideration by the Minister, cross-party consultation and approval by Cabinet. The Minister

may also seek additional names for consideration or ask for the whole process to be rerun if he/she is not satisfied with the candidates put forward for consideration.

Attached are two appendices. Please note the precise number of vacancies in 2020 may vary.

Appendix 1 lists vacancies for Ministerial appointments under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 that were publicly advertised in 2019. The application period for these appointments has closed but the appointments are still under consideration by the Minister of Health, Hon Dr David Clark.

Appendix 2 lists Ministerial appointments under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 that are expected to be publicly advertised in 2020.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request for information.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely,



 Sarah Turner
Deputy Director-General
Office of the Director General