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Dear John Luke

I refer to your email of 28 November 2019 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"I noted on your website,
<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/who-we-are/nominations-and-appointments-to-international-bodies-and-lists/>
Can you please let me know how often is this page get update to ensure public access to information, given the current page is obviously out of date?
To express your interest in designation to the Panel of Arbitrators, please send your CV and a cover letter outlining your suitability and how you meet the criteria to: DM-LGL @mfat.govt.nz using the subject line 'ICSID Expression of Interest'.
Confirmation of receipt will be provided.
New Zealand's designations will be decided by the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee.
Applications extended until: 11 October 2019
Further, I would like to request if there is any upcoming vacancy for MFAT controlled (ministerial appointment only) and any position that have already call for nomination, but still under consideration."*

On 11 December 2019, I advised you the website below is updated when the Ministry is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI)s from the public for nominations and appointments to international bodies and lists, and asked you to clarify if you are interested in when this page was last updated and if there is a specific organisation that you are interested in.

On 13 December 2019 you confirmed:

*"I do not want to know when it was last updated, I would like to know how often the website are update it and are there a dedicated person monitoring it?
I do not have any organs action in mind, I would like to know all that fit with the criteria."*

The Ministry's website is updated by our Communications Division, as needed, when the Ministry is seeking EOIs from members of the public for nominations and appointments to international bodies and lists. There is no set schedule. The person monitoring the EOIs will depend on the specific role.

As you will see from our website, we are not currently seeking any Expressions of Interest for nominations and appointments to international bodies and lists at present. The Ministry's website will be updated at the link above when an EOI is sought.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details redacted) may be published on the Ministry's website.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Wendy Adams', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right. The initials 'PP' are written vertically to the left of the signature.

Wendy Adams
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade