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Ref: H202205567

Tēnā koe John

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your follow up request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 25 April 2022 for vacancy information under consideration by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) or relevant Minister. You specifically requested:

*"I have made a request earlier this year, ref: H202115062*

*May I request an update information of my previous request, my original questions are*

*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 MoH or relevant Minister."*

Please refer to the attached Appendix 1 which includes the 2021 vacancies advertised that are now closed, but still under consideration by the Ministry. This appendix provides a list of vacancies advertised between 22 April 2022 and 23 May 2022. You can find information on recent appointments at: [www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-healthsector-organisations-and-people/crown-entities-and-statutory-boards/board-appointments](http://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-healthsector-organisations-and-people/crown-entities-and-statutory-boards/board-appointments).

Please note:

- *Dietitians Board*: The vacancies were readvertised on 16 December 2021 to consolidate appointments for expired members and terms with upcoming term expires.
- *Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board*: The vacancies were readvertised on 16 December 2021 to consolidate appointments for expired members and terms with upcoming term expires.
- *Medical Council*: The vacancies were readvertised on 22 April 2022 to consolidate appointments for expired members and terms with upcoming term expires.
- *Occupational Therapy Board*: Currently finalising the two health practitioner appointments from 2021.
- *The Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal*: Two multiple rounds of vacancies were advertised as there was not a sufficient pool of applicants in the first round of advertisements to proceed with a round of appointments.
- Vacancies advertised for the *Health Practitioners Competency Assurance Act 2003 Responsible Authorities, the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal, the Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology, and the National Ethics Advisory Committee* closed on 23 May 2022, therefore the number of candidates is currently unavailable.

I trust this fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Turner', is positioned above the typed name.

Sarah Turner  
**Deputy Director-General**  
**Office of the Director-General**