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Dear John

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 26 August 2022.

You requested information on the number of expressions of interests LINZ received for appointments to the Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board and the Valuers Registration Board, and how many of these were from other government agencies' nomination databases and how many were directly from the public. You also asked where expressions of interest were advertised, aside from LINZ's website.

LINZ's response to this request is as below.

Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board

1. *How many expressions of interests LINZ received for appointments to the Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board (CSLB)?*

LINZ received eight applications for appointments to the seven positions on CSLB (all current members' terms expire on 19 December 2022).

2. *How many of these were from other government agencies' nomination databases and how many were directly from the public?*

One application was received directly from the candidate themselves and one candidate was nominated for appointment by the Ministry of Ethnic Communities. Four of the candidates have been nominated for appointment by Survey and Spatial New Zealand (SSNZ), and two of the candidates have been nominated by the Institute of Cadastral Surveying Incorporated (ICS) as required under section 13(2)(a)(ii) of the Cadastral Survey Act 2002.

The availability of these board positions was also conveyed to the Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry for Women, and the Office for Disability Issues. No applications were received from these ministries or through any other government nomination databases.

3. *Where expressions of interest were advertised, aside from LINZ's website?*

In addition to the LINZ website, the board positions were advertised by SSNZ and ICS in their newsletter sent out to members.

Valuers Registration Board

4. *How many expressions of interests LINZ received for appointments to the Valuers Registration Board (VRB)?*

LINZ received three applications for appointments to the two positions on VRB (terms of two of the four current members expire on 22 December 2022).

5. *How many of these were from other government agencies' nomination databases vs directly from the public?*

All three applications were received directly from the candidates themselves. One of these candidates has been nominated for appointment by the New Zealand Institute of Valuers (NZIV) as required under section 3(2)(b) of the Valuers Act 1948.

The availability of these board positions was conveyed to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, the Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry for Women, and the Office for Disability Issues. No applications were received from these ministries or through any other government nomination databases.

6. *Where expressions of interest were advertised, aside from LINZ's website?*

In addition to the LINZ website, the board positions were advertised by NZIV in their newsletter. The link is provided here – [NZIV Newsletter – July 2022](#).

Property Council New Zealand also advertised the board positions on their website – [Valuers Registration Board call for nominations](#).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website. This is likely to be published by 28 October 2022

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me on HODonnell@linz.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HODonnell', written in a cursive style.

Hannah O'Donnell
Manager Operational Policy