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Tēnā koe John Luke

On 27 January 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about the Nominations Database and the Expression of Interest (EOI) process. This request was transferred to Whaikaha, the Ministry of Disabled People, to respond. The reason for this is that the Office for Disability Issues (ODI) who managed the Nominations Database, was transferred to Whaikaha on 1 July 2022.

You requested the following information:

- 1. How is your process of expressions of interests works and how many people currently registered within your nomination service registry.*
- 2. How many people you have nominated from the registry to a position from the past two year, can you provide the name of all the positions you have nominate someone from the registry to.*

In the interest of clarity, I will respond to your questions in turn.

- 1. How is your process of expressions of interests works and how many people currently registered within your nomination service registry.*

The process has not altered significantly since you wrote to us in late 2020. Individuals who want to register an EOI with the ODI Nominations Database fill out the survey that can be found on ODI's website at the following link: <https://www.odi.govt.nz/whats-happening/join-the-odi-nominations-database/>. A person looking to register their EOI can do so through one of the following methods:

- Complete the survey online through the Survey Monkey tool.
- Fill in an electronic Microsoft Word version of the survey and email it to ODI.
- Print and fill in a paper copy of the survey, and post this to ODI.
- Call and speak with a member of the ODI team who can provide support to enter their details into the database manually.

Once the individual has provided a completed survey through any of the above options, their details are entered into the ODI Nominations Database, and they will be contacted by the Advisers responsible for the ODI database to let them know they have been





added and that they should start to receive emails about upcoming vacancies. If they have not provided a copy of their Curriculum Vitae, they are also asked to provide this document.

Once registered with the ODI Nominations Database, nominations for vacancies can be made in the following ways:

1. An appointing agency will contact ODI and request for nominations of individuals with specific or generic skillsets. ODI then either sends this information to all, or a select group of database members and requests that members apply directly for the vacancy but let the ODI Nominations team know of their application. The Nominations team will let the appointing agency know of any applications that are from ODI database members.
2. Appointing agencies advise ODI of a request for nominations for individuals with specific skillsets with a request for a shortlist of candidates (open roles). ODI engages with shortlisted candidates before sending confirmed candidate profiles to the appointing agency for consideration.
3. Appointing agencies advise ODI of a request for nominations for individuals with specific skillsets with a request for a shortlist of candidates (in confidence roles). ODI provides shortlisted candidate profiles to the appointing agency for consideration. Candidates are not aware of their nomination, unless the appointing agency wishes to take that person's application to the next stage of the appointment process.

As at 15 February 2023, there are 211 people registered with the ODI Nominations Database. Of these, there are currently 195 disabled people who have submitted completed surveys and who are therefore eligible to be nominated for positions. There are an additional five people whose application forms remain incomplete, despite attempts to contact them. These people are not eligible to be nominated for positions. Finally, there are eleven Carers or whānau of disabled people who have submitted completed surveys and are registered with the ODI Nominations Database.

2. How many people you have nominated from the registry to a position from the past two year, can you provide the name of all the positions you have nominate someone from the registry to.

ODI does not receive notifications from appointing agencies advising whether candidates are successfully appointed to positions. However, sometimes the candidates tell us themselves that they have been successful in gaining a position on a board/group. However, from the information available to us since 1 July 2022, ODI has been involved in nominations to fifty-five boards. Sometimes, information has gone to every disabled person fully registered with the database, at other times, as little as one person may be sent the information. The variance is due to skills and attributes of





potential nominees, as requested by the Appointing Agency. During this time period, ODI is aware of five people that have successfully been appointed to boards however, as explained above, there could be more than that.

Between the period 15 February 2021 and 30 June 2022, ODI contributed to 76 Board Nomination processes. Unfortunately, during this time period, there was no attempt to capture data on the numbers nominated for boards or the numbers who were successful, so I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you had requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

However, the Appendix provides a list of all the boards which ODI was asked to nominate candidates for, over the past two years, for your information.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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Appendix

This Appendix provides a list of all the boards which ODI was asked to nominate candidates for, over the past two years. Please note:

- this list may not be exhaustive, if boards appear twice on the list, then ODI has been approached more than once in the past two years.
- being asked to put candidates forward for a board does not mean that ODI supplied candidates for all these board positions.

Board Name

Health and Disability Ethics Committee

Reproductive Ethics committee

Health New Zealand

Māori Health Board

Kāinga Ora Board

Fiordland Maritime Guardians

Tamaki Redevelopment Board

Health Research Council

Disability Voices Curriculum Hui

Employee Relations Authority

Pharmac Board

Takulau International Trust Fund

Ethics Committee on Reproductive Tech

Land Valuers Board

Electoral Commission

Special Rapporteur on Racism

Alexander Turnbull library board

Library, information advisory comm

Mental Health and Wellbeing Board

Health Quality and Safety Board

Director GCP board

Chief Gambling Commissioner

Various Science Boards

Royal Commission Chch Terror attacks

Financial Advice committee





Trans Tasman IP Attorneys

Film and Lit Review Board

Water Control Boards

Electrical Workers Board

Copyright Tribunal

Building Professions Board

Womens Employment Advisory Group

Te Pukenga Board

Capital Growth Fund Chair

Dentistry Board Layperson

ECART

Chair of NZ Tourism Board

Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal

Psychologists board

Cancer Control Agency Reference Group

Outdoors Parks and walks board

Life Unlimited Board

Energy Efficiency Conservation Board

Conservation Boards

Abuse in Care Design Group

Children and Young Persons Commission

Auckland OT Residents Grievance Panel

NZ Riding for the Disabled

Auckland Council Demographic Advisory

Grocery Commissioner

Forestry Government Advisory Comm

Gender Affirming Primary Care Advisory
Group

Four DOC boards

Health Responsible Authorities x 4

Regional Skills Leadership Groups x 14

Media Board

Remuneration Board

Guardian of the Alexander Turnbull Library

Library Information Advisory Committee





Plumbers, Drainlayers and Gasfitters Board
Civil Aviation Authority
Milford Opportunities Board
Electoral Review Commission
Outward Bound
ACC Board
Conservation Boards
National Provident Fund
Various Education Boards
Crown Infrastructure Boards via Treasury
Motor Vehicle Registration Board
Christchurch Oranga Tamariki Residence Grievance Panel
Animal Welfare Board
Chair of the Commerce Commission
Law Commission Advisory Committee on Supported Decision Making
New Zealand Productivity Board
Local Government Commission
Orton Bradley Park Christchurch
WorkSafe New Zealand Board
Transport Accident Investigation Commission
MYD Youth Advisory Committee
Health Ethics Advisory Committee
Advisory Committee on Reproductive Health
Fire and Emergency Board
Lottery Distribution Board
Maritime New Zealand Board
Te Papa Tongawera Board
Air New Zealand Future Directors
Maritime New Zealand Future Directors
Oranga Tamariki Disability Advisory Committee
Archives Board
Te Waihunga Infrastructure Board
Community Trusts
Housing Co-Design Project
MBIE Construction Boards
Workforce Development Council
Māori Advisory Committee on Climate Change.
MOE Curriculum Voices Disability Group
Racing Integrity Board
Cycle Trail New Zealand Board Chair
Assure Quality Commission
Minister Arms Advisory Board





Network for Learning Board
University of Canterbury and Wananga Boards
Smokefree and Vaping Board
Conservation Boards
Teaching Council of New Zealand
Lottery Grants Board
Auckland Light Rail Board
Community Health Advisory Committee
MoH Advisory Boards
MBIE Electrical Board
Tāngata whenua Advisory Group Family and Sexual Violence
MBIE Research and Science Boards
Regional Skills Leadership Groups
New Zealand Story Advisory Committee
CCT Board Chair
TVNZ Board
National Commission for UNESCO
Treasury SOE Boards
Various Health Sector Boards
Worksafe Board
Royal Commission of Enquiry into Christchurch Terror Attacks
Public Service Commission Appointments
MOH End of Life Choices committee
Institute of Environmental Science Board
Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science Institute
Landcare Research Board
Water and Atmospheric Research Board
New Zealand Forest Research Institute
NZ Institute for Plant and Food research
Motor Vehicle Disputes Tribunal
Education Curriculum Board
Research New Zealand Advanced Network Board
Worksafe New Zealand
Forestry New Zealand Advisory Group
Māori Health Authority Interim Board
New Zealand Health Authority Interim Board.
Pharmac Board
Electricity Authority Board

