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Tēnā koe John Luke

On 30 January 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 the following information:

- *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 Ministry of Social Development or relevant Minister.*
- *In your list, can you please include the date that vacancy been advertised, what method you have used to publicly advertise the position, how many application you have received and when the vacancy been closed as well.*
- *Also, I would like to know if you have any future opening in 2023. e.g. the position that will call for nomination in the year of 2023.*

On 17 February 2023, the Ministry wrote to you about the Social Workers Registration Board vacancy you enquired about, advising you how the vacancy was advertised, when nominations closed and how many applications were received. A copy of that letter is attached.

On 24 February 2023, the Ministry wrote to you about the Children and Young Persons Commission vacancy you enquired about, advising you how the vacancy was advertised, how many applications were received, where nominations were sought from and when nominations closed. A copy of that letter is attached.

There are no other vacancies that fall within the scope of your request, and we are unable to say what vacancies may occur in the future. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you 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.

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. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding current and future ministerial appointments to advisory boards, 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Nga mihi nui



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