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Via email: [fyi-request-25468-2474d8d1@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-25468-2474d8d1@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your request, received on 23 January 2024, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- I understand you have call for 8 universities' council member nomination. May I seek full copy of the job description or term of reference and the actual copy of call for nomination?*
- May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website.*
- Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc. Also, what would be the process look like and when the nomination period ends.*

I have attached a copy of the Framework for Selection for Ministerial appointees to Tertiary Education Institutions. This is the equivalent of the role description or terms of reference. This Framework is also publicly available on our website.

I am releasing an example of an email sent to one of the nominating agencies as an example of how we request (call for) nominations. The other requests used identical wording.

You also asked about the number of applications from the public and how many from other sources such as nominations. I am releasing the information referenced in the table below. As at 25 January 2024, we have no direct applications from members of the public who meet the criteria for selection (one applicant in the current financial year). So far, we have received the following nominations or recommendations for consideration:

Nominations received from	Number of nominations
Ministry for Disabled People	4
Ministry for Women	11
Ministry for Ethnic Communities	11
Te Puni Kokiri	0
Nominated by the Minister or her colleagues	5
Recommended by Chancellor for reappointment	10
Recommended by Chancellor for future position	1



In addition to the table, TEC has longlisted 36 potential candidates from its own search, which includes databases (such as the Treasury Appointments database) and websites of membership organisations for experienced governors.

In answering your other questions on process, I refer to my previous letters to you in February 2023 and September 2022 where I outlined the Ministerial appointment process and the role of the Tertiary Education Commission in advising the (then) Minister of Education. This process is unchanged and is publicly available on our website in the section - [How you can contribute as a TEI council member | Tertiary Education Commission \(tec.govt.nz\)](#). This section gives good information on how a member of the public can seek consideration. For the avoidance of doubt, we do not routinely advertise council member positions on job websites.

I am satisfied, in terms of section 9(1) of the Act, that the need to withhold the information referred to above is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

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

Nāku noa, nā



Tim Fowler  
Chief Executive  
Tertiary Education Commission

## Information released under the Official Information Act (1982)

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Item No	Date	Document Type	Title	Reference/ Notes	Release
1		Attachment	Framework for Selection 2024		Full release
2		Attachment	Redacted email requesting nominations		Full release