



OIA24-0689

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Dear John,

Thank you for your email of 19 September 2024 requesting additional information as a follow-up to OIA24-0594, relating to the Veterinary Council of New Zealand. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*I noted "Nominations are now closed, and 16 nominations were received. 11 of these nominations have been identified as qualified vets, four as otherwise qualified (lay people), and one applicant was identified as not eligible for consideration. There were no nominations received from nominating agencies."*

*May I ask how many vets vacancy you are currently seeking for and how many lay people vacancy you are currently seeking for? Also, what's the reasons or grounds for the "one applicant was identified as not eligible for consideration"?*

On behalf of the Veterinary Council of New Zealand (the Vet Council), the Ministry for Primary Industries are seeking to fill vacancies for one veterinary and one lay position on the Council.

The applicant identified as ineligible for consideration had applied as a veterinary applicant, and on review was identified as not being registered as a veterinarian in New Zealand and therefore unable to be considered.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Duncan'.

Fiona Duncan  
**Director, Regulatory Systems Policy**