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Tēnā koe John Luke

Thank you for your email dated 28 February 2019 to OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz asking about nominations to Boards and Agencies managed by the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry).

I will respond to each your questions in turn:

"I would like to know how MSD call for nominations for their board and agency they manage. I understand from the Ministry of Women's website that they are a total of 9 boards that MSD manage."

The process used for calling for nominations varies depending upon the nature of the position and, where applicable, the legislation relating to these appointments.

In many cases, this results in a targeted process being used when seeking nominations. For example:

- In the case of the New Zealand Artificial Limb Service Board, four of the six positions are appointed on the nomination of individuals/bodies specified in its legislation - the responsible Minister typically writes to these individuals/bodies seeking nomination.
- In the case of the New Zealand Sign Language Board, most positions are to be filled by members of the deaf community with calls for nomination targeted at this community.
- In the case of the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB), the majority of positions are filled by registered social workers - nominations for these positions are typically sought by placing notices in the SWRB's newsletter, which is sent to all registered social workers, and by writing to bodies associated with the social worker profession.
- In the case of the Social Security Appeal Authority and the Student Allowance Appeal Authority, there are positions that need to be filled by experienced lawyers. When this happens notices inviting nominations have been placed in the on-line magazine of the New Zealand Law Society.

"Also, I would like to know how the general public can submit their interest to MSD, so MSD can take their interest to consider for any future appointment."

Where a targeted process is not required, the Ministry's usual approach is to place a notice on its website (<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/ministers/appointments.htm>) inviting nominations. This process is usually complemented by letters to key stakeholders drawing their attention to the website notice. In some instances advertisements have also been placed in major newspapers and on the Seek website.

"Further, I would like to know if there are any upcoming governance position in 2019 for the board that MSD manage and where you plan to call for express of interest from the public, e.g. from job,govt website."

Decisions are made in advance of roles becoming available. Where this happens the positions will be highlighted on the "What's new" section of the Ministry's website at the following link: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/>.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope this information is helpful.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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