



26 July 2022

Tēnā koe

On 8 July 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information regarding the Benefits Review Committee:

- *May I have all the current members over all the region's current term of appointment?*
- *Beside using jobs.govt.nz and what other channel you will use to notify public this call for nomination?*
- *Also, I noted " Closing date: 22nd July 2022", which means, after 20 working days you will know how many people has applied to this position. Please kindly provide how many applications you have received from each channel, e.g. 2 from jobs.govt.nz etc*

I can confirm that there are five current Community Representatives appointed to the Nelson Benefits Review Committee. They are as follows:

- Jane Marion Orchard, tenure ends 18 July 2023
- Lester Oakes, tenure ends 2 September 2024
- Gail Collingwood, tenure ends 2 September 2024
- Myra Anne Denise Dick, tenure ends 30 August 2024
- Helen Neame, tenure ends 27 February 2027

When the Ministry seeks to fill a vacancy in a Ministerial appointment role, each region will publicise the role as much as possible through various avenues such as newspapers and online.

In regard to your request for the number people who have applied for the position, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not yet exist. You are welcome to resubmit a request for this information after 22 July 2022, when the application date closes.

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'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.

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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