



24 February 2023

Tēnā koe

On 23 January 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I note - board member of the Children and Young People's Commission

- 1. May I ask how did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website.*
- 2. Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK.*
- 3. Further, how many you have shortlisted.*

On 21 February 2023, the Ministry emailed you to advise that more time was required to respond to your request. The reason for this extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response to your request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. A decision will be with you no later than 28 February 2023.

For the sake of clarity, I will respond to your questions in turn.

- 1. May I ask how did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website.*

The vacancy seeking expressions of interest for the Chair and Board Member roles went live on 7 December 2022. These vacancies were advertised on:

- MSD Jobs website
- Mahi.co.nz
- Seek.co.nz

- Govt. Jobs online
- LinkedIn
- Institute of Directors
- Appoint Better Boards

Nominations were also sought from:

- the Minister and the Labour Caucus
- all major Cabinet leaders (all party leaders received a letter from Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development and Employment)
- Te Puni Kōkiri
- Ministry for Women
- Ministry for Pacific Peoples
- Office of Ethnic Communities
- Whaikaha - Ministry for Disabled People

2. *Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK.*

The Ministry received a total of 235 applications from the public. There was one candidate nominated by the National Party, who applied for the role through the Ministry's website. As for the rest of the 234 applications received, the Ministry is not able to determine if any other candidates were nominated by an agency as the candidates have not indicated this on their applications.

3. *Further, how many you have shortlisted.*

The appointments to the Children and Young People's Commission are Ministerial appointments. The final shortlisting decisions have yet to be made.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claire Janes".

Claire Janes
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Budget and Crown Entities