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Dear

On 3 August 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Regarding Expressions of Interest for the Office for Disability Issues (ODI) Nominations Database (www.odi.govt.nz/whats-happening/expressions-of-interest-for-the-office-for-disability-issues-nominations-database/):

- 1. May I ask how your process of expressions of interests works and how many people are currently registered within your registry.*
- 2. Also, how many people have you have successfully nominated/appointed from the registry to a position from the past two years? May I have the names of all successful applicants and the position they have been successful on.*
- 3. Further, how many people have you unsuccessfully nominated from the registry to a position from the past two years. May I have the list of positions that they are unsuccessful on.*

For the sake of clarity, I will answer your questions in turn:

- 1. May I ask how your process of expressions of interests works and how many people are currently registered within your registry.*

Individuals who want to register an Expression of Interest (EOI) with the ODI Nominations Database fill out the survey that can be found on ODI's website at the following link: www.odi.govt.nz/whats-happening/expressions-of-interest-for-the-office-for-disability-issues-nominations-database/.

A person looking to register their EOI can do so through one of the following methods:

- complete the survey online through the Survey Monkey tool,
- fill in an electronic Word version of the survey and email it to ODI,
- print and fill in a paper copy of the survey, and post this to ODI, or
- call and speak with a member of the ODI team who can provide support to enter their details into the database manually.

Once the individual has provided a completed survey through any of the above options, their details are entered into the ODI Nominations Database.

Information about privacy and use of data is available on the ODI website.

Once registered with the ODI Nominations Database, nominations for vacancies can be made in the following ways:

- An appointing agency can reach out to ODI and request for nominations of individuals with specific or generic skillsets. ODI then publishes the vacancy on the Ministry's community networks. This means that ODI will post the details of the vacancy on the ODI Facebook page and send the details by email to some or all of the following:
 - the individuals registered on the ODI Nominations Database, and/or
 - the Disabled People's Organisations (DPO) Coalition. This includes contacting seven membership based disabled peoples organisations and asking them to distribute the vacancy through to their members.

Individuals then make nominations through the community network.

- Appointing agencies advise ODI of a request for nominations for individuals with specific skillsets with a request for a shortlist of candidates (open roles). ODI engages with shortlisted candidates before sending confirmed candidate profiles to the appointing agency for consideration.
- Appointing agencies advise ODI of a request for nominations for individuals with specific skillsets with a request for shortlist of candidates (in confidence roles). ODI provides shortlisted candidate profiles to the appointing agency for consideration.

As at 21 August 2020, there are 137 people registered with the ODI Nominations Database. Of those, there are currently 128 disabled people who have submitted completed surveys, and who are registered with the ODI Nominations Database. An additional nine Carers or Whānau of disabled people have submitted completed surveys and are registered with the ODI Nominations Database. Note, a further 81 people have submitted partially completed surveys, so are not currently registered on the ODI Nominations Database.

2. Also, how many people have you successfully nominated/appointed from the registry to a position from the past two years? May I have the names of all successful applicants and the position they have been successful on.

ODI does not receive notifications from appointing agencies of whether candidates are successfully appointed to positions. Once a candidate has been appointed, they usually remain in the registry, regardless of how many vacancies they may self-nominate for, or be nominated for. The candidate chooses how long they require their details to remain on the database when they register. The majority of candidates choose to remain until they advise ODI that they no longer want to be on the database.

If a candidate is appointed, they are contacted directly by the appointing agency. ODI does not generally get involved in the process after the initial nomination of a candidate.

I am, therefore, refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

3. *Further, how many people have you unsuccessfully nominated from the registry to a position from the past two years. May I have the list of positions that they are unsuccessful on.*

ODI does not track or hold information about unsuccessful appointments. Appointing agencies do not advise ODI of the outcome of shortlisted candidates.

I am, therefore, refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

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
- 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 available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development'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 regarding Expressions of Interest for ODI's Nominations Database, 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. Coffey', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Brian Coffey
Director
Office for Disability Issues