



21 October 2022

Tēnā koe

On 22 September 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *The number of applications you have received and number of people you have shortlisted and interviewed. Also are there any you have received from any other nomination government agencies e.g. TPK*

The information you have requested relates to the Ministry's appointments for Members of three Crown Entities and Statutory Tribunals. These are:

Crown Entities

Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC)
Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB)
Peke Waihangā – New Zealand Artificial Limb Service (NZALS)

Statutory Tribunals

Social Security Appeal Authority (SSAA)
Student Allowance Appeal Authority (SAAA)
Social Workers Complaints and Disciplinary Tribunal (SWCDT)

Please see enclosed **Table One** in **Appendix A**, which contains the number of applications received, number of people shortlisted/interviewed and number of nominations from other agencies, per available position for Ministry Crown Entity and Statutory Tribunal appointments made in 2021 to date. No relevant information is held for NZALS or SAAA for that time period.

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 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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Appendix A

Table One: The number of applications received, number of people shortlisted/interviewed and number of nominations from other agencies, per available position for Ministry Crown Entity and Statutory Tribunal appointments made in 2021 to date.

Crown Entity	Position to be filled	Number of applications received	Number of people shortlisted/interviewed	Nominations from other agencies
Social Security Appeal Authority	Member	29	8	1 from Ministry for Ethnic Communities
Social Workers Complaints and Disciplinary Tribunal	Chair and Deputy Chair	13	3	1 from Ministry for Pacific Peoples
Social Workers Registration Board	Member	7	3	Nil
Office of the Children's Commissioner	Children's Commissioner	18	6	2 from Labour Caucus