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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your email of 16 May 2021 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about the Office of Ethnic Communities' (the Office) webpage titled "Current board vacancies" ([www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/our-programmes/nominations/current-s/](http://www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/our-programmes/nominations/current-s/)). You have asked:

- *"...how often you updates your link and how many people has reach out to you to seek for your endorsement since 31 March 2020 to date.*
- *The list of state sector boards positions you have advertised on your page since 31 March 2020.*
- *How many people you have recommended and to what positions since 31 March 2020.*
- *How many have got the positions with your endorsement and to what positions since 31 March 2020."*

The Government wants state sector boards to represent the diversity and demographic make-up of New Zealand, including its gender, ethnicity, age and geographic location.

We keep a Nominations Database of candidates from ethnic communities with valuable skills and experience, who have advised us of their interest in serving on state sector boards and committees. We use our Nominations Database to identify candidates with appropriate skills and experience for consideration by appointing agencies when roles on state sector boards and committees become available.

Depending on the appointment process, we will either forward candidate details directly to the appointing agency seeking nominations, or contact candidates directly to encourage them to apply for roles.

I have considered your request, and my answers are overleaf.

### **How often do you update your link?**

The page you referred to in your request was last updated on 27 October 2020. We are looking at ways to increase the Nominations Service's profile and to bring nominations to the attention of qualified candidates, in line with the upcoming establishment of the Ministry for Ethnic Communities. Members of ethnic communities with relevant experience are still encouraged to visit the Nominations Service pages at [www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/nominations](http://www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/nominations). However, we do not intend to advertise roles on our website in the future, and this link has now been removed.

### **State sector boards with positions we have advertised since 31 March 2020**

Please refer to the list below.

- Osteopathic Council of New Zealand
- ACC Board
- Northern A Health and Disability Ethnic Committee (Wellington)
- Central Health & Disability Ethnic Committee (Wellington)
- Deputy Chief Censor, Office of Film and Literature Classification
- Osteopathic Council of New Zealand (Wellington)
- Motor Vehicle Disputes Tribunal
- Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunals
- Northern B Health & Disability Ethnic Committee (Wellington / Auckland / Christchurch)
- Employment Relations Authority
- Army Leadership Board
- Chair, Consumer Advocacy Council
- Social Workers Complaints and Disciplinary Tribunal

### **How many people have sought nomination from the Office since 31 March 2020**

As at June 2021, there are 124 candidates in our Nominations Database. While we do not 'endorse' people for positions, by registering with our service, we nominate suitably qualified candidates for positions appropriate to their skills and credentials.

### **The number of people we have recommended, and the positions they were recommended to, since 31 March 2020**

Since March 2020, we have recommended 39 people for 23 positions. However, this number includes five positions that were advertised twice in this period. The list of positions is as follows:

- ACC Board
- Taumata Arowai Board
- Airways Corporation of New Zealand Ltd (x2)
- Asure Quality Ltd (x2)
- Kordia Group Ltd (x2)
- Racing Integrity Board (x2)
- TAB NZ Board of Directors (x2)
- National Pacific Radio Trust (x2)
- Drug Free Sport NZ (x2)
- Sport and Recreation New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa (x2)
- National Provident Fund
- SSC Investigations Panel
- Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research NZ Ltd Board
- Financial Markets Authority Board
- TAB New Zealand Board of Directors
- [Nomination redacted]

This list does not include one appointment currently before Cabinet, which I am withholding details of under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain constitutional conventions for the time being protecting the confidentiality of advice between Ministers and officials.

**The number of people appointed to positions after being nominated by the Office, and the position they were appointed to, since 31 March 2020.**

We only hold information about successful appointments where the agency making the appointment has advised us of it occurring. In March 2020, we were advised that Sumati Govind was appointed to the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. This is the only appointment that we have been notified of in the time frame specified in your request.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PP Anusha Guler', written in a cursive style.

**PP Anusha Guler**  
**Executive Director**  
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