

The Ministry will now respond to your request.

In the interests of clarity, I will respond to each of 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 selection process for appointment to the Social Workers Registration Board is currently still active but public nominations closed on 22 January 2023.

The position was advertised on several platforms such as the Ministry's vacancies website, SEEK, and Mahi recruitment. It was also placed on the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB) newsletter and the SWRB's communications channels were used.

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

A total of 18 applications were received from the public. The Ministry is not able to determine if any of the applications received were nominated by an agency as the candidates have not indicated this on their applications.

- 3. How many you have shortlisted.*

The appointment to the SWRB is a Ministerial appointment. The 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.

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