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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act request: List of expiring appointments

Thank you for your email of 29 March 2026 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), regarding the updated list of appointments that are set to expire on 31 December 2026.

Specifically, you requested:

Could you please provide an updated list of appointments that are set to expire on 31 December 2026? In the list, ("indicative" as you have suggested within your previous reply)

Additionally, could you provide an update compared to your previous list, specifically, whether any positions have already begun the recruitment process, and if so, whether the process has been completed and new appointees have been appointed?

In response to your request, please see attached an updated version of the list provided to you in April 2025, which includes information about upcoming appointment expiries. This document is released to you in full, along with details about each role or body, which positions are due to expire in 2025/2026, and the latest updates.

As you will see, there are a number of appointments remain pending. This is due to: either they have not yet reached their expiry date, and the process has not commenced, so they are awaiting Ministerial direction on recruitment preferences; or the process is underway but not yet complete.

It is also important to note that this is an election year. If appointment processes are not completed by August 2026, some matters may be deferred until 2027 due to the three-month period before an election, when statutory appointments are not usually made.

As you can see from the updates, some additional appointments have been made which were not anticipated back in April 2025. I would like to reiterate that any list of pending matters is only indicative, as appointing Ministers may decide not to proceed with an appointment or make additional appointments in other cases.

In this regard, the Ministry can advise that some matters that relate to the Disputes Tribunal, Tenancy Tribunal and Land Valuation Tribunal are moving to a less region-based way of working, with more hearings being held remotely. This means that some vacancies previously linked to a specific region, which have been marked as pending, may be filled by appointments made in other locations.

In addition, the Ministry considers that rather than providing a bespoke list, it may be more useful for you to receive a slightly redacted version of the list provided to appointing Ministers at the end of each year. This provides a more complete overview of appointments across different bodies, including upcoming expiry dates and appointment periods for people in each role.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [Official Information Act responses | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28 of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by phone on: 0800 802 602, by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or via the webform: [Make a complaint \(for members of the public\) | Ombudsman New Zealand](#).

Nāku noa, nā



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