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Dear Mr Luke

Official Information Request

I refer to your email of 8 February 2019 requesting information on nominations for appointment to statutory bodies administered by the Ministry of Justice.

As terms of appointment near their expiry dates the Minister will be briefed by the Ministry and provided with options regarding reappointment or appointment. Advice will also be provided on how to advertise to target the most appropriate audience who may be eligible for appointment.

Many of the bodies administered by the Ministry of Justice require appointees to be barristers or solicitors. In that situation advertising is recommended in the New Zealand Law Society publication *LawTalk*.

Some positions such as Community Magistrates and Disputes Tribunal Referees are advertised in accordance with the appropriate governing legislation.

A Minister may wish to seek nominations from other Ministers, caucus colleagues and coalition and supply party leaders.

A Minister may direct that advertising be conducted by publication in a national daily newspaper in the location in which the vacancy will exist.

Other specialist positions, such as members of Land Valuation Tribunals will be sought from nominations by the Valuers Registration Board.

All but specialist vacancies will be published on the Ministry's website www.justice.govt.nz/about/statutory-vacancies

A number of statutory appointments will expire during 2019. Generally, a number of those will result in reappointment and will not be advertised. Any positions that the Minister wishes to seek expressions of interest from the public will be advertised on the above website.

There are no current indications that Ministers will seek expressions of interest for the New Zealand Parole Board or Trans-Tasman Occupations Tribunal this year.

Yours sincerely



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