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Dear John

Thank you for your request of 14 April 2021 for the following information:

- *I would like to request a list of vacancy (ministerial appointment only, e.g. board member, Lay member, Trustee etc) that the nomination period has been closed but still under consideration by the Minister or Department.*
- *In your list, can you please included the date that vacancy been advertised and when the vacancy been closed as well.*
- *Also, I would like to know if you have any future opening in 2021. e.g. the position that will call for nomination in the year of 2021.*
- *Further, can you please let me know the list of all ministerial appointments that Hon Chris manage and appoint?*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

As the Minister of Education, I have the authority to appoint to the three education Crown agents, the two education Crown companies and up to a specified number of members for education sector statutory bodies. I also have the authority to appoint up to a specified number of members to a select number of school boards and tertiary education organisation governing councils in line with legislated constitutions. A full list of these is provided as **Annex 1** to this response.

There are currently two vacancies on the Education Payroll Limited (EPL) board that the nomination period has concluded and the recommendations for appointments are still to be considered by myself and the Minister of Finance, Hon Grant Robertson. The vacancies were advertised on 15 January 2021 and closed on 1 February 2021. The call for nominations was made on our behalf by the Treasury. There are no further vacancies to be advertised for the EPL board in 2021.

On my behalf, the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) will gazette a call for nominations for a vacancy on the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand and also shortly seek applicants for a vacancy on the Tertiary Education Commission's Board.

The Crown appointments are made in accordance with the guiding legislation and the constitutions of the companies, which stipulate that the shareholders may, at any time, appoint or reappoint directors to the board. Directors are also appointed in accordance with the Cabinet-approved appointment process.

The process for appointing members to the Boards of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) and Education New Zealand (ENZ) is under way and the Ministry has consulted the sector on my behalf for NZQA and will consult the sector for ENZ appointments shortly. I am not required to advertise for these positions.

I am due to consider appointments for the school boards listed in Annex 1 during 2021. As these boards remain constitutional without the members appointed by me, there may be circumstances where I exercise my discretion not to appoint members and I am not required to advertise for these appointments. The capabilities I seek for school board appointments will vary depending on the characteristics and needs of the school community. I am particularly interested in candidates from those that reflect the diversity within their school community. The Ministry is also managing this process on my behalf.

For tertiary education institutions, I am due to consider appointments at six of the eight universities during 2021. The two universities with no appointments expiring this year are the University of Auckland and Auckland University of Technology. The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) manages the process of these appointments on my behalf. I am not required to advertise for these appointments, but I have a statutory obligation to consult the relevant council. The capabilities I am seeking are former governance experience, financial and/ or business acumen, effective links to the stakeholders of the university and to the community it serves. I am particularly interested in nominations from those traditionally unrepresented on university governing councils including Māori and Pasifika.

For the sake of completeness, I am including the Workforce Development Councils (WDCs), which I expect to be established in June this year. The WDCs have a key role in the reform of vocational education, and the first governing councils of three WDCs will require Ministerial appointments. The TEC called for expressions of interest in all appointments to the WDCs in a process that launched on 30 March 2021 and closed on 16 April 2021. The applications will be considered by nominations committees and, closer to the date of establishment, those committees will make their recommendations to me about the Ministerial appointments.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

Annex 1 – List of Ministerial appointments under the responsibility of the Minister of Education

As the Minister of Education, I appoint members for the following education Crown agents and statutory bodies:

- New Zealand Qualifications Authority (8-10 members)
- Education New Zealand (5-7 members)
- Tertiary Education Commission (6-9 members)
- Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand (6 of 13 members)
- Pacific Education Foundation (5 members jointly appointed with the Minister for Pacific Peoples)
- Music Teacher’s Registration Board (1 of 6 members)

Jointly with the Minister of Finance I am also responsible for appointments for:

- Education Payroll Ltd (appointed under the Public Finance Act Schedule 4A)
- The Network for Learning Ltd (appointed under the Public Finance Act Schedule 4A)

I appoint four members to the 12-member governing councils of:

- The University of Auckland
- Auckland University of Technology
- Lincoln University
- Massey University
- University of Canterbury
- University of Otago
- University of Waikato
- Victoria University of Wellington
- Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiāraangi

I also appoint three members to the 9-member councils of:

- Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
- Te Wānanga o Raukawa

I also appoint nine members to the 12-member council of:

- Te Pūkenga/ New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology

Most appointments are made for the maximum of four years but may be made for shorter terms, general of two or three years.

I also have the authority to appoint up to a specified number of members to the below School Boards in line with their approved constitutions:

<i>School</i>	<i>Number of members that can be appointed by the Minister of Education</i>
Barrytown School	<i>up to two</i>
Central Regional Health School	<i>up to 5</i>
Combined board for Halswell Residential College and Westbridge Residential School	<i>up to 5 for combined board</i>
Kaikoura High School	<i>up to 2</i>
Kaitaia Abundant Life School	<i>up to 3</i>
Kakatahi School	<i>up to three</i>
Kingslea School	<i>up to 2</i>
Makoura College	<i>up to 3</i>

School	Number of members that can be appointed by the Minister of Education
Moerewa School	<i>up to four</i>
Ngamatapouri School	<i>up to two</i>
Northern Health School	<i>up to 5</i>
Northland College	<i>up to three</i>
Opononi Area School	<i>up to four</i>
Southern Health School	<i>up to 5</i>
Tai Wānanga	<i>up to 3</i>
Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu	<i>Chair and up to 6</i>
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Wairarapa	<i>up to one</i>
Te Wainui a Rua School	<i>up to 2</i>