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Dear John Luke,

I refer to your email of 31 January 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

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 NZDF or relevant Minister.

In your list, can you please included the date that vacancy been advertised, what method you have used to publicly advertise the position, how many application you have received and when the vacancy been closed as well.

Also, I would like to know if you have any future opening in 2023. e.g. the position that will call for nomination in the year of 2023.

The Defence Employer Support Council currently has one vacancy, which was advertised in mid 2022 on the websites www.appointbetterboards.co.nz, www.jobs.govt.nz, and with the Institute of Directors (NZ). Twenty-six applications were received for this vacancy, but no appointment was made and the position remains unfilled. The Council is considering its strategy to fill the vacancy this year. Two further boards, the Defence Industry Advisory Council and the Ministerial Advisory Group have no vacancies, and do not expect any vacancies to arise in 2023.

With respect to the three boards established under the Veterans' Support Act 2014, there are no appointments currently being considered. Two of the boards will have vacancies during the year: the Veterans' Health Advisory Panel will have a vacancy in April; and the Viet Nam Veterans and Their Families Trust will have one vacancy in June. The boards advertise their vacancies using a variety of methods including advertising in national newspapers, using the Ministry for Women nomination service, and approaching candidates who are known to be suitable from within the veteran, health or legal sectors.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AJ Woods', with a horizontal line underneath.

AJ WOODS
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Chief of Staff HQNZDF