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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 17 May 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

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 Ministry 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 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.

Generally speaking, how you publicly call for nomination and what platform you are using to ensure the public awareness of your state sector board vacancy.

In response to your request, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has collated the relevant information into the table attached to this letter.

Generally speaking, the Ministry follows the Public Service Commission guidelines for board appointments and inductions when calling for nominations. These can be found at www.publicservice.govt.nz/resources/board-appointment-guidelines/.

Some positions have requirements that are covered by specific legislation; for example, section 5G of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 sets out the requirements for the Nominating Committee to meet when making nominations (see the table below for details).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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Agency	Nominations currently with the Minister	Upcoming nominations in 2021
Environmental Protection Agency	<p>Minister Parker has called for nominations for positions on the board of the Environmental Protection Authority. The call for nominations has been advertised on the Ministry website and the government jobs website and a link to the Ministry advertisement has been shared on LinkedIn. The advertisement has also been shared with the nominating agencies (Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Women, Ministry for Pacific Peoples and Office of Ethnic Communities) and Treasury.</p> <p>The closing date was 20 June.</p>	
Waste Advisory Board	<p>For the 2020 appointments round, the call for nominations opened on 3 June 2020 and closed on 3 July 2020. It was gazetted as per the Waste Minimisation Act. Further advertisements were placed into the New Zealand Herald, Christchurch Press, Otago Daily Times, and Dominion Post. WasteMINZ was also informed to seek nominations through their channels. However, due to the proximity to the election period, the Environment Minister at the time, Eugenie Sage, delayed the process. Since coming into office, Minister Parker has not made any appointments or closed the round.</p>	<p>Usually, the Ministry would start calling for nominations shortly. However, because the previous round was never closed or finalised, this year's process still has to be approved by the Minister.</p>

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Climate Change Commission	None	<p>The Nominating Committee for the Climate Change Commission will be calling for nominations to address the terms of two board members which are expiring in December 2021.</p> <p>The requirements for the Committee in making nominations are set out in section 5G of the Climate Change Response Act 2002. Before nominating a person for appointment, the Nominating Committee must—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) publicly call for expressions of interest in being appointed; and (b) consult any person or group who may have an interest in being a member of the Commission, including— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) iwi and Māori representative organisations; and (ii) any person or group that the Minister has identified as having an interest. <p>The Ministry does not hold any information regarding how the Committee intends to publicly call for nominations and what platform it will use to ensure public awareness of board roles.</p>
Fiordland Marine Guardians	<p>Four Guardians roles were advertised from 26 May - 28 June 2020 in the Southland Times, Otago Daily Times and Advocate South publications as well as on the Fiordland Marine Guardians website. The Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005 (MMA) which established the Guardians requires that a minimum of five Guardians reside in the Otago/Southland region, hence the advertising in these areas.</p> <p>The Ministry sought a nomination from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu for the fifth role as the MMA also requires one Guardian to be nominated by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.</p>	None