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Dear [REDACTED]

**Response to your official information request**

Thank you for your official information request received on 28 January 2023.

You requested information on vacancies that are still under consideration by the Minister for Land Information where the nomination period has closed, what stage they are currently at and when final decisions are expected.

For those appointments, you requested:

- The advertisement date for nominations.
- The method of advertisement.
- The volume of applications received.
- When the nominations period closed.

You also requested information about appointments where nominations will be called for in 2023.

**Vacancies under consideration**

We have interpreted your request to mean vacancies both where:

- The nomination period has closed but are still under consideration by the Minister for Land Information and the terms of previous Board members have expired.
- Vacancies are upcoming, the nomination period has closed and are still under consideration by the Minister for Land Information, but the terms of previous Board members have not yet expired.

Vacancies for appointments to the Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board (CSLB) and the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (NZGB) fall within the scope of your request.

- The CSLB currently has five vacant positions, and two vacancies for substitute members which may be optionally filled by the Minister for Land Information.
- Terms for four of the eight members of the NZGB expire in April 2023.

Details on the vacancies to the CSLB and NZGB are as follows:

	<b>CSLB</b>	<b>NZGB</b>
Advertisement date and nomination period	11 July to 12 August 2022	28 October to 16 December 2022
Method for seeking nominations	<p>Nominations were sought from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bodies representing Licenced Cadastral Surveyors: Survey and Spatial New Zealand (SSNZ), and the Institute of Cadastral Surveying Incorporated (ICS)</li> <li>• The Ministry for Women, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Te Puni Kōkiri, and the Office for Disability Issues</li> </ul>	<p>Nominations were sought from those whose current appointees terms are due to expire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government New Zealand (one member)</li> <li>• New Zealand Geographical Society Inc. (one member)</li> <li>• Minister for Māori Development (two members)</li> </ul> <p>Consultation is also required with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Nehenehenui (formally Maniopoto Māori Trust Board)</li> <li>• Raukawa Settlement Trust</li> <li>• Te Arawa River Iwi Trust; and</li> <li>• Waikato-Tainui Te Kauhanganui Inc.</li> </ul>
Method of advertisement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICS and SSNZ newsletters</li> <li>• Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) website</li> </ul>	LINZ website
Number of applications received	Eight	Six
Current status and expected completion	Nominations are being assessed by LINZ ahead of Ministerial consideration. Expected to be completed by April 2023.	Nominations are being assessed by LINZ ahead of Ministerial consideration. Expected to be completed by April 2023.

## Upcoming vacancies

There are two upcoming vacancies on the Valuers Registration Board when the terms of two members expire in August 2023. It is expected that those vacancies will be advertised in March 2023.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me on [HODonnell@linz.govt.nz](mailto:HODonnell@linz.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this information release by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the LINZ website. This is likely to be published by 31 March 2023.

Yours sincerely



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