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## RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 2 February 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to the Ministry's board appointment process and vacancy. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

1. *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.*

The Ministry does not publicly advertise for board appointment vacancies that it monitors. When there is a vacancy, the Ministry has discussions with the relevant Board's Chair, undertakes consultation with its regional networks and the Ministry's senior leadership staff. The Ministry also maintains a nominations database of skilled Pacific peoples who may be considered for appointments.

2. *Information on any future opening in 2023 (e.g; the position will call for nomination in the year of 2023)*

In 2023, the following Boards will have openings:

- Centre for Pacific Languages Board – Chair and one member role
- Pacific Business Trust Board – four member roles
- National Pacific Radio Trust (jointly appointed by the Minister of Pacific Peoples and the Minister for Broadcasting and Media) – two member roles

In line with standard OIA practice, the Ministry proactively publishes some of its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter may be published on the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you or your organisation.

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Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at:  
[oi\\_requests@mpp.govt.nz](mailto:oi_requests@mpp.govt.nz).

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review 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.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PP So'otaga', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mauailegalu Mathew So'otaga  
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