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Tēnā koe 

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your request, received Wednesday, 18 July 2018, made under the Official Information Act 1982, as follows (verbatim from your email):

Please confirm since 2000 how many women are on the Ministry's database for board appointments per year

& of those how many have been put forward by the Ministry for paid roles per year

& of those appointments how many women have had more than 1 paid placement

& of those how many have annually received more appointments

Since 2000.

In response to your request:

The Ministry for Women's Nominations Service (the Service) is the only entity within the state sector that maintains a large pool of more than 1,000 women candidates who are ready for, or already in, governance positions.

Currently there are 430+ state sector boards and committees across 25 government agencies that make over 2,500 appointments most years. On request, the Service provides the names of suitable women candidates from our database to agencies that administer these state sector appointments. We also let women know about board roles through social media so they can apply for themselves.

The Service does not maintain information on the number of women on its database at specific points in time. Instead, it records a running total of women candidate registrations that are available for nomination to state sector boards and committees. We do not record information by paid/unpaid board roles, including women with more than one paid board role.

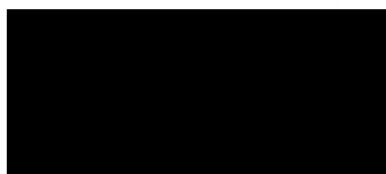
The Service however does collect information on the referral rates to state sector boards and committees. Over the last year we provided the names of 201 women candidates to government agencies that manage board appointments. We have also recorded information on the number of women holding board chair roles: in 2015 women held 31.7 percent of board chair roles, in 2016, 35.0 percent and in 2017, 34.5 percent of chair roles. We did not analyse this data in 2018.

Since 2004, the Ministry has monitored the progress of women's participation on state sector boards and committees through the gender stocktake of state sector boards and committees undertaken annually as at 31 December. Results are listed by the ministerial portfolio and by the agencies that administer the state sector board appointments. The results of the stocktake are publicly available on the Ministry's website (<http://women.govt.nz/documents/women-governance-2017>).

The Service is currently undergoing improvements to increase the numbers of women nominated for state sector boards and committees and to let women on our data base access and input their own information via a portal link on the Ministry's website. We are also considering how to improve our data reporting.

You have the right to seek a review of these decisions by way of complaint to the Ombudsman, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Nāku noa, nā



Renee Graham
Chief Executive