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Dear Alex Harris

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act seeking:

*\* any documentation on the process for appointing NZ ambassadors (e.g. an equivalent of the SSC "Board Appointment and Induction Guidelines" for government boards).*

Under the provisions of *The Foreign Affairs Act 1988*, New Zealand Heads of Mission are appointed by the Governor-General, on the advice of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. There is no equivalent to the State Services Commission document to which you refer.

Yours sincerely

Nick Markwell  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade