



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Dear LB

Official Information Request

Our Ref: 2021-0129

I refer to your official information request received on 21 September 2021 for:

“provide a month by month breakdown of activities undertaken so far this year in seeking a new Chief Executive for Oranga Tamariki”

This request followed an earlier request from you where you asked us to outline the activities that had been undertaken so far this year in seeking a new Chief Executive for Oranga Tamariki.

In response to your first request, we advised that in January 2021 the Public Service Commissioner appointed Sir Wira Gardiner as Acting Chief Executive for Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children and that the vacancy for the substantive position of Secretary for Children and Chief Executive Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children has recently been advertised with applications closing on the 19 September 2021.

Following our response, you have further asked us to provide a monthly breakdown of the activities undertaken so far this year in seeking a new Chief Executive for Oranga Tamariki.

Our response

The Chief Executive Development, Appointments and Remuneration (CEDAR) team within the Commission supports the appointment - including reappointments and acting appointments - of Public Service Chief Executives (CEs). The requirements for appointing and reappointing Public Service Chief Executives are outlined in schedule 7 of the Public Service Act 2020.

Please find a table below outlining the activities undertaken this year in respect of the position of Secretary for Children and Chief Executive Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children.

Month	Action
July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary planning for the appointment was undertaken. (For instance drafting tentative timelines and process documents) • As per schedule 7 of the Public Service Act 2020 (the Act), the Public Service Commissioner informed the Minister for the Public Service and the Minister for Children that the process was commencing for recruiting and appointing a Secretary for Children and Chief Executive (Secretary for Children), Oranga Tamariki as the substantive role was vacant. • Those ministers were invited to identify matters that the Commissioner should take into account when deciding upon the person to recommend for appointment, as required by the Act. • The position description for the role of Secretary for Children, Oranga Tamariki was updated and then approved by the Public Service Commissioner.
August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impending vacancy in the position of Secretary for Children, Oranga Tamariki was noted, and the position description was confirmed, by the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee. • The impending vacancy in the position of Secretary for Children, Oranga Tamariki was noted, and the position description was confirmed, by the Cabinet as a basis for selecting a suitable candidate for appointment • Advertisement and supporting materials for the vacancy were prepared • The Public Service Commission engaged a recruitment service provider and an assessment service provider for the vacancy • Applications for the vacancy opened
September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel members were identified and contacted for scheduling purposes • Planning for the selection process was undertaken • Applications closed • Consideration of applications commenced

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicky Dirks

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