



## Internal Affairs aide Memoire

Hon Jan Tinetti  
Minister of Internal Affairs

**Title:** Talking points for Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee 27 October 2021: Appointment of the Chair of the Library and Information Advisory Commission Ngā Kaiwhakakamārama i ngā Kohikohinga Kōrero

**Date:** 21 October 2021

### Key issues

On 27 October 2021, the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee will consider your proposed appointment of Allison Dobbie MNZM as the Chair of the Library and Information Advisory Commission Ngā Kaiwhakakamārama i ngā Kohikohinga Kōrero. Talking points to support your attendance are attached as **Appendix A**.

### Action sought

The Department of Internal Affairs recommends that you: **read** the attached talking points prior to your attendance at the meeting of the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee on 27 October 2021.

### Timeframe

By 27 October 2021

Contact for telephone discussions (if required)

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Purpose

1. You are taking the paper *The Library and Information Advisory Commission Ngā Kaiwhakakamārama i ngā Kohikohinga Kōrero Appointment of Chair* to the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee on 27 October 2021. This aide memoire provides talking points (**Appendix A**) to support your attendance.

**Background**

2. The Library and Information Advisory Commission (LIAC) is established under section 22 of the National Library of New Zealand (Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa) Act 2003. Its role is to advise you, as the responsible Minister for the National Library of New Zealand, on:
  - 2.1 library and information issues, including mātauranga Māori, and access to library and information services;
  - 2.2 the role of library and information services, including mātauranga Māori, in the cultural and economic life of New Zealand; and
  - 2.3 any other matters requested by the Minister.
3. LIAC's Chair is appointed from amongst its seven members, one of whom is the National Librarian who is an ex officio member. Members can be appointed for terms of three years.
4. Your intention is to appoint Allison Dobbie MNZM as the Chair of LIAC [IA202101442 refers]. This is to replace David Rennie, whose term came to an end in September 2021.
5. If accepted, Ms Dobbie's term will commence on 15 November 2021, and end on 12 September 2024.



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## **Appendix A: Talking points**

### ***The Library and Information Advisory Commission Ngā Kaiwhakakamārama i ngā Kohikohinga Kōrero***

- I propose that Cabinet's Appointments and Honours Committee notes my intention to appoint Allison Dobbie MNZM as chair to replace the previous chair whose term ended in September 2021.
- If accepted, Ms Dobbie's term will commence on 15 November 2021 until 12 September 2024, which is for the remainder of her term on LIAC.

### ***The role and composition of the Library and Information Advisory Commission***

- Library and Information Advisory Committee (LIAC) is established under section 22 of the National Library of New Zealand (Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa) Act 2003.
- The chair is appointed from amongst its seven members.
- LIAC's role is to advise me, as the responsible Minister for the National Library of New Zealand, on:
  - library and information issues, including mātauranga Māori, and access to library and information services;
  - the role of library and information services, including mātauranga Māori, in the cultural and economic life of New Zealand; and
  - any other matters on request.

### ***Fees***

- LIAC is classified as a Group 4 Level 3 Body under the Cabinet Fees Framework. The chair's daily fee is \$440.

### ***The appointments process***

- I can confirm that an appropriate process has been followed for selecting the proposed chair. Her appointment is supported by the previous chair, David Rennie.
- Members were assessed against the following selection criteria:
  - experience navigating public policy environments and machinery of government knowledge;
  - a strong understanding of the public good ethos of libraries and the information economy;
  - political savvy and confidence in communicating with political stakeholders;
  - confidence in presenting considered, independent views on key library sector issues;
  - a track record which inspires confidence from the Minister responsible for LIAC and the wider library sector;
  - comfort and competence with tikanga Māori;
  - an ability to deliver on commitments and agile,

- timely communication;
  - experience in leading effective meetings; and
  - ability to facilitate disparate views and perspectives.
- Ministerial colleagues have been consulted.

***Proposed appointment will bring a solid mix of skills and experience***

- Allison Dobbie MNZM, from Auckland, was recently appointed as a member for a three-year term on 13 September 2021. She has had a long and distinguished career in the public library sector in New Zealand and the Pacific.
- As chair, Ms Dobbie will bring strategic leadership, library and information experience, and governance experience. In 2019, Ms Dobbie was awarded an MNZM, in recognition of services to library and information management.
- Ms Dobbie was inaugural Chair of the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa Professional Registration Board and a member of the National Library's Strategic Plan Advisory Group.
- Ms Dobbie was co-founder of the first regional iteration of the International Network of Emerging Library Innovators (INELI) Oceania for emerging leaders from Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands (funded by the Gates Foundation Global Libraries). She was also Chair of the INELI Oceania Board.

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