

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The Minister of Internal Affairs is seeking nominations of suitably qualified individuals for one position on the Gambling Commission.

## The Gambling Commission

The Gambling Commission (the Commission) was established under section 220 of the Gambling Act 2003 (the Act). The Commission is an independent decision-making body with the powers of a Commission of Inquiry.

The Commission is a quasi-judicial body that hears and makes determinations about casino licensing applications and appeals on licensing and enforcement decisions in relation to gaming machines.

## Membership

Five Commissioners, including the Chief Gambling Commissioner, are appointed by the Governor-General on the advice of the Minister of Internal Affairs. Terms are up to three years and Commissioners may be reappointed.

## Key functions of the Gambling Commission

The key functions of the Commission, under section 224 of the Act are:

- specifying, varying and revoking casino licence conditions;
- determining appeals against regulatory and licensing decisions made by the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) in relation to gaming machine operations and other gambling involving prizes of more than \$5000;
- advising Ministers on the setting of the problem gambling levy;
- deciding on applications by the Secretary of Internal Affairs to suspend or cancel casino licences;
- determining applications for casino operators' licences and the renewal of casino venue licences;
- approving agreements and changes to agreements between casino operators and casino venue licence holders;
- hearing complaints about the way the Department has handled complaints in relation to gambling activities; and
- advising the Minister of Internal Affairs on matters relating to the performance of the Commission's functions and the administration of the Act.

## Required skills and experience

- previous knowledge and experience in the gambling sector;
- knowledge and experience in business management;
- legal background;
- understanding of regulatory systems; and
- financial knowledge and experience.

### **Commitment and remuneration**

The workload for Commissioners is generally around 25 days per annum. The Commission is classified as a Group 2 Level 2 body (Statutory Tribunal) under the Cabinet Fees Framework. The daily rates are \$475 per day for the Commissioners. Commissioners are also reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses.

### **Nomination deadline**

Please email nominations to the Department of Internal Affairs at [appointments@dia.govt.nz](mailto:appointments@dia.govt.nz) by **13 February 2026**. Each nomination must be accompanied by a cover letter, current curriculum vitae, photo ID (NZ Driver's Licence or Passport) and a completed nomination form.

Please note a nomination may not necessarily result in the appointment of a particular person.

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