



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

23 February 2024

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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0473

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request: [REDACTED] Warrants and advice on appointments

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 29 January 2024. You requested:

*“Could I be provided with:
The Governor-General's warrant appointing Christopher Luxon as an Executive Council Member,
the warrant appointing Christopher Luxon as Prime Minister,
the warrant appointing Melissa Lee as Minister of Broadcasting and Media
the Prime Minister's advice on whom to appoint as an Executive Council Member,
the Prime Minister's advice on whom to appoint as a Minister of the Crown and Parliamentary Under Secretary.”*

Please find attached:

- the Rt Hon Christopher Luxon's warrants appointing him as Prime Minister and as a member of the Executive Council;
- Hon Melissa Lee's warrant appointing her as Minister for Media and Communications;
- an advice sheet from the Prime Minister to the Governor-General appointing members to the Executive Council;
- a letter from the Prime Minister to the Governor-General advising of appointments to the Executive Council and portfolio allocations; and
- an advice sheet from the Prime Minister to the Governor-General appointing two Parliamentary Under-Secretaries.

I note that the two advice sheets and the letter from the Prime Minister to the Governor-General are communications with the Sovereign's representative to

which section 9(2)(f)(i) applies. However, I have decided to release them to you in the public interest.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā



Rachel Hayward
Clerk of the Executive Council

KING CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God King of New Zealand and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved
The Right Honourable Christopher Mark Luxon

GREETING !

We, having taken into Our Royal Consideration your Loyalty, Integrity, and Ability, are pleased to appoint and **DO HEREBY** appoint you, **Christopher Mark Luxon**, to be Our

Prime Minister

of New Zealand: **TO HAVE**, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said Office for and during Our Pleasure and Will; together with all and singular the Rights, Profits, Privileges, and Advantages thereunto belonging or appertaining, in the most full and ample manner: Provided always that you, the said **Christopher Mark Luxon** during such time as you shall hold the said Office, shall reside in New Zealand, and execute the said Office of **Prime Minister** in person, except only in the case of sickness or other incapacity, and leave of absence first duly granted.

GIVEN, in Our name and on Our behalf

BY Our Trusty and Well-beloved The Right Honourable Dame Cindy Kiro, Chancellor and Principal Dame Grand Companion of Our New Zealand Order of Merit, Principal Companion of Our Service Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand.

AND issued under the Seal of New Zealand this twenty-seventh day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-three in the second year of Our Reign.

TIĀRE TE TUATORU, nā te huatau o te Atua, te Kīngi o Aotearoa me ērā atu o ōna whaitua, rohe hoki, te Upoko o te Kāhui Whenua, te Kaiwawao o te Whakapono

Ki tō mātau
The Right Honourable Christopher Mark Luxon
Pono, e Kaha-arohanuitia ana

NGĀ MIHI !

Ko mātau, kua whaiwhakaaro ā-Ariki nei ki tō āhua Piripono, Ngākaupono, Kaha hoki, e harikoa ana ki te tohu, ā, **HEI KONEI** tohu i a koe, **Christopher Mark Luxon**, hei

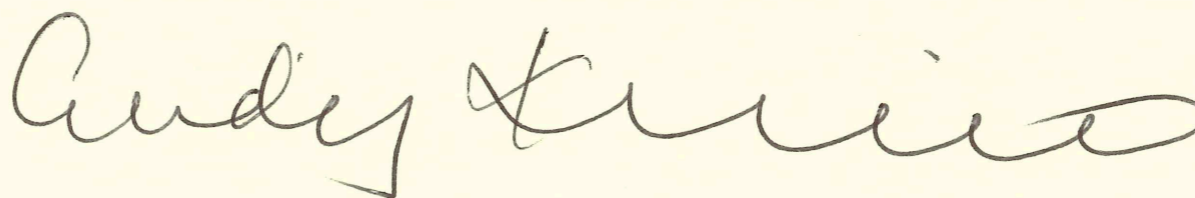
Pirimia mō mātau

O Aotearoa: **KI TE MAU**, ki te pupuri, ki te whakamahi i te Tari e kīia nei, kia eke ki tō mātau Pārekareka, Kaha hoki; tuia ki Ngā Tika, Ngā Hua, Ngā Painga me Ngā Patanga e puritia ana, e hāngaitia ana, i runga i te āhua whānui, whai hua hoki: i ngā wā katoa kia tutuki i a koe, te **Christopher Mark Luxon** i te wā ka noho koe ki te Tari, ka noho ki Aotearoa, ā, ka ea ā-tinana nei i Te Tari o **Te Pirimia**, hāunga ngā wā e māuiui ana, i ngā wā ka whakaaetia kia ngaro atu.

E WHAKAMANAHIA ANA i runga i tō Mātau ingoa, me tō Mātau mana

E te Hōnore Kahurangi Pono, e Kaha-Arohanuitia ana, arā a Kahurangi Cindy Kiro, te Tumuaki o Te Tohu Kairangi Matua o Aotearoa, o Te Tohu Hapori, te Kāwana-Tianara, me te Toihau-Matua ki roto, ki runga hoki i tēnei whenua o tātau, o Aotearoa.

Ā, e whakapuakina ana i raro i te Hīri o Aotearoa, i te rā rua tekau mā whitu o Nōema i te tau rua mano, rua tekau mā toru, arā te tau tuarua o tō Mātau Kīngitanga.



Governor-General | Kāwana-Tianara

**KING CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God King of
New Zealand and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith**

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved **Christopher Mark Luxon**

GREETING !

We, having taken into Our Royal Consideration your Loyalty, Integrity, and Ability, are pleased to appoint and DO HEREBY appoint you, to be a Member of the Executive Council of New Zealand: TO HAVE, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said Office for and during Our Pleasure and Will; together with all and singular the Rights, Profits, Privileges, and Advantages thereunto belonging or appertaining, in the most full and ample manner: Provided always that you, the said


Christopher Mark Luxon

during such time as you shall hold the said Office, shall reside in New Zealand, and execute the said Office of Member of the Executive Council in person, except only in the case of sickness or other incapacity, and leave of absence first duly granted.

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Aotearoa me ērā atu o ōna whaitua, rohe hoki, te Upoko o te
Kāhui Whenua, te Kaiwawao o te Whakapono**

Ki tō mātau **Christopher Mark Luxon** Pono, e Kaha-arohanuitia ana

NGĀ MIHI !

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i te wā ka noho koe ki te Tari, ka noho ki Aotearoa, ā, ka ea ā-tinana nei i te Rūnanga Kāwanatanga, hāunga ngā wā e māuiui ana, i ngā wā rānei e kore e taea, ā, i ngā wā ka whakaaetia kia ngaro atu.

**E WHAKAMANAHIA ANA i runga i tō Mātau
ingoa, me tō Mātau mana**

E te Hōnore Kahurangi Pono, e Kaha-Arohanuitia ana, arā a Kahurangi Cindy Kiro, te Tumuaki o Te Tohu Kairangi Matua o Aotearoa, o Te Tohu Hapori, te Kāwana-Tianara, me te Toihau-Matua ki roto, ki runga hoki i tēnei whenua o tātau, o Aotearoa.

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KING CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God King of New Zealand and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved
The Honourable Melissa Ji-Yun Lee

GREETING !

We, having taken into Our Royal Consideration your Loyalty, Integrity, and Ability, are pleased to appoint and **DO HEREBY** appoint you, **Melissa Ji-Yun Lee**, to be Our

Minister for Media and Communications

of New Zealand: **TO HAVE**, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said Office for and during Our Pleasure and Will; together with all and singular the Rights, Profits, Privileges, and Advantages thereunto belonging or appertaining, in the most full and ample manner: Provided always that you, the said **Melissa Ji-Yun Lee** during such time as you shall hold the said Office, shall reside in New Zealand, and execute the said Office of **Minister for Media and Communications** in person, except only in the case of sickness or other incapacity, and leave of absence first duly granted.

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Ki tō mātau
The Honourable Melissa Ji-Yun Lee
Pono, e Kaha-arohanuitia ana

NGĀ MIHI !

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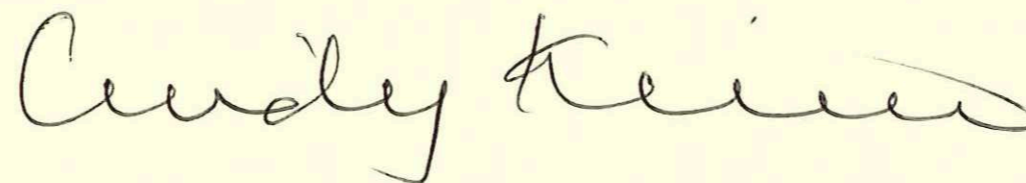
Minister for Media and Communications mō mātau

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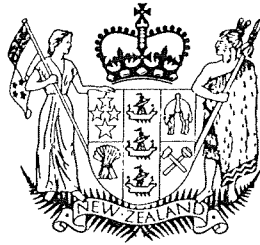
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Governor-General | Kāwana-Tianara



Wellington, 27 November 2023

**Her Excellency the Governor-General is respectfully advised to appoint,
in the name and on behalf of His Majesty King Charles the Third:**

The Right Honourable Winston Raymond Peters
David Breen Seymour
Nicola Valentine Willis
Christopher John Stuart Bishop
Dr Shane Raymond Reti, QSM
Brooke Olivia van Velden
The Honourable Shane Geoffrey Jones
Simeon Peter Brown
Erica Louise Stanford
The Honourable Paul Jonathan Goldsmith
The Honourable Louise Claire Upston
The Honourable Judith Anne Collins
The Honourable Mark Patrick Mitchell
The Honourable Todd Michael McClay
Tama William Potaka
Matthew Maurice Doocey
Melissa Ji-Yun Lee
Nicole Raima McKee
Cassandra Jane Costello
Simon Glen Watts

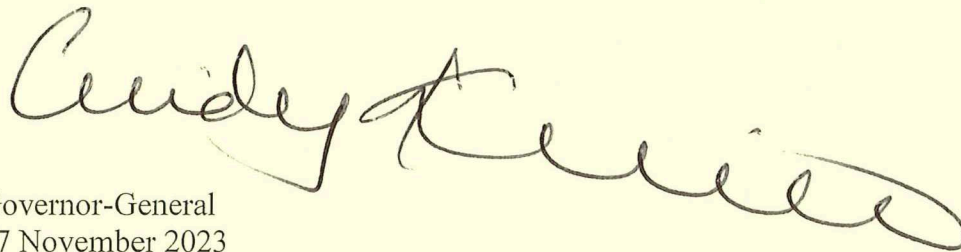
Penelope Elsie Simmonds, CNZM
Christopher Aidan Penk
Nicola Anna Grigg
Andrew Henry Bayly
Karen Louise Chhour
Mark William James Patterson
Andrew John Hoggard

to be members of the Executive Council of New Zealand, and to sign the attached warrants of appointment, to take effect on Monday, 27 November 2023.

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Prime Minister

Appointed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cindy Kiro', written in a cursive style.

Governor-General
27 November 2023



**RT HON CHRISTOPHER LUXON
PRIME MINISTER**

27 November 2023

Her Excellency The Right Honourable Dame Cindy Kiro, GNZM, QSO
Governor-General of New Zealand
Government House
WELLINGTON

Your Excellency

With the formation of the new administration today, I wish to advise you that I propose to submit the following appointments for your approval:

To the Executive Council

The Right Honourable Winston Raymond Peters
David Breen Seymour
Nicola Valentine Willis
Christopher John Stuart Bishop
Dr Shane Raymond Reti, QSM
Brooke Olivia van Velden
The Honourable Shane Geoffrey Jones
Simeon Peter Brown
Erica Louise Stanford
The Honourable Paul Jonathan Goldsmith
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To Ministerial Offices

The Right Honourable Christopher Mark Luxon to the Office of Minister for National Security and Intelligence;

The Right Honourable Winston Raymond Peters to the Offices of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister for Racing;

David Breen Seymour to the Office of Minister for Regulation;

Nicola Valentine Willis to the Offices of Minister of Finance, Minister for the Public Service, and Minister for Social Investment;

Christopher John Stuart Bishop to the Offices of Minister of Housing, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform, and Minister for Sport and Recreation;

Dr Shane Raymond Reti, QSM to the Offices of Minister of Health, and Minister for Pacific Peoples;

Brooke Olivia van Velden to the Offices of Minister of Internal Affairs, and Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety;

The Honourable Shane Geoffrey Jones to the Offices of Minister for Oceans and Fisheries, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Resources;

Simeon Peter Brown to the Offices of Minister for Energy, Minister of Local Government, and Minister of Transport;

Erica Louise Stanford to the Offices of Minister of Education, and Minister of Immigration;

The Honourable Paul Jonathan Goldsmith to the Offices of Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, Minister of Justice, Minister for State Owned Enterprises, and Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations;

The Honourable Louise Claire Upston to the Offices of Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, and Minister for Social Development and Employment;

The Honourable Judith Anne Collins to the Offices of Attorney-General, Minister of Defence, Minister for Digitising Government, Minister Responsible for the GCSB, Minister Responsible for the NZSIS, Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology, and Minister for Space;

The Honourable Mark Patrick Mitchell to the Offices of Minister of Corrections, Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery, and Minister of Police;

The Honourable Todd Michael McClay to the Offices of Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Forestry, Minister for Hunting and Fishing, and Minister for Trade;

Tama William Potaka to the Offices of Minister of Conservation, Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, Minister for Māori Development, and Minister for Whānau Ora;

Matthew Maurice Doocey to the Offices of Minister for ACC, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, and Minister for Youth;

Melissa Ji-Yun Lee to the Offices of Minister for Economic Development, Minister for Ethnic Communities, and Minister for Media and Communications;

Nicole Raima McKee to the Office of Minister for Courts;

Cassandra Jane Costello to the Offices of Minister of Customs, and Minister for Seniors;

Simon Glen Watts to the Offices of Minister of Climate Change, and Minister of Revenue;

Penelope Elsie Simmonds, CNZM to the Offices of Minister for Disability Issues, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills;

Christopher Aidan Penk to the Offices of Minister for Building and Construction, Minister for Land Information, and Minister for Veterans;

Nicola Anna Grigg to the Offices of Minister of State for Trade, and Minister for Women;

Andrew Henry Bayly to the Offices of Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Minister for Small Business and Manufacturing, and Minister of Statistics;

Karen Louise Chhour to the Offices of Minister for Children, and Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence;

Mark William James Patterson to the Office of Minister for Rural Communities;

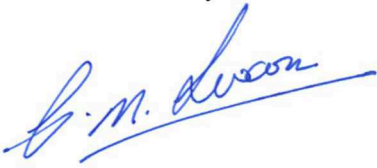
Andrew John Hoggard to the Offices of Minister for Biosecurity, and Minister for Food Safety.

I also submit the following Parliamentary Under-Secretary appointments for your approval:

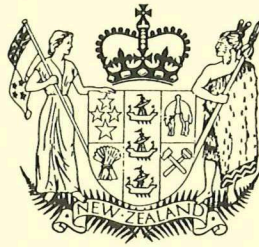
Jennifer Lyn Marcroft as Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Media and Communications;

Simon Thomas Court as Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Infrastructure, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Luxon", written over a horizontal line.

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon



Wellington, 27 November 2023

**Her Excellency the Governor-General is respectfully advised to appoint,
pursuant to section 8 of the Constitution Act 1986:**

Jennifer Lyn Marcroft as Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Media and Communications;

Simon Thomas Court as Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Infrastructure, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform.

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Prime Minister

Appointed

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Governor-General
27 November 2023