



SSC Report: Appointment of the Chief Executive and Secretary for
Education, Ministry of Education

Date:	2 November 2016	Report No: SSC2016/213
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	Action Sought	Deadline
Hon Paula Bennett Minister of State Services	sign and lodge the attached Cabinet paper	2 November 2016

Enclosure: Yes (attached)

Executive Summary

- The position of Chief Executive, Ministry for Education (MoE) became vacant on 4 July 2016 when Mr Peter Hughes resigned as Secretary for Education. Ms Katrina Casey was appointed as the Acting Chief Executive until 23 December 2016 or until a substantive appointment was made.
- It is the State Services Commissioner's intention to appoint Iona May Holsted as the Chief Executive and Secretary for Education, MoE.
- Ms Holsted is currently Chief Executive of the Education Review Office.
- Ms Holsted is a highly experienced public servant with a deep understanding of the issues in the education system and considerable experience in leading change across organisational boundaries.
- The Minister of Education, Hon Hekia Parata and the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment, Hon Steven Joyce, have been briefed and are supportive of the proposal to appoint Ms Holsted to the role.
- The Commissioner will consult with you and the Prime Minister on the terms and conditions of employment before finalising them with Ms Holsted.
- The Commissioner has proposed a term of five years, commencing 5 December 2016.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that you:

- sign and lodge** the attached Cabinet paper regarding the appointment of Iona Holsted as Chief Executive and Secretary for Education, Ministry of Education, for consideration at the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee on 8 November 2016.

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Hon Paula Bennett
Minister of State Services



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