

10 June 2011

Rt Hon John Key
Prime Minister
Minister Responsible for the Government Communications Security Bureau
Executive Wing, Floor 9
Parliament Buildings

**Chief Executive and Director, Government Communications Security Bureau:
and Suggested Panellists**

Background

- 1 In response to my briefing note dated 8 April 2011, you indicated that you would like me to suggest an Acting Chief Executive and Director, Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB). The Acting appointment will commence on 1 July 2011.
- 2 I also advised you in the same note that when I manage appointment processes I ask Responsible Ministers to suggest interview panel members. Typically, the panellists are in governance positions and are knowledgeable about the sector. The interviews for the Chief Executive and Director, GCSB are scheduled to be held on Thursday, 14 July 2011.

*Redacted information: not related to the
2011 appointment process for the Director, GCSB*

Suggested Panellists

- 6 I would like to suggest the panellists outlined below for the Chief Executive and Director, GCSB interviews on 14 July 2011:
 - Maarten Wevers, Chief Executive, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
 - John McKinnon, Chief Executive and Secretary of Defence, Ministry of Defence
 - Helene Quilter, Deputy Commissioner, State Services Commission.

- 7 Please advise me if you agree with my suggestions for panellists and if you would like me to approach other panellists.
- 8 A meeting is being arranged for me to brief you on the short listed candidates before the interviews and for me to telephone you after the interviews in the July recess. Please note that I intend to submit the recommendation for appointment documents to you to submit to Cabinet on 1 August 2011.

Recommendations

- 9 I recommend that you:

Redacted information that does not relate to the process for the 2011 appointment of the Director, GCSB

- 4 **agree** that I should approach the following people to be on the interview panel:
- Maarten Wevers, Chief Executive, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet **Yes / No**
 - John McKinnon, Chief Executive and Secretary of Defence, Ministry of Defence **Yes / No**
 - Helene Quilter, Deputy Commissioner, State Services Commission **Yes / No**
- 5 **advise** me if you would like me to approach other panellists **Yes / No**
- 6 **note** that the interviews are scheduled to be held on 14 July 2011 and that I intend to submit the recommendation for appointment documents to you to submit to Cabinet on 1 August 2011.

Iain Rennie
State Services Commissioner

cc Hon Tony Ryall
Minister of State Services

Prime Minister's Comments:

Prime Minister's Signature:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____