1. Section 147 of the Right to Information Act 2009 (RTI Act) establishes the role of Right to Information (RTI) Commissioner and provides that the RTI Commissioner is a member of the staff of the Office of the Information Commissioner.
2. The RTI Commissioner is a deputy to the Information Commissioner, particularly as it relates to the Information Commissioner’s functions under the RTI Act, as delegated by the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner’s functions are outlined in Chapter 4 of the RTI Act and include:
   * + giving guidance to agencies, Ministers, and members of the public on the interpretation and administration of the RTI Act;
     + promoting greater awareness of the operation of the RTI Act in the community and within government, including by providing training and educative programs;
     + monitoring the way the public interest test is applied by, and investigating and reviewing decisions of, agencies and Ministers;
     + commissioning external research and consulting experts on the design of surveys to monitor whether the RTI Act and its administration are achieving their objectives;
     + deciding applications from non-profit organisations for financial hardship status;
     + monitoring, auditing and reporting on agencies’ compliance with the RTI Act; and
     + issuing guidelines about the operation of the RTI Act and on best practice for agencies to improve service to those seeking access to information, publication schemes, and administrative access schemes.
3. The terms of appointment of the current RTI Commissioners, Ms Jennifer Mead and Ms Clare Smith, end on 3 October 2013.
4. Cabinet approved that Jennifer Mead and Clare Smith be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as Right to Information Commissioners for a term commencing from 4 October 2013 up to and including 30 June 2014.
5. *Attachments*

* Nil