1. Section 147(1) of the *Right to Information Act 2009* (the Act) establishes the role of the Right to Information Commissioner (RTI) and provides that the RTI Commissioner is a member of the staff of the Office of the Information Commissioner.
2. Section 148(1) of the Act provides that the RTI Commissioner’s role is that of a Deputy to the Information Commissioner, such functions include, but are not limited to:
   * responsibility for giving guidance on the interpretation and administration of the Act;
   * investigating and reviewing decisions of agencies and Ministers; and
   * reviewing and reporting on agencies in relation to the operation of the Act and Chapter 3 of the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (IP Act), including by:
   * monitoring, auditing and reporting on agencies’ compliance with the Act and the IP Act, Chapter 3;
   * advising the parliamentary committee of the statistical information (including statistical information about giving access to information other than on an access application) agencies are to give the commissioner for reports; and
   * publishing performance standards and measures for use in reports under the IP Act. The RTI Commissioner is a deputy to the Information Commissioner, particularly as it relates to the Information Commissioner’s functions under the Act, as delegated by the Information Commissioner.
3. The former part-time RTI Commissioners, Ms Jenny Mead and Ms Clare Smith, advised of their resignations as RTI Commissioners effective from 4 February 2018 and 31 March 2018 respectively.
4. On 15 June 2017, the Governor in Council approved Ms Louisa Lynch to act as the RTI Commissioner during a vacancy in the office of RTI Commissioner; or during any periods when the RTI Commissioner was absent from duty, on and from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.
5. Cabinet approved that Ms Louisa Lynch be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as a full-time Right to Information Commissioner for a term of five years commencing from the day following Governor in Council approval.
6. Cabinet noted consultation would occur with the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee prior to seeking Governor in Council approval as required by section 151 of the *Right to Information Act 2009*.
7. *Attachments*

* Nil.