1. Section 11 of the *Ombudsman Act 2001* (the Act) provides that there is to be an Ombudsman and that the Ombudsman is to be an officer of the Parliament. The functions of the Ombudsman, set out in section 12 of the Act, are:
2. to investigate administrative actions of agencies:
3. on reference from the Assembly or a statutory committee of the Assembly;
4. on complaint; or
5. on the ombudsman’s own initiative;
6. to consider the administrative practices and procedures of an agency whose actions are being investigated and to make recommendations to the agency:
7. about appropriate ways of addressing the effects of inappropriate administrative actions; or
8. for the improvement of the practices and procedures;
9. to consider the administrative practices and procedures of agencies generally, and to make recommendations or provide advice, training, information or other help to the agencies about ways of improving the quality of administrative practices and procedures;
10. to provide advice, training, information or other help to agencies, in particular cases, about ways of improving the quality of administrative practices and procedures; and
11. the other functions conferred on the Ombudsman under the Act or any other Act.
12. Section 58 of the Act provides that the Ombudsman is appointed by the Governor in Council.
13. Cabinet endorsed that Mr Anthony Reilly be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as the Ombudsman for a term of three years commencing on and from 10 July 2020 to and including 9 July 2023.
14. Cabinet noted that consultation with the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee will be undertaken prior to seeking the Governor in Council approval.
15. *Attachments*
* Nil.