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From: S22(1)
Sent: Thursday, 23 January 2014 8:19 AM
To: 'Exco'
Cc: Bouwhuis, Stephen; S22(1)
Subject: RE: Draft documents for checking - appointment to the Australian Human Rights Commission [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive:Cabinet]
Attachments: 131212 - Human Rights Discrimination Commissioner.pdf; HRPB - Human Rights Commissioner - Appointment - ExCo documents.tr5; HRPB - Human Rights Commissioner - Appointment - ExCo documents.DOCX

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Hello Kim,

I refer to your email below regarding the appointment process for the Human Rights Commissioner position. A start date of 18 February 2014 has now been settled and we are looking to finalise the appointment documents. We have also sought to respond to your comments on the earlier version (attached for your reference). The intention is that this be considered at the 17 February Executive Council meeting.

Happy to discuss further.

Many thanks

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Hi Tracey,

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May I please see the revised documents before I provide final clearance.

Regards,

Kim.

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From: S22(1)
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Thanks Emma

We'll prepare paperwork on this end

Happy to discuss 6141 S22(1)

Very best regards

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Is now a good time ?

Or just give me a call during the day (02) 6141 S22(1)

Thanks for this, stephen

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Sent from my iPhone ...

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Cc: S22(1)
Subject: FW: Attorney-General: Appointment of Mr Timothy Wilson as Human Rights Commissioner [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: 131217 - Media Release - Appointment Tim Wilson HRC.pdf

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Dear Exco

This was the press release issued by the Attorney-General this morning noting that the Attorney-General is recommending the appointment of Tim Wilson as Australia's new Human Rights Commissioner.

Please do let me know if you would like further information

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Regards
Scott Bolitho

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To: Bouwhuis, Stephen
Subject: AHRC - Human Rights Commissioner [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: ScanDoc_2013_11_29_13_17_15_254.pdf

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Here you go.

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Subject: RE: 21 - Freedom Commissioner Reforms to the Australian Human Rights Commission - AGO amended (2) (3) (3) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks Daniel and Stephen.

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Hi Scott,

As discussed with Stephen Bouwhuis, attached is an updated QTB on reform of the Australian Human Rights Commission, incorporating points on the appointment of Tim Wilson as Human Rights Commissioner.

Please let me know if you have further questions or need any amendments.

Stephen has cleared.

Many thanks

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AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: as at 04/12/13

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>FT/PT</u>	<u>STATE OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>
<i>1. Current members:</i>						
Prof Gillian TRIGGS	F	President <i>Acting Race Discrimination Commissioner (RDC)</i>	FT FT	NSW	30.07.12 <i>18.07.13</i>	29.07.17 <i>19.08.13</i>
		" "			<i>19.04.13</i> <i>19.01.13</i>	<i>17.07.13</i> <i>18.04.13</i>
Ms Elizabeth BRODERICK	F	Sex Discrimination Commissioner	FT	NSW	10.09.12 <i>10.09.07</i>	09.09.14 <i>09.09.12</i>
Mr Michael GOODA	M	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner	FT	ACT	01.02.10	31.01.15
Mr Graeme INNES AM	M	Disability Discrimination Commissioner (DDC) <i>DDC</i> <i>Acting DDC</i> " " " " <i>Race Discrimination Commissioner</i>	FT	NSW	12.07.12 <i>12.07.09</i> <i>27.06.08</i> <i>27.12.07</i> <i>21.12.06</i> <i>15.12.05</i> <i>12.07.09</i>	11.07.14 <i>11.07.12</i> <i>11.07.09</i> <i>26.06.08</i> <i>20.12.07</i> <i>14.12.06</i> <i>04.09.11</i>
Ms Megan MITCHELL	F	National Children's Commissioner	FT	NSW	25.03.13	24.03.18
The Hon Susan RYAN AO	F	Age Discrimination Commissioner	FT	NSW	29.07.11	28.07.16
Dr Thinethavone (Tim) SOUTHOMMASANE	M	Race Discrimination Commissioner	FT	NSW	20.08.13	19.08.18
<i>2. Proposed Appointment:</i>						
Mr Timothy WILSON	M	Human Rights Commissioner	FT	VIC	TBA	TBA

Gender balance – future composition. Males: 4 (50%) Females: 4 (50%)	Geographic balance – future composition. NSW 6 VIC 1 SA 0 NT 0 WA 0 QLD 0 TAS 0 ACT 1
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Cc: S22(1)
Subject: FW: Attorney-General: Appointment of Mr Timothy Wilson as Human Rights Commissioner [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: 131217 - Media Release - Appointment Tim Wilson HRC.pdf

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Dear Exco

This was the press release issued by the Attorney-General this morning noting that the Attorney-General is recommending the appointment of Tim Wilson as Australia's new Human Rights Commissioner.

Please do let me know if you would like further information

Very best regards

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Cc: S22(1) [redacted]; Bouwhuis, Stephen
Subject: RE: Draft documents for checking - appointment to the Australian Human Rights Commission [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive:Cabinet]
Attachments: 131212 - Human Rights Discrimination Commissioner.pdf
Categories: Info

S22(1) [redacted],

S47C(1), S47E(d) [redacted]

May I please see the revised documents before I provide final clearance.

Regards,

Kim.

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From: S22(1) [redacted]
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Kind regards
Tracey

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Subject: FW: contact details [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: Appointments - Example of CV.DOCX; Appointments - Private Interests Declaration (2013).pdf

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Hi Josh

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Happy to discuss (w) (02) 6141 3322 and S22(1)

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Many thanks for discussing

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I also undertake to advise the responsible minister should a situation arise in the future which might cause a conflict of interest with my responsibilities under this appointment.

Name	Signature	Date
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Attachments: 131217 - Media Release - Appointment Tim Wilson HRC.pdf

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Please see below the Attorney-General's announcement of Mr Timothy Wilson as the proposed new Human Rights Commissioner.

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Cc: Bouwhuis, Stephen; S22(1); S22(1); Fredericks, David; Reid, John
Subject: 21 - Freedom Commissioner Reforms to the Australian Human Rights Commission - AGO amended (2) (3) (3) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: 21 - Freedom Commissioner Reforms to the Australian Human Rights Commission - AGO amended (2) (3) (3).docx

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Hi Scott,

As discussed with Stephen Bouwhuis, attached is an updated QTB on reform of the Australian Human Rights Commission, incorporating points on the appointment of Tim Wilson as Human Rights Commissioner.

Please let me know if you have further questions or need any amendments.

Stephen has cleared.

Many thanks

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Principal Legal Officer – Age, Civil Rights & Education

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REFORMS TO THE AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE FREEDOM COMMISSIONER, & BILL OF RIGHTS

Issue: The Attorney-General has publicly indicated his intention to widen the focus of the Australian Human Rights Commission including by introducing at least one new Freedom Commissioner.

On 17 December 2013, the Attorney-General announced that Cabinet had decided to recommend to her Excellency the Governor-General the appointment of Mr Timothy Wilson as Australia's new Human Rights Commissioner.

Key points

- One of my key priorities as Attorney-General is to rebalance the human rights debate in Australia.
- The Government is concerned that the Australian Human Rights Commission has not always balanced the promotion of traditional common law rights and civil and political rights with its anti-discrimination and other advocacy work.
- The appointment of Mr Wilson will help to restore balance to the Australian Human Rights Commission which had become increasingly narrow and selective in its view of human rights.
- I welcome the President of the Commission's continued support for the introduction of a Freedom Commissioner and expanding the public discussion about rights and freedoms.

Appointment of Human Rights Commissioner

- Cabinet yesterday decided to recommend to her Excellency the Governor-General the appointment of Mr Timothy Wilson as Australia's new Human Rights Commissioner.

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Stephen Bouwhuis

Phone:

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Date Updated:

29/11/2013

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If asked: What are the functions of the Human Rights Commissioner.

- The Commission has a range of functions pertaining to human rights, including those rights recognised by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- I expect Mr Wilson to focus on the protection of freedoms in Australia.

If asked: Can the Attorney-General direct Mr Wilson in the performance of his functions?

- No. The Human Rights Commissioner is an independent statutory officer holder.

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- The Commissioner cannot be directed by the Attorney-General in the performance of his functions.

If asked: Does this mean that the Government won't be creating a specific Freedom Commissioner?

- Next year, I intend to bring forward reforms to the Commission.
- I am considering whether to create a formal statutory role of 'Freedom Commissioner' as part of that work.

If asked: How much does Mr Wilson get paid?

- Commissioner salaries are set by the Remuneration Tribunal.
- Mr Wilson's total annual remuneration is \$332,800.

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Background

During the election campaign, you indicated your intention to balance the focus of the Australian Human Rights Commission on traditional common law rights, including by considering introducing a new Freedom Commissioner. S47C(1), S47E(d)

On 8 November, the Australian reported you as saying that 'at least one "freedom commissioner" will be appointed next year'. Any statutory appointments would require legislation to create the roles. On 15 November the Australian quoted Commissioner President, Professor Gillian Triggs, giving 'wholehearted' support for the appointment of a Freedom Commissioner. Professor Triggs observed that rights contained within the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* are applied in a 'lop-sided' fashion because not all the rights have been adopted in domestic legislation. You are quoted as saying, 'we are not going to be bringing in a bill of rights or anything like that'.

On 28 November Professor Triggs spoke at length on Lateline about these issues. She supported a Freedom Commissioner, but agreed that complaints about freedoms may be not brought forward to the Commission because there is no legislative basis for these complaints. She suggested one answer would be legislation to protect core freedoms but noted there is no political likelihood of such legislation at present.

On 17 December 2013, you announced that Cabinet had decided to recommend to her Excellency the Governor-General the appointment of Mr Timothy Wilson as Australia's new Human Rights Commissioner. S47C(1), S47E(d)

The position of Human Rights Commissioner has not been separately funded or filled since 2000. During that period the work of the Commissioner has been undertaken by other Commissioners in addition to their own role. The role was most recently undertaken by former President the Hon Catherine Branson QC and is currently vacant. S47C(1), S47E(d)

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