

## Proactive Release

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Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade: Appointments	APH-23-MIN-0252
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APH Organisation Form	
Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade: Reappointments	APH-23-MIN-0139
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# Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade: Appointments

**Portfolio**                      **Trade and Export Growth**

On 30 August 2023, the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Minister for Trade and Export Growth intends to appoint the following members to the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade, with appointments commencing from the date of appointment and finishing on 31 December 2023:

- 1.1        Mohammed HIKMET;

- 1.2        Julia JONES;

- 1.3        Stephen KNIGHTLY.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

**Present:**

Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Jan Tinetti  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Priyanka Radhakrishnan  
Hon Rino Tirikatene  
Hon Dr Deborah Russell

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### **Report of the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee: Period Ended 1 September 2023**

On 4 September 2023, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee for the period ended 1 September 2023:

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APH-23-MIN-0252

**Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade:** CONFIRMED  
**Appointments**  
Portfolio: Trade and Export Growth

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Rachel Hayward  
Secretary of the Cabinet



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Office of the Minister for Trade and Export Growth

Chair, Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee

## **MINISTERIAL STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP ON TRADE: ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

### **Proposal**

- 1 This paper outlines my intention to appoint three new members to the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade, which will expand the total size of the Group to fourteen. The term of new members will commence on the day of appointment. The term of all members will expire on 31 December 2023.
- 2 This paper has one attachment, which lists the proposed new members of the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade.

### **Background**

- 3 I established the Ministerial Advisory Group on Trade (hereafter 'the Group') following consultation with Ministerial colleagues and consideration by Cabinet (APH-22-MIN-0246) in June 2023.
- 4 The Group provides a targeted mechanism through which I can engage with representatives from business, Māori, and civil society on New Zealand trade policy. This complements MFAT's intensification and expansion of its engagement with Treaty partners and stakeholders on trade policy issues, under the Trade for All agenda.
- 5 The Group considers relevant strategic trade policy issues, including delivering research and analysis in the context of our Trade Recovery Strategy. In June 2023, it led work on the risks and resilience of New Zealand exporters to sudden and significant loss of market access. Future themes for analysis may include trade and climate change; leveraging our current suite of FTAs and market diversification; and making better use of trade missions.
- 6 Since the establishment of the Trade for All Agenda in 2019, the Minister of Trade and Export Growth has had access to a Trade Advisory Board that represents a cross-sector of stakeholders. The purpose of the Group has evolved over time to reflect the needs and interests of the Minister. Recognising the value of the Group and to ensure it continues to represent a diverse range of interests and experience, I intend to appoint three additional members to join the eleven current members for the period up until 31 December 2023 leaving options open for the incoming minister.



## Comment

- 7 Central to the success of the Group is a membership that reflects a broad range of industries and views on trade policy. I am confident that Mohammed Hikmet, Julia Jones and Stephen Knightly possess relevant qualifications, experience and personal attributes and will broaden the breadth of expertise available within the Group:

### *Proposed new members*

- 7.1 Mohammed Hikmet is a migrant entrepreneur. He has established two technology businesses: HMI Technologies and Ohmio Autonomous Vehicles. Mohammed was President of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) NZ from 2015-2017 and chaired the ITS Asia Pacific Board of Directors, from 2013-2015. He is Head of the New Zealand Delegation to the ISO TC204 international standards committee. Mohammed was 2019 New Zealand's EY Entrepreneur of the Year.
- 7.2 Julia Jones has over 20 years working in the agriculture and finance sector. She is currently a business consultant and key note speaker with expertise in supply chain analysis, banking, financial and capital markets in the agriculture sector; formerly Head of Insight at NZX Ltd and consultant with KGMG, Julia is chair of charity Meat the Need.
- 7.3 Stephen Knightly is Chief Operating Officer of RocketWerkz. He was the former chairperson of the New Zealand Game Developers Association, where he led the Interactive Aotearoa report for government about growing New Zealand's interactive industry, founded the Kiwi Game Starter competition and worked with the NZ Film Commission to create the Interactive Development Fund. He is also on the Steering Group of WeCreate, the coalition of creative industries. He has also worked in the export education sector for Waikato, Auckland and Otago Universities.

## Representativeness of reappointment

- 8 The MSAGOT currently enjoys good representation from membership groups including unions and business groups, Fonterra, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare and the primary sector. It includes business people from Asian, Māori and Pacific backgrounds.
- 9 I am satisfied that the three additional members will complement the skills, backgrounds and experiences of existing members, with backgrounds including computer gaming, entrepreneurship, high tech manufacturing, future foods and agribusiness. They also provide for a well-balanced Group in terms of gender, age, ethnicity and geographic representation.

## Remuneration

- 10 The Group is classified as a Group 4 Level 2 Body under the Cabinet Fees Framework. Daily fees have been set in accordance with the Framework.



Members will also be reimbursed expenses incurred in relation to attending Group meetings.

### **Appointment process and consultation**

- 11 I can confirm that an appropriate process has been followed in selecting the proposed appointees, in terms of the Public Service Commission appointment guidelines. The nature of the Group requires a diverse membership with backgrounds and experience that ranges across export sectors and backgrounds; this was a key determinate in identifying new members. In summary, that process comprised consultation with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Trade and Economic Group and reviewing candidates' CVs.
- 12 I consider that appointing new members is appropriate due to the time limited nature of the appointments (until December 2023, in line with the rest of the group) which allows for continuity while allowing options for an incoming Trade Minister following the election.

### **Conflicts of interest**

- 13 The nature of the Group is a purely advisory body, with membership intentionally selected to be representative of a range of views. As such, I do not consider that the usual conflicts of interest inquiries are relevant prior to appointment. While the Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during our meetings, I would not expect many such conflicts to arise due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.

### **Timing and Publicity**

- 14 I do not intend to issue a press statement in relation to these reappointments. If approved, this APH Cabinet paper will be proactively uploaded to the MFAT website.

### **Recommendation**

- 15 It is recommended that the Committee note my intention to appoint three additional members of the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade from the date of appointment. The tenure of all MSAGOT members will expire on 31 December 2023.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Damien O'Connor

Minister for Trade and Export Growth

## APH Organisation Form

Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group for Trade (MSAGOT),  
Trade and Export Growth

### Organisation and Responsible Portfolio

#### Brief Outline of the Functions and Responsibilities of the Organisation

The Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade (the Group) is a Group 4, Level 2 Body under the Cabinet Fees Framework (Cabinet Office Circular CO(19)(1) refers).

The Group will provide a targeted mechanism for focused, high-level engagement between the Minister for Trade and Export Growth and representatives from business, Māori and civil society.

#### Current Membership

Name	Gender Identity*	Region	Ethnicities (and Iwi if applicable)	Date of original appointment	Expiry date of present term
Catherine Beard	Female	Wellington	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	December 2023
Marcus Driller	Male	Auckland	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	December 2023
Mat Hocken	Male	Manawatu	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	December 2023
Samuel Huggard	Male	Wellington	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	December 2023
Suzannah Jessup	Female	Wellington	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	December 2023
Kenneth Leong	Male	Auckland	Asian	12 July 2021	December 2023
Hone McGregor	Male	Wellington	Te Whānau-a-Apanui, Te Atiawa, Rangitāne, Ngāti Kere, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne	12 July 2021	December 2023
Tupe Solomon-Tanoa'i	Female	Auckland	Samoan-Fijian	12 July 2021	December 2023



Carrie Stoddart-Smith	Female	Auckland	Ngapuhi, Ngati Whatua, Te Roroa, European NZer	12 July 2021	December 2023
Simon Tucker	Male	Auckland	New Zealander	12 July 2021	December 2023
Leeann Watson	Female	Canterbury	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	December 2023

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### Candidate CV Form

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Mohammed HIKMET  Full Name: Mohammed Yousif Mahmoud HIKMET
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### The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Advisory Group on Trade (MSAGOT)
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	30 Dec 2023
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400/day

### How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective - as relevant to the needs of the position)	<p>In the capacity of this role, I would bring a wealth of industry-specific knowledge, technical skills, and an extensive global network developed over 35 years of experience in the technology and innovation sector.</p> <p>Specifically, my experience in establishing Ohmio, a pioneer in the autonomous electric shuttle industry in New Zealand, has provided me with a unique understanding of international trade in the technology sector. I also offer a deep understanding of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), having served as President for ITS NZ for a decade and having chaired the ITS Asia Pacific for two years.</p> <p>As a member of the ITS Leadership Group established by the Ministry of Transport, I gained insights into policy-making processes and the potential challenges and opportunities associated with the implementation of trade policies. In my role as Executive Chairman for HMI Technologies, I developed an understanding of trade from a manufacturing and innovation perspective, providing me with an understanding of the barriers and opportunities businesses encounter in international trade.</p> <p>In addition, my frequent participation in international events has helped me develop a broad perspective of global trade trends, opportunities, and challenges. This experience allows me to provide valuable insights and perspectives to the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade.</p>
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	<p>Overall, I believe my extensive experience in industry, policy, and international relations positions me to provide the MSAGOT with comprehensive and in-depth analyses on trade policy matters.</p>
<p><b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b></p>	<p>In regard to possible conflicts of interest, I am the sole owner of HMI Technologies Group and Ohmio Automotion Limited, and also hold the position of Executive Chairman for the group. I understand the importance of transparency in this matter and acknowledge the potential of perceived conflict due to my vested interest in these companies.</p> <p>However, it is crucial to note that my advice and perspectives are largely shaped by my experience spanning three decades in the industry. This long-standing experience in the technology and trade sector in New Zealand, I believe, is indeed an advantage. I bring hands-on experience and a wealth of ideas to the table, gathered from navigating the complexities of the industry and trade sector.</p> <p>In no way would I allow my business interests to unduly influence the advisory role I may hold in the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade. I am committed to contributing to the betterment of New Zealand's trade policies with an objective and balanced viewpoint, always keeping the broader interests of New Zealand at the forefront.</p> <p>I would, of course, be open to any processes or protocols you recommend to manage potential conflicts of interest, to ensure full transparency and integrity in this role.</p>
<p><b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)</p>	<p>The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.</p> <p>To ensure transparency and to effectively manage any potential conflicts of interest, I propose the following measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Disclosure:</b> I will disclose in full my business interests and affiliations at the beginning of each meeting and whenever relevant issues are discussed.</li> <li>2. <b>Recusal:</b> If any specific topic or decision where my personal or business interests could unduly influence my advice, I will recuse myself from the discussion and decision-making process.</li> <li>3. <b>Transparency:</b> I will maintain open lines of communication with the Minister and the Cabinet Appointment and Honours Committee to address any concerns about potential conflicts of interest.</li> <li>4. <b>Regular Reviews:</b> I propose that my potential conflicts of</li> </ol>

	<p>interest be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that they are being appropriately managed.</p> <p>5. <b>Guidance:</b> I am open to seeking guidance from independent parties or ethicists, if necessary, on managing potential conflicts of interest.</p> <p>These measures, I believe, will allow me to fulfil my duties in the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade while maintaining the highest level of integrity and impartiality.</p>
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### The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Mohammed HIKMET  Full Name: Mohammed Yousif Mahmoud HIKMET
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	Middle Eastern
<b>Age range*</b>	51-60
<b>Gender*</b>	Male
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Executive Chairman HMI Technologies Group - 22 Years Executive Chairman Ohmio Group - 8 Years
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ITS Leadership Group – Ministry of Transport 2014-2016</li> <li>- Participated in many of the industry discussions with the Ministry during COVID Lockdowns</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	President ITS New Zealand – Previous – 2009-2019 BOD ITS Asia Pacific – Previous – 2009-2019 Chair- ITS Asia Pacific – Previous - 2013-2015 BOD ITS World Congress – Previous – 2009 – 2019 ISO TC 204 New Zealand Head of Delegation – Current - since 2013
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	<p>With over three decades of experience in the technology sector spanning several countries, I have developed a diverse skill set and a unique perspective on global trade dynamics. My qualifications and professional trajectory are as follows:</p> <p>Most recently, I have been acknowledged for my entrepreneurial prowess and named the EY New Zealand Entrepreneur of the Year in 2019, even nominated for the World Entrepreneur of the Year in Monaco 2020.</p> <p>Since 2015, I have been instrumental in the establishment of Ohmio Automotion, a pioneering company in the field of Electric</p>

	<p>Driverless Autonomous Shuttles. This venture has achieved global recognition and has a presence in many countries around the world, including New Zealand, Australia, South Korea, China, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Finland, UK, and the United States.</p> <p>In 2013, I extended my entrepreneurial journey to Australia by establishing HMI Technologies Pty, a leading firm specializing in Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). Today, HMI Technologies has grown significantly, with offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Perth, and production facilities in China.</p> <p>In 2002, I co-founded HMI Technologies Ltd in New Zealand, a company that has been successful in manufacturing ITS equipment across the country.</p> <p>Prior to these ventures, from 1999 to 2002, I co-founded and managed a computer company in New Zealand. This experience followed an earlier stint, from 1996 to 1999, when I established a computer services firm in the country.</p> <p>Between 1997 and 1998, I pursued further academic qualifications at Auckland University of Technology (then known as AIT), studying towards NZCE in Electronic and Computer Systems.</p> <p>Before moving to New Zealand, I had co-established a manufacturing facility in Jordan for Satellite Receivers, after having worked and co-owned a computer technical company in Amman, Jordan for five years.</p> <p>My professional journey began in Iraq, where, from the late 80s until 1991, I co-owned and operated a computer business. This followed my graduation in 1987 from the University of Mosul, College of Agriculture and Forestry, Plant Protection, Iraq.</p> <p>This extensive experience across multiple sectors and regions positions me uniquely to contribute valuable insights to the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade.</p>
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Date: 31 / 7 / 2023

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### Candidate CV Form

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Julia JONES
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### The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Advisory Group on Trade (MSAGOT)
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	30 Dec 2023
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400/day

### How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective - as relevant to the needs of the position)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural analyst across the supply chain</li> <li>• Consumer markets insight and foresight</li> <li>• ESG and sustainable finance insight and foresight</li> <li>• Banking/ capital/financial markets and investment background</li> <li>• Business consulting - Ag and food export business</li> <li>• Chair of meat the need (Domestic Food security organisation)</li> <li>• Research and translate Global macro themes and impact on NZ business.</li> <li>• Communicator</li> </ul>
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function

### The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Julia JONES
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	New Zealander/British/Greek
<b>Age range*</b>	41-50
<b>Gender*</b>	Female
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NZX Limited (NZ's stock exchange)</li> <li>• Head of Insight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4.3 years</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	Primary Sector Council 2years
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of Meat the need <a href="https://meattheneed.org/">https://meattheneed.org/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 years</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currency trading and dealing</li> <li>• Regional Manager Rural banking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Banking during the GFC</li> <li>○ Large lending portfolio (FUM 1billion)</li> <li>○ Managed risk and capital allocation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Business consulting KPMG 6 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consumer markets/export</li> <li>○ Strategy design</li> <li>○ Insight and foresight development</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESG/Sustainable finance global insight development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Researching offshore investment criteria trends</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 20 Years supporting the Ag sector to understand the impact of global markets on NZ Ag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Local Public speaking</li> <li>○ Author of articles</li> <li>○ Mentoring emerging leaders</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Childrens book author</li> <li>• International keynote speaker, Singapore, China, Russia, Australia (Topic NZ Agriculture exports)</li> <li>• Harvard business school 2010</li> <li>• Stanford Boot camp (Te Hono) 2017</li> </ul>
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Date: 31 / 8 / 2023

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### Candidate CV Form

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Stephen George KNIGHTLY
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### The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Advisory Group on Trade (MSAGOT)
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	30 Dec 2023
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400/day

### How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective - as relevant to the needs of the position)	<p>Digital Trade. I am a former chair of the NZ Game Developers Association, a sector that earns \$400m annually, of which 96% is digital trade via digital platforms. At RocketWerkz we have produced digital games that reached number one on worldwide digital sales charts. I have submitted to MFAT on various digital trade issues (eg, DEPA) and MBIE on ITPs.</p> <p>Foreign Direct Investment. I have experience attracting FDI to NZ at RocketWerkz and other tech startups.</p> <p>Export Education. I am a former Director of Marketing for University of Waikato and have provided marketing consulting to University of Auckland and Otago University.</p> <p>Cultural Awareness. While my Whakapapa is Pakeha, I have worked in bi-cultural organisations such as the University of Waikato and developed two educational software projects in partnership with Māori and Pasifika.</p>
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	Directorships of three digital content / software companies: RocketWerkz Limited, InGame Limited, Wordsmart Limited. China-based Tencent is a 46% shareholder in RocketWerkz Limited.
<b>Proposals for conflict</b>	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during



management (if applicable)	the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.
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### The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Stephen George KNIGHTLY
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	NZ European / Pakeha
<b>Age range*</b>	41-50
<b>Gender*</b>	Male
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Chief Operating Officer, RocketWerkz Studios Limited, 2019-present
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	Member, Digital Technologies Industry Transformation Plan (ITP) Reference Group, 2020-2022
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	Auckland Chamber of Commerce, Tech Working Group, 2023-present Board member, NZ Game Developers Association, 2018-2023 Chairperson, NZ Game Developers Association, 2011-2016 Steering Group member, WeCreate, 2018-2021 Mentor, Lightning Lab business accelerator, 2013-2016
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	Member, Institute of Directors, 2023- present Director, Pursuit PR (Tech marketing agency), 2007-2019 Director of Marketing, University of Waikato, 2003-2006 Master of Management Studies, University of Waikato, 1998-1999

Date: 2 / 8 / 2023



# Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade: Reappointments

Portfolio                      Trade and Export Growth

On 21 June 2023, the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Minister for Trade and Export Growth intends to **reappoint** the following as members of the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade for terms commencing on the date of reappointment and expiring on 31 January 2024:
  - 1.1      Catherine BEARD;
  - 1.2      Marcus James DRILLER;
  - 1.3      Mathew William HOCKEN;
  - 1.4      Samuel Charles Wyatt HUGGARD;
  - 1.5      Suzannah JESSEP;
  - 1.6      Kenneth LEONG;
  - 1.7      John (Hone) Arona MCGREGOR;
  - 1.8      Tupe SOLOMON-TANOAI;
  - 1.9      Carrie STODDART-SMITH;
  - 1.10     Simon David Lambert TUCKER;
  - 1.11     Leann WATSON.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

**Present:**

Rt Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan  
Hon Ginny Andersen  
Hon Willow-Jean Prime  
Hon Duncan Webb

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister





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### **Report of the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee: Period Ended 23 June 2023**

On 26 June 2023, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee for the period ended 23 June 2023:

APH-23-SUB-0139

**Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade:  
Reappointments**  
Portfolio: Trade and Export Growth

CONFIRMED

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Diana Hawker  
for Secretary of the Cabinet

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Office of the Minister for Trade and Export Growth  
Chair, Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee

## **MINISTERIAL STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP ON TRADE REAPPOINTMENTS**

- 1 This paper outlines my intention to reappoint the current members to the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade for a further term expiring 31 December 2023.
- 2 This paper has one attachment which lists the current Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade membership.

### **Background**

- 3 I established the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade (hereafter 'the Group') following consultation with Ministerial colleagues and consideration by Cabinet (APH-22-MIN-0246). The Group was formed out of the Trade for all Ministerial Advisory Group (CAB-21-MIN-0220.01) which evolved from the original Trade for All Advisory Board (the Trade for all Advisory Board produced the *2019 Report of the Trade for All Advisory Board*). The term of all current members expire on 30 June 2023.
- 4 The Group provides a targeted mechanism through which I can engage with representatives from business, Māori, and civil society on New Zealand trade policy. This complements MFAT's intensification and expansion of its engagement with Treaty partners and stakeholders on trade policy issues, under the Trade for All agenda.
- 5 The group considers relevant strategic trade policy issues, including delivering research and analysis in the context of our Trade Recovery Strategy. In June 2023, it led work on the risks and resilience of New Zealand exporters to sudden and significant loss of market access. Future themes for analysis may include trade and climate change; leveraging our current suite of FTAs and market diversification; and making better use of trade missions.
- 6 Since the establishment of the Trade for All Agenda in 2019, the Minister of Trade and Export Growth has had access to a Trade Advisory Board that represents a cross-sector of stakeholders. The purpose of the Group has evolved over time to reflect the needs and interests of the Minister. Recognising the value of the Group and to provide continuity over the remainder of 2023, while allowing



options for an incoming Trade Minister following the election, I intend to reappoint eleven of the twelve current members for the period up until 31 December 2023<sup>1</sup>. I intend to continually review the group's membership and consider where additional expertise would be beneficial. I would seek approval from the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee for any further appointments.

- 7 A list of the current membership is attached.

## Comment

- 8 Central to the success of the Group is a membership that is reflective of the full range of views on trade policy. I am confident that Group members possess relevant qualifications, experience and personal attributes that make them suitable for reappointment:

- 8.1 Catherine Beard has over 27 years of experience at senior levels across range of industry sectors. She is the Director of Advocacy at BusinessNZ. Her relationship to the BusinessNZ network (EMA, Wellington Chamber of Commerce, Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce, and Business South) is an entry point into its wider business network.
- 8.2 Marcus Driller is an experienced senior leader in the hi-tech medical device manufacturing sector. A member of Fisher & Paykel Healthcare's executive management team, he possesses strong connections to New Zealand's technology exporters through membership of the Technology Investment Network (TIN) and extensive participation in TIN events.
- 8.3 Mathew Hocken is a fourth generation farmer running 1,000 dairy cows in Manawatu. He is chair of the Rural Innovation Lab which supports farmers and growers to experiment, upskill and drive technology and innovation. Previous roles included five years in Brussels working on EU climate change, competition and trade policy and 4 years in Sydney for EFIC, an Australian Federal Government trade finance agency.
- 8.4 Samuel Huggard possesses an extensive background in labour organisation and governance. As a former senior leader in the NZCTU he represented the views of over 320,000 members in 31 trade unions, a significant portion of which are involved in trade and trade-related activities.
- 8.5 Kenneth Leong has over 20 years in corporate finance and international business and is a board member for several companies. Chairman of the ASEAN New Zealand Business

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<sup>1</sup> Chelsea Rapp, chairperson of the New Zealand Game Developer Association has advised that she will step down from the board in June 2023.



Council for 2017-2021, he is enthusiastic about building relationships and trust between cultures, deepening integration and growth the potential of the Asian community in New Zealand.

- 8.6 Suzannah Jessep is Director Engagement and Research for Asia New Zealand. She is a former diplomat and served as Deputy High Commissioner to India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Deputy Ambassador to Nepal and Deputy High Commissioner to Vanuatu. She is passionate about building New Zealand's connections with South Asia.
- 8.7 Hone McGregor brings wide experience at leadership levels, in the public, private and voluntary sectors, including in export services, finance and research. He is a leader in the Māori agribusiness sector and is Deputy Chair of Te Taumata. Directing a regionally based, export oriented business enables him to provide a regional exporter.
- 8.8 Tupe Solomon-Tanoa'I is a former diplomat with technical expertise in trade negotiations, trade promotion and foreign policy. She is the co-founder of Poporazzi Productions – a media company which tells Pacific stories through video content and music.
- 8.9 Carrie Stoddart-Smith is founder and principal trade and economics consultant at OpinioNative, a consultancy founded to celebrate and liberate indigenous voices globally. She is a board member of Te Taumata.
- 8.10 Simon Tucker is a senior leader with New Zealand's largest exporter and provides an exporters perspective on trade matters. He possesses extensive knowledge of the dairy sector through his previous role as the Executive Director of the Dairy Companies Association of NZ. He was a former High Commissioner to Canada.
- 8.11 Leeann Watson leads the largest business support agency in the South Island with 2,700 members. Vastly experienced in business advocacy, she provides a regional and SME perspective and connections into the national chambers of commerce network and the BusinessNZ Network.

### **Representativeness of reappointment**

- 9 I am satisfied that the eleven reappointments to the Group continue to provide for a well-balanced Group in terms of gender, age, ethnicity and geographic representation, and an appropriate mix of skills and experience.



## **Remuneration**

- 10 The Board is classified as a Group 4 Level 2 Body under the Cabinet Fees Framework. Daily fees have been set in accordance with the Framework. Members will also be reimbursed expenses incurred in relation to attending meetings of the Group.

## **Appointment process and consultation**

- 11 The eleven reappointments to the Group are former members of the Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group (TFAMAG). The appointment process for the Group therefore leverages the appointment process for the TFAMAG (APH-21-MIN-0106 refers) and that used on the appointment of Group members (CAB-21-MIN-0220.01 refers).
- 12 I consider that reappointing members without consideration of replacement or additional members is appropriate due to the time limited nature of the extension which allows for continuity while allowing options for an incoming Trade Minister following the election.

## **Conflicts of interest**

The nature of the Group is a purely advisory body, with membership intentionally selected to be representative of a range of views. As such, I do not consider that the usual conflicts of interest inquiries are relevant prior to appointment. While the Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during our meetings, I would not expect many such conflicts to arise due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.

## **Timing and Publicity**

- 13 I do not intend to issue a press statement in relation to these reappointments. If approved, this APH Cabinet paper will be proactively uploaded to the MFAT website.

## **Recommendation**

- 14 It is recommended that the Committee note my intention to reappoint all members of the Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade from the date of appointment for a period expiring on 31 January 2024.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Damien O'Connor

Minister for Trade and Export Growth



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# APH Organisation Form

All sections must be completed.

## Organisation and Responsible Portfolio

### Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade, Trade and Export Growth

#### Brief Outline of the Functions and Responsibilities of the Organisation

The Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade (the Group) is a Group 4, Level 2 Body under the Cabinet Fees Framework (Cabinet Office Circular CO(19)(1) refers).

The Group will provide a targeted mechanism for focused, high-level engagement between the Minister for Trade and Export Growth and representatives from business, Māori and civil society.

Nominees to the Group have been selected to cover many perspectives: urban and regional, labour and business owners, large exporters and small and medium enterprises, environmental groups and groups with other social concerns. While no single person can represent the Treaty of Waitangi dimension, a range of Māori experts have been nominated.

The proposed Group meets the expectations of providing a wide range of expertise and interests based on practical experience and academic knowledge.

#### Current Membership

Name	Gender Identity*	Region	Ethnicities (and Iwi if applicable)	Date of original appointment	Expiry date of present term
Catherine Beard	Female	Wellington	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	June 2023
Marcus Driller	Male	Auckland	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	June 2023
Mathew Hocken	Male	Manawatu	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	June 2023
Samuel Huggard	Male	Wellington	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	June 2023

Suzannah Jessup	Female	Wellington	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	June 2023
Kenneth Leong	Male	Auckland	Asian	12 July 2021	June 2023
Hone McGregor	Male	Wellington	Te Whānau-a-Apanui, Te Atiawa, Rangitāne, Ngāti Kere, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne	12 July 2021	June 2023
Tupe Solomon-Tanoa'i	Female	Auckland	Samoan-Fijian	12 July 2021	June 2023
Carrie Stoddart-Smith	Female	Auckland	Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whatua, Te Roroa, European NZer	12 July 2021	June 2023
Simon Tucker	Male	Auckland	New Zealander	12 July 2021	June 2023
Leeann Watson	Female	Canterbury	European New Zealander	12 July 2021	June 2023



# Candidate CV Form

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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Catherine BEARD
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## The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

## How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	An experienced leader across multiple sectors, including agriculture, climate change and exports. Provides insight on the support and assistance that exporters and businesses need from trade policy. Is also able to provide connections into the broader business sector.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.

## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Catherine BEARD
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	European New Zealander
<b>Age range*</b>	51-60
<b>Gender*</b>	F
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Director, Advocacy, BusinessNZ
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade 2022-23.</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group, 2021-22</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Advisory Board, 2018-2019</li> <li>• Advisory Board Member, Centres for Asia Pacific Excellence (CAPES), 2017 to present</li> <li>• Member of Research, Science and Innovation, Te Ara Paerangi Future Pathways, stakeholder group.</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Member of GS1 NZ (approx. 9 years)</li> <li>• BusinessNZ representative on the International Business Forum (approx. 10 years)</li> <li>• ExportNZ Advisory Board – Executive Director (11 years)</li> <li>• Business Reference Group member on Procurement Policy for the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (approx. 8 years)</li> <li>• Advisory Board member of the NZ US Council (approx. 6 years)</li> <li>• Board Member on the CAPES (Centres for Asia Pacific Excellence) (Since inception, approx. 4 years).</li> <li>• President – Kilbirnie Tennis Club. (Approx. 4 years)</li> </ul>

<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	<p>Catherine has over 30 years of experience at senior levels across range of industry sectors; including agriculture, insurance, energy intensive sector/climate change policy (large and multinational companies), manufacturing and exporting. She is the Director of Advocacy at BusinessNZ. As an advocate for New Zealand business, including the export and manufacturing sectors, she is uniquely placed to provide insights on, and on behalf of, the export sector. Her relationship to the BusinessNZ network (EMA, Wellington Chamber of Commerce, Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce, Business South) is an entry point into its wider business network.</p>
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**Date: 22/5/2023**

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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Marcus James DRILLER
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## The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

## How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	An experienced leader, providing an exporter's perspective of international trade and the role of global value chains.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.

## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Marcus James DRILLER
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	European New Zealander
<b>Age range*</b>	41-50
<b>Gender*</b>	M
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Vice President Corporate, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, 2009-current
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade 2022-23.</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group, 2021-22</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E Tu Tangata Charitable Trust Board (2023-Present)</li> <li>• 24-7 Youthwork Trust Board (2018-Present)</li> <li>• Fisher &amp; Paykel Healthcare Foundation Board (2021 – Present)</li> <li>• Director – Australasian Investor Relations Association (2017-2022)</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	<p>Marcus Driller is an experienced senior leader in the hi-tech medical device manufacturing sector with more than 10 years' experience in international trade, interactions with regulators and the global investment community.</p> <p>A member of Fisher &amp; Paykel Healthcare's executive management team, with global responsibility for legal, investor relations, government relations, corporate communications and community relations.</p> <p>He possesses strong connections to New Zealand's technology exporters through membership of the Technology Investment Network (TIN) and extensive participation in TIN events.</p>

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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Mathew William HOCKEN
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### The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

### How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	Strong background in agriculture, agricultural innovation. Provides connections to the farming sector and a regional perspective.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.



## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Mathew William HOCKEN
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	European New Zealander
<b>Age range*</b>	41-50
<b>Gender*</b>	M
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Grassmere Dairy, Director and Owner 2013-present
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade 2022-23</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group 2021-2022</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of Investment Advisory Panel, for the Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures fund, 2021- present</li> <li>• Rural Innovation Lab, Chair and Founder, 2019-present</li> <li>• Massey University Business School Advisory Board, 2018-present</li> <li>• Rural Leadership Trust, Association Director, 2018-19</li> <li>• MyFarm, Director of General Partner for kiwifruit, apple, vineyard and commercial property syndicates</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	<p>Mathew Hocken farms 1,000 dairy cows in Manawatu and is the fourth generation of his family to manage the land. He won a Nuffield international scholarship in 2017 and focused his studies on innovation in agriculture reflecting his keen interest in the subject.</p> <p>Won the Rabobank Emerging Leader award in 2019. Previous roles included five years in Brussels working on EU climate change, competition and trade policy and 4 years in Sydney for EFIC, an Australian Federal Government trade finance agency.</p>

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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Samuel Charles Wyatt HUGGARD
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## The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

## How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	An experienced trade union leader with deep connections to unions across multiple sectors and locations.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.



## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Samuel Charles Wyatt HUGGARD
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	European/New Zealand
<b>Age range*</b>	41-50
<b>Gender*</b>	M
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Director of Campaigns, NZEI Te Riu Roa, June 2022 to present
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade 2022-23</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group, 2021-22</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Advisory Board, 2018-2019</li> <li>• Council Member, Te Pūkenga New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology, 2020 to present</li> <li>• Board member, WITT Taranaki Ltd, 2020 to present</li> <li>• Board member, Tai Poutini Polytechnic Ltd, 2020 to present</li> <li>• Board member ex officio, Universal College of Learning (UCOL) Ltd, August 2021-present</li> <li>• Member, Trade For All Advisory Board, 2018 to 2019</li> <li>• Member, Lottery National Community and Lottery Outdoor Safety Committees, 2020 to 2022</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer Representative, Utilities Disputes' Energy Complaints Scheme Advisory Committee, 2017 to 2021</li> <li>• Member, Deep South Science Challenge Representative Users Group, 2017 to 2022</li> <li>• Trustee, 350 Aotearoa. December 2019 to present</li> <li>• Trustee, The Unions Aotearoa International Development Trust, 2015 to 2020</li> <li>• Consumer Representative, Insurance and Savings Ombudsman Commission, 2007 to 2011</li> <li>• Member, Volunteering New Zealand Board, 2003 to 2006</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, New Zealand Universities Academic Audit Unit Board, 2000 to 2001</li> </ul> Deputy Chairperson, Student Job Search Aotearoa National Council, 2000
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	Sam possesses an extensive background in labour organisation and governance. As a senior leader in the NZCTU he represented the views of over 320,000 members in 31 trade unions, a significant portion of which are involved in trade and trade-related activities.

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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Suzannah JESSEP
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## The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Chair
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

## How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	Director Engagement and Research for Asia New Zealand Foundation. Suzannah is a former diplomat and served as Deputy High Commissioner to India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh; Deputy Ambassador to Nepal and Deputy High Commissioner to Vanuatu. She is passionate about building New Zealand's connections with South Asia.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.



## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Suzannah JESSEP
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	European New Zealander
<b>Age range*</b>	41-50
<b>Gender*</b>	F
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Asia New Zealand Foundation
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade 2022-23.</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group, 2021-22</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand Institute of International Affairs</li> <li>• The New Zealand Contemporary China research Centre</li> <li>• The New Zealand India Research Institute</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	Director Engagement and Research for Asia New Zealand Foundation. She is a former diplomat and served as Deputy High Commissioner to India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Deputy Ambassador to Nepal and Deputy High Commissioner to Vanuatu. She is passionate about building New Zealand's connections with South Asia.

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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Kenneth LEONG
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## The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

## How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	Over 20 years in corporate finance and international business and is a board member for several companies. Chairman of the ASEAN New Zealand Business Council for 2017-2021 He has a track record of building relationships and trust between cultures, deepening integration, and growing the potential of the Asian community in New Zealand.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.



## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Kenneth LEONG
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	Malaysian, Chinese
<b>Age</b>	40-50
<b>Gender*</b>	M
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Director, Tiaki Capital
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade 2022-23</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board member of Skills Update(2019-present), OmniTech (2019-present), Edenz (2010-2019)</li> <li>Director, Euroasia (since 2003), MEO (since 2017)</li> <li>Chairman ASEAN New Zealand Business Council 2017-2021</li> <li>Trustee Auckland Foundation since 2016</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	<p>Bachelor of Management Studies (First Class Hons) (Accounting and Finance), Master of Management Studies (Finance), Waikato University</p> <p>Originally from Malaysia, Kenneth has worked in corporate finance (Deloitte, Macquarie, Tiaki Capital) and international business for over 20 years. Leadership roles in manufacturing/export, and export education businesses. Track record of building relationships and trust between cultures, deepening integration between Asian and mainstream communities in New Zealand.</p>

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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	John (Hone) Arona McGREGOR
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## The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

## How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	A leader in the Māori agribusiness sector bringing experience of directing a regionally based, export oriented business. Possesses senior leadership experience in the public, private, research and voluntary sectors.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.

## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	John (Hone) Arona McGREGOR
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	Te Whānau-a-Apanui, Te Atiawa, Rangitāne, Ngāti Kere, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne
<b>Age range*</b>	51-60
<b>Gender*</b>	M
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Professional director
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade 2022-23</li> <li>• Strategic Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group, 2021-22</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Advisory Board, 2018-2019</li> <li>• Chairman, Our Land &amp; Water National Science Challenge Board, 2016 to present</li> <li>• Chairman, MPI Te Ao Māori Science Accelerator 2020 to present</li> <li>• Member, MBIE College of Assessors (RS&amp;I) 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member and Deputy Chair, Te Taumata, 2019 to present</li> <li>• Member, India Investment Group, 2021 to present</li> <li>• Member, Federation of Māori Authorities Executive Council, 2017 to present</li> <li>• Chairman, Wakatū Incorporation 2023 to present</li> <li>• Director, AuOra Ltd, 2018 to present</li> <li>• Director, Kono NZ Ltd, 2011 to present</li> <li>• Director, Pure NZ Greenshell Mussels General Partner Limited, 2011 to present</li> <li>• Chairman, Voluntary Service Abroad, 2018 to present</li> <li>• Chairman, Manawātū Kukutauaki Trust, 1998 to present</li> <li>• Member, World Economic Forum Indigenous Advisory Group 2022 to present</li> </ul>

<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	Hone brings wide experience, at leadership levels, in the public, private, Māori and voluntary sectors, including in export services, finance and research. He is a leader in the Māori agribusiness sector and is Deputy Chair of Te Taumata. Directing a regionally based, export oriented business enables him to provide a regional exporter's perspective
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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Tupe SOLOMON-TANOA'I
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## The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

## How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	A former diplomat with experience in trade negotiations and trade promotion. Provides connections into Pacific networks.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.

## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Tupe SOLOMON-TANOA'I
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	Samoan, Fijian
<b>Age range*</b>	41-50
<b>Gender*</b>	F
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Michael and Suzanne Borrin Foundation, Chief Philanthropic Officer, 2020-present
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade 2022-23.</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group, 2021-22</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Philanthropy New Zealand Board, 2020 to present</li> <li>• Board Member, Commonwealth Study Conferences (NZ) 2020 – present</li> <li>• Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) Steering Committee, Representative for the Pacific Region, 2018 to 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	<p>Tupe has 15 years' experience in the public sector with a strong focus on trade negotiations, trade promotion and foreign policy. This includes a decade supporting New Zealand businesses exporting to the Greater China region.</p> <p>A former staff member at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, she has strong relationships with Pasifika communities in New Zealand.</p> <p>A strong advocate of more diverse and inclusive workplaces, she was the Diversity Category winner at the 2020 NZ Women of Influence awards. Tupe is the co-founder of Poporazzi Productions – a media company which tells Pacific stories through video content and music.</p>

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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Carrie Stoddart-Smith
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## The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

## How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	An experienced indigenous trade and economic development policy consultant, brings strong connections across te Ao Māori including with the Māori business sector.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.



## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Carrie Stoddart-Smith
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	Ngāpuh, Ngāti Whātua, Te Roroa
<b>Age range*</b>	41-50
<b>Gender*</b>	F
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Managing Director, Opinio Native Aotearoa Ltd, 2020-current
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade 2022-23.</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group, 2021-22</li> <li>• Te Taumata</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Member, Global Centre for Indigenomics, 2021 – present</li> <li>• Board member, Te Taumata (Māori Trade Advisory Board), 2021-present</li> <li>• Māori Engagement Adviser, APEC Business Advisory Council 2020-current</li> <li>• Trustee, Waimahana D3B2 Ahu Whenua Trust, 2020 – present</li> <li>• Director &amp; Trustee, Ngāpuhi ki Tamaki, 2019 –present</li> <li>• Board Member Amnesty International Aotearoa New Zealand, 2019-2020</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	Carrie is an experienced indigenous trade and economic development policy consultant. Possesses strong connections across te Ao Māori including with the Māori business sector and international connections across Australia, USA, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Japan, the Pacific and emerging connections in the UAE, Europe, Malaysia, Latin America and Africa.

	<p>She established OpinioNative Aotearoa in 2020 with a view to building solidarity between indigenous peoples, Government, industry and the community to elevate and advance indigenous trade and economic priorities and aspirations globally.</p>
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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Simon David Lambert TUCKER
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## The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

## How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	A senior leader with New Zealand's largest exporter, provides an exporters perspective on trade matters and deep connections into the dairy sector. A former diplomat and High Commissioner to Canada.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.



## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Simon David Lambert TUCKER
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	European New Zealander
<b>Age range*</b>	51-60
<b>Gender*</b>	M
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Director, Global Sustainability, Stakeholder Affairs and Trade, Fonterra Cooperative Group Limited, 2018 to present
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Strategic Advisory Group on Trade 2022-2023</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group, 2021-22</li> <li>• Member, Trade for all Advisory Board, 2018-2019</li> <li>• Member, Agricultural Emissions Trading Scheme Advisory Committee, 2011 to 2013</li> <li>• Member, Land and Water Forum, 2009 to 2013</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair, Kohimarama School Board of Trustees, 2016 to 2019</li> <li>• Member, Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development Board (ATEED), 2012 to 2013</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	Simon is a former diplomat who served as High Commissioner to Canada. He possesses extensive knowledge of the dairy sector through his previous role as the Executive Director of the Dairy Companies Association of NZ. As a senior leader with New Zealand's largest exporter, he provides an exporters perspective on trade matters.

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<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Leeann WATSON
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## The Position

<b>Organisation/Entity*</b>	Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade
<b>Position *</b> (chair/member etc.)	Member
<b>Term*</b>	7 months
<b>Payment*</b> (per day /per year)	\$400 per day

## How the Candidate Meets the Needs of the Position

<b>Skills and attributes the candidate will bring to the position*</b> (e.g. business skills, community involvement, cultural awareness, regional perspective – as relevant to the needs of the position)	Leads the largest business support agency in the South Island (2900 members). Provides a regional and SME perspective and connections into the national chambers of commerce network.
<b>Possible conflicts of interest*</b>	No conflicts identified.
<b>Proposals for conflict management</b> (if applicable)	The Group will be required to advise of conflicts of interest during the twice yearly meetings with the Minister. It is not expected there will be many conflicts due to the nature of the Group's advisory function.



## The Candidate

<b>Name*</b> (family name in upper case; include title if appropriate)	Leeann WATSON
<b>Address</b>	s9(2)(a)
<b>Ethnicity(s)</b>	New Zealand European
<b>Age range*</b>	51-60
<b>Gender*</b>	F
<b>Current or most recent Employment*</b> (specify position and employer, include years)	Chief Executive, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce, 2017 to present
<b>Government board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade, 2022-2023</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Ministerial Advisory Group, 2021 to 2022.</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Advisory Group 2018-19</li> <li>• Director, Small Business Council, 2018 to 2020</li> <li>• Small Business Advisor, June 2020 to present</li> <li>• Member, Trade for All Advisory Board, 2018 to 2019</li> </ul>
<b>Private and/or voluntary sector board appointments held*</b> (current and previous, include years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Canterbury Cricket Association Board, 2018 to present</li> <li>• Trustee, Christchurch Boys High School Board of Trustees, 2017 to present</li> <li>• Director, Champion Canterbury Ltd, 2004 to present</li> <li>• Director, Canterbury Regional Business Partners Ltd, 2011 to present</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and experience</b> (include significant work history and community involvement)	Leeann leads the largest business support agency in the South Island with 2700 members. Vastly experienced in business advocacy, she provides a regional and SME perspective and connections into the national chambers of commerce network and the BusinessNZ Network.

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