

Office of Hon Kelvin Davis

MP Te Tai Tokerau

Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Minister for Children

Minister of Corrections

Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education)



24 April 2023

James

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Tēnā koe James

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 23 March 2023, requesting:

“As per a previous request you said your first recollection and indication that Mr Tukaki was resigning from his chair role, was following the monthly Ministerial Advisory Board meeting of 15 March 2022.

“We can advise that Minister Davis recalls a discussion with Mr Tukaki following the monthly Ministerial Advisory Board meeting of 15 March 2022. This discussion was informal in nature, however during this discussion Mr Tukaki advised the Minister of his intention to step down as Chair, and noted that Tā Mark Solomon could be a suitable candidate for the Chair position.”

As such please provide all communications between yourself or your office with Mr Tukaki concerning his resignation from the Ministerial Advisory Board, including serving out any notice period, last day in the role, handover, any PR or press required etc.

This includes but is not limited to all texts, emails and phone call logs, and obviously includes Mr Tukaki’s official letter/email of resignation.”

Your request has been considered by this Office in accordance with the provisions of the OIA.

We have interpreted your request to refer to communications directly between Minister Davis and/or his office, and Mr Tukaki, relating to his resignation. One text message exchange has been identified as within scope of your request. Two comments from this exchange are released to you as **Appendix A**. Some comments in this exchange have been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions to Ministers, or because they were out of scope.

We have also identified information which, while outside the scope of your request, does relate to the transition of the Chair of the Minister Advisory Board. Please find a table of these documents enclosed. The documents have been released to you as **Appendix B**.

In addition, one publicly available document has been identified which may be of interest to you:

- Cabinet Paper - Oranga Tamariki Ministerial Advisory Board: Revocation and Appointment of Chair

You can access this document by following this link to the Oranga Tamariki Ministerial Advisory Board webpage:

<https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/about-us/information-releases/cabinet-papers/oranga-tamariki-ministerial-advisory-board/>

Should you wish to discuss this response, we encourage you to contact this Office. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

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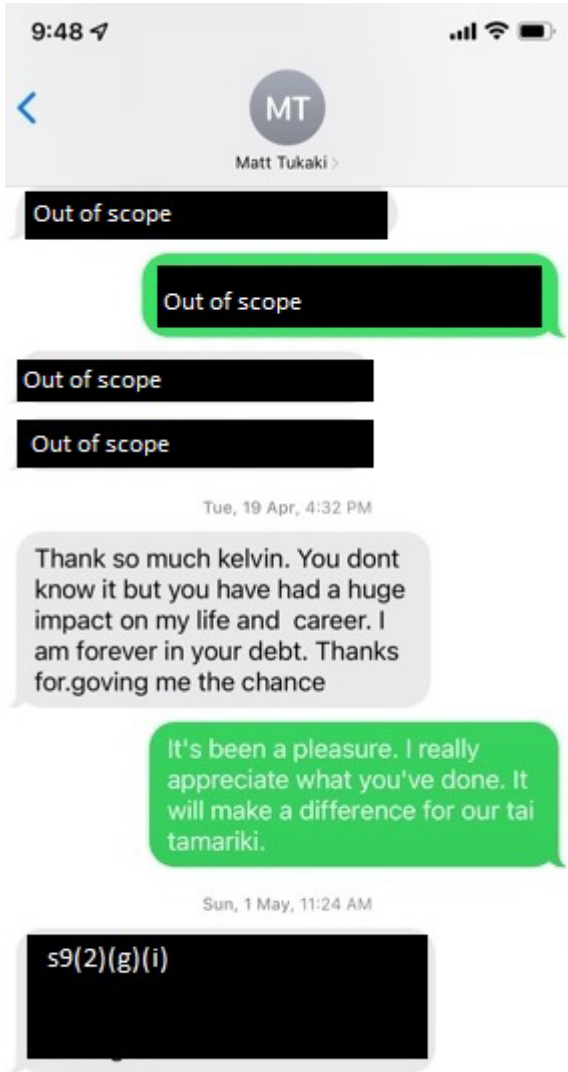
Appendix A

In scope	Decision
1. Text message exchange between Hon Kelvin Davis and Matt Tukaki	Attached. Some comments withheld under Section 9(2)(g)(i), or because they are out of scope.

Appendix B

Document	Decision
1. Aide Memoire - MAB Chair transition event	Released in full
2. April 2022 emails re Handover of the MAB Chair	Attached, mobile phone numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals in these communications.

Appendix A



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Released under

Aide-mémoire

Meeting

Date: 8 April 2022

Security Level: In Confidence

For: Hon Kelvin Davis, Minister for Children

File reference: 22/0401

Approved by: Sandra Coleman, Director, Ministerial Advisory Board Secretariat

Ministerial Advisory Board - Transition of Chair and Mihi Whakatau

Meeting/visit details The mihi whakatau and transition event is to be held on Tuesday 19 April 2022, from 8:30am – 10:00am at 56 The Terrace, Level 1 Auditorium. You are speaking around 9:10am (step 13 on the run sheet) and will be participating by Zoom. The ZOOM link is in your calendar, and also pasted below:

<https://parliamentnz.zoom.us/j/81420016487?pwd=SnR2R1RnN2IKbzJYS2JTW HNvWDJudz09>

Expected attendees Invitations have been sent to members of the Ministerial Advisory Board, Secretariat and Oranga Tamariki Leadership Team members and officials.

Expected attendees at the event will total 37 people in person (this is the room maximum under current red/orange settings).

The list of confirmed attendees is attached.

Purpose of meeting/visit

The purpose of this Mihi Whakatau is to formally transition the role of Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Board.

The Minister will make a short presentation acknowledging both Matthew as current incumbent Chair and his contribution, and welcoming Tā Mark as incoming Chair. Speaking notes are provided below.

Speech notes

Speech notes are provided as a separate document, alongside this Aide Memoire in your weekend folder.

Background

The Minister established the Ministerial Advisory Board in February 2021 to provide independent advice and assurance on the work of Oranga Tamariki with families, whānau, and Māori. At that time, the Ministerial Advisory Board comprised Matthew Tukaki (Chair), Dame Naida Glavish, Shannon Pakura and Tā Mark Solomon.

In July 2021, the Ministerial Advisory Board presented their initial report *Hipokingia ki te Kahu Aroha* (*Hipokingia ki te katoa* (Te Kahu Aroha)). In August 2021, Cabinet accepted the recommendations outlined in *Te Kahu Aroha* and agreed to the future direction of Oranga Tamariki to be implemented through the actions in the Oranga Tamariki Future Direction Plan (the Future Direction Plan).

In December 2021, the Minister appointed Ruth Jones, Mana Williams-Eade and Alfred Filipaina as three new members to the Ministerial Advisory Board. They provide representation for the disability, youth, and Pasifika communities, and were appointed to provide support to the Board in the second phase of its work programme, and as the Board moved into its assurance reporting phase.

The move to assurance reporting marks a new phase of the Ministerial Advisory Board's work. In parallel, that the Chief Executive of Oranga Tamariki Chappie Te Kani has appointed his leadership team (Te Riu), and change momentum is growing.

As the Board moves into a more 'Business as Usual' mode, Matthew Tukaki has signalled a desire to step down from his role as Chair and move to other challenges. His last day as chair will be 24 April 2022. Tā Mark Solomon will assume the role as Chair, commencing 25 April 2022.

Brief Biographies for Matthew and Tā Mark**Brief Biographies for Matthew and Tā Mark**

Matthew Tukaki (Chair)

Matthew has an extensive career in government and the NGO sector in a large number of public, social and economic policy areas across the Māori world. He has been appointed to the role of executive chairman of the National Māori Authority, Ngā Ngaru Rautahi O Aotearoa; became the Chair of the Auckland District Māori Council; and was previously the National Executive of the New Zealand Māori Council.

Tā Mark Solomon

Tā Mark is a Tribal leader and has contributed to his community in many capacities, ranging from numerous board positions to trustees and directorships. He was instrumental in establishing the Te Pūtahitanga O Te Waipounamu, Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency of the South Island and is currently its Chairperson.

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RUNSHEET: Ministerial Advisory Board transition of chair Mihi Whakatau
Internal viewing only

Tuesday 19 April 2022

MAB: Matthew Tukaki, Taa Mark Solomon, Dame Naida Glavish, Shannon Pakura, Alf Filipaina, Mana Williams Eade, Ruth Jones, Ruth Jones

MAB Secretariat: Sandra Coleman, Henare Mason, Te Wetini Amaru-Tibble, Laura Caney, Rachel Bromley

OT: Chappie Te Kani, Chief Executive, Te Riu - Peter Whitcombe, Darrin Haimona, Nicolette Dickson, Anita Easton, Jane Fletcher, Hannah Scherwitzel, Doug Hauraki

Manuhiri:

Wally Haumaha – Deputy Commissioner New Zealand Police
Trevor Moeke Director - Te Ao Māori The Treasury
Geoff Short - Deputy Chief Executive, Te Puni Kōkiri
Donovan Clarke - Chief Executive, Toitū te Waiora
Topia Rameka - Deputy Chief Executive, Department of Corrections
Piri Rurawhe - Executive Director, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Alistair Ferris - Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade
Ihorangi Reweti - Representative, Te Rōpū Pūmanawa
Nova Branaghan - Chief Monitor, Independent Childrens Monitor
Mohi Apou - Chief Advisor Māori, Worksafe NZ
Kura Moeahu, Kaumatua
Alishia Moeahu, Engagement Lead, Oranga Tamariki
Dame Iritana Tawhiwhirangi, Kaumatua
Jury Teniteni Smeaton - Advisor, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Michael Tukaki - Whānau

Online: Hon. Kelvin Davis, Ministers Officials, Tukaki Whānau, Solomon Whānau

Zoom link for whānau -

<https://parliamentnz.zoom.us/j/81420016487?pwd=SnR2R1RnN2IKbzJYS2JTWHNVWDJudz09>

Time	Activity	Location
8:00am	MAB Secretariat arrive to set up the room. Events team will produce sign-in labels in advance and will support the MAB Secretariat to welcome manuhiri and provide labels.	Oranga Tamariki National Office, Level 1, Reception area
8.25am	Manuhiri arrive at level 1 reception Te Wetini to greet guests and explain tikanga.	Oranga Tamariki National Office, Level 1, 1.1 Auditorium

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8.30am – 9:30am	Mihi Whakatau commences Kawa – Pāeke Hosts speak first and then visitors reply.	Oranga Tamariki National Office, Level 1, 1.1 Auditorium
9:30am – 10:15am	Kai and whakawhanaungatanga.	Oranga Tamariki National Office, Level 1, 1.1 Auditorium
Step 1 2 Mins	Dame Naida Glavish to begin with Karanga	
Step 2 2 Mins	Harirū – Manuhiri to be welcomed into the room and begin with a Harirū in accordance with Taranaki Tikanga (Harirū optional and will be upon consultation with manuhiri)	
Step 3 5 Mins	Doug Hauraki to open with Karakia (Speaker 1)	
Step 4 2 Mins	Oranga Tamariki, MAB to sing Waiata lead by Dame Naida Glavish (Waiata 1)	
Step 5 5 Mins	Kura Moeahu to deliver whaikorero on behalf of Matthew Tukaki Chair (Speaker 2)	
Step 6 2 Mins	Secretariat to sing Waiata lead by Dame Naida Glavish (Waiata 2)	
Step 7 5 Mins	Henare Mason to deliver whaikorero on behalf of Matthew Tukaki Chair (Speaker 3)	
Step 8 2 Mins	Secretariat to sing Waiata lead by Dame Naida Glavish (Waiata 3)	
Step 9 5 Mins	Trevor Moeke to deliver whaikorero on behalf of Taa Mark Solomon (Speaker 4)	
Step 10 2 Mins	Secretariat to sing Waiata lead by Dame Naida Glavish (Waiata 4)	
Step 11 5 Mins	Delivery of Taonga from the MAB presented by Matthew Tukaki to Taa Mark Solomon	
Step 12 5 Mins	Henare Mason to close the formalities with a Karakia	
Step 13 5 Mins	Hon Kelvin Davis to speak	
Step 14 5 Mins	Chappie Te Kani to speak	
Step 15 5 Mins	Matthew Tukaki to speak	
Step 16 5 Mins	Taa Mark Solomon to speak	
Step 17	Speeches end	
Step 18 1 Mins	Karakia Kai	
Step 19 45 Mins	Hakari and whakawhanaungatanga	

Waiata list to be confirmed

Waiata 1 - Ma Wai Ra

*Ma wai ra e taurima
Te marae i waho nei?
Ma te tika, ma te pono
Me te aroha e*

Waiata 2 - Ma te Kahukura

Mā te kahukura ka rere te manu

*Mā ngā huruhuru nei
Ka rere koe
Rere runga rawa e
Ka tae atu koe ki te taumata
Whakatau mai rā e*

*Mau ana taku aroha
Whai ake i ngā whetu
Rere tōtika rere pai
Rere runga rawa rā e*

Rere totika rere pai

Rere runga rawa ra e

Waiata 3

Waiata 4

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From: Uarnie More

Sent: Thursday, 7 April 2022 3:34 PM

To: Shane Cowlshaw <Shane.Cowlshaw@parliament.govt.nz>; Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>; Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: George Greig <George.Greig@parliament.govt.nz>; Keitiria McCaughey <Keitiria.McCaughey@parliament.govt.nz>; Simon Harding <Simon.Harding@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

Fabs, thanks Shane

From: Shane Cowlshaw

Sent: Thursday, 7 April 2022 3:31 PM

To: Uarnie More <Uarnie.More@parliament.govt.nz>; Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>; Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: George Greig <George.Greig@parliament.govt.nz>; Keitiria McCaughey <Keitiria.McCaughey@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

Yeah this is fine, I'll get a draft done before I go on leave next Wednesday.

From: Uarnie More

Sent: Thursday, 7 April 2022 3:15 PM

To: Shane Cowlshaw <Shane.Cowlshaw@parliament.govt.nz>; Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>; Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: George Greig <George.Greig@parliament.govt.nz>; Keitiria McCaughey <Keitiria.McCaughey@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

Kia ora Shane

Here's a few bullet points on Sir Mark Solomon for the press release as per below. Can you let **Simon** know if you need more information please?

- Sir Mark Solomon has been part of the Board since it was established in February 2021.
- In the development of *Te Kahu Aroha*, Sir Mark lead the Board's investigations into data, operations, systems inside Oranga Tamariki, and providers.
- Sir Mark served as kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu from 1998 to 2016 and was made a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2013 for services to Māori and business.
- In 2012, Sir Mark was named as the Visionary Leader in the NZ Management Magazine National Business Awards
- The appointment of Sir Mark Solomon to the position of Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Board brings vast governance experience across government panels, non-government organisations, iwi and Māori entities and private businesses including Te Kāhui (joint venture), Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Ngāti Ruanui Holdings and Te Ohu Kaimoana

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- Sir Mark is a respected leader, particularly within te ao Māori contributing to iwi and community development, fostering educational opportunities for young Māori, and taking a strong stance against whānau violence and sexual abuse.

As an FYI, Matthew Tukaki would like to see the press release before its released. Simon will liaise with the MAB Secretariat once you're ready.

Uarnie

From: Uarnie More
Sent: Thursday, 24 March 2022 12:46 PM
To: Shane Cowlshaw <Shane.Cowlshaw@parliament.govt.nz>; Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>; Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: George Greig <George.Greig@parliament.govt.nz>; Keitiria McCaughey <Keitiria.McCaughey@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

Grand, will do.

From: Shane Cowlshaw
Sent: Thursday, 24 March 2022 12:42 PM
To: Uarnie More <Uarnie.More@parliament.govt.nz>; Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>; Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: George Greig <George.Greig@parliament.govt.nz>; Keitiria McCaughey <Keitiria.McCaughey@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

Thanks Uarnie,

Yes, please get some brief bullet points and I can draft a PR, it should come from the Minister obviously. Please include some background on Ta Mark's history etc that can be used.

Thanks
Shane

From: Uarnie More
Sent: Thursday, 24 March 2022 12:40 PM
To: Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>; Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>; Shane Cowlshaw <Shane.Cowlshaw@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: George Greig <George.Greig@parliament.govt.nz>; Keitiria McCaughey <Keitiria.McCaughey@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

Kia ora team

I've spoken with Sandra, key points below:

- It will be hosted and coordinated by the MAB
- Tentative venue is level 1 at OT, 56 The Terrace
- The Minister will be asked to say a few words

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- Members of the OT Leadership Team will be invited to attend (to enable new leadership team members to establish/renew relationships with board members for the purpose of delivering on the MOU)
- A press release has been suggested to help keep comms to a minimum prior to the event.

Shane, let me know if you're happy for us to commission brief talking points and information to support a press release from the office.

Sing out if you think we've missed anything or whether anything needs to be reconsidered.

Uarnie

From: Helen Lahtinen

Sent: Thursday, 24 March 2022 10:34 AM

To: Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>; Keitiria McCaughey <Keitiria.McCaughey@parliament.govt.nz>; Uarnie More <Uarnie.More@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Handover of the MAB Chair

So I read it as they wish us to organise the event? KT or Uarnie, could one of you chat to Sandra what they are thinking? I would have assumed it would take place over at MAB, and hence arranged by them?

From: Sandra Coleman [<mailto:Sandra.Coleman@ot.govt.nz>]

Sent: Thursday, 24 March 2022 10:28 AM

To: Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: Michelle Kuzmich <Michelle.Kuzmich@ot.govt.nz>; Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

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Morena Helen

We have now heard from Chappie's office and would like to confirm a time for the Chair handover event for 8.30-9.30 on Tuesday 19 April.

Oranga Tamariki have suggested that this is really the Minister's event rather than the Board's event. We are more than happy to work with that but I was just keen to test that assumption with you.

I wondered if it would be useful for us to have a brief phone conversation to ensure we move forward with planning with agreed understanding. Would it be you Helen that I should work with on that?

I look forward to hearing from you so we can confirm further details.

Ngā mihi

Sandra Coleman

Director, Secretariat to Ministerial Advisory Board

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From: Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 21 March 2022 5:11 PM
To: Sandra Coleman <Sandra.Coleman@ot.govt.nz>
Cc: Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>; Michelle Kuzmich <Michelle.Kuzmich@ot.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

Hi

Yes all good, Ill block out times and will wait to hear from you.

Thank you

Helen

From: Sandra Coleman [<mailto:Sandra.Coleman@ot.govt.nz>]
Sent: Monday, 21 March 2022 4:52 PM
To: Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>; Michelle Kuzmich <Michelle.Kuzmich@ot.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

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Thanks Helen. I think that time first thing in the morning could work well and we could then follow on with the April Board meeting.

Although Chappie might be tied up in OTLT in the morning so it may need to be after 2.30.


Can you please pencil in both times and I will liaise with Matthew and with Chappie's office and come back to you as soon as possible within the next few days with a definite time on 19 April.

I appreciate your extremely prompt response. Thanks.

Ngā mihi

Sandra Coleman

Director, Secretariat to Ministerial Advisory Board

 64 4 [REDACTED]  [E: Sandra.Coleman@ot.govt.nz](mailto:Sandra.Coleman@ot.govt.nz)

From: Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 21 March 2022 4:46 PM
To: Sandra Coleman <Sandra.Coleman@ot.govt.nz>

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Cc: Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

Hi Sandra

The Minister is only in Wellington on Tuesday 19 April, if this would work. I can make him available in the morning between 8am -10am. If this doesn't work I could try to do some magic for a time after 2.30pm in the afternoon.....

Grateful for advise

Thank you

Helen

From: Sandra Coleman [<mailto:Sandra.Coleman@ot.govt.nz>]

Sent: Monday, 21 March 2022 4:37 PM

To: Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>; Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

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Perfect thanks

Sandra

From: Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 21 March 2022 4:36 PM

To: Sandra Coleman <Sandra.Coleman@ot.govt.nz>; Helen Lahtinen <Helen.Lahtinen@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: Jane Fletcher <Jane.Fletcher@ot.govt.nz>; Kate Riddell <Kate.Riddell@ot.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Handover of the MAB Chair

Brining in Helen who is in charge of the diary.

Kurt McLauchlan | Senior Ministerial Advisor

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| Email Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz

From: Sandra Coleman [<mailto:Sandra.Coleman@ot.govt.nz>]

Sent: Monday, 21 March 2022 4:34 PM

To: Kurt McLauchlan <Kurt.McLauchlan@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: Jane Fletcher <Jane.Fletcher@ot.govt.nz>; Kate Riddell <Kate.Riddell@ot.govt.nz>

Subject: Handover of the MAB Chair

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Kia ora Kurt,

Matthew has asked me to contact you regarding the formal handing over of his role as Chair of the MAB to Ta Mark Solomon in April.

Matthew is keen to have a small formal event to mark the handover of this important role. He is suggesting that Thursday 21 April would be his preferred date for this to occur and we were

wondering if the Minister had any availability to attend at any time on this day? If this date was not suitable for the Minister, Matthew has indicated either Tuesday 19 April or Wed 20 April would also be options for the Board.

To be fiscally prudent we would schedule the April Board meeting around whatever date could be agreed to ensure travel costs for the Board are minimised.

Naturally we will also need to check in with Chappie regarding his availability but Matthew was keen to test dates with the Minister in the first instance.

I look forward to hearing from you with the Minister's views.

Ngā mihi

Sandra Coleman

Director, Secretariat to Ministerial Advisory Board

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