



Inquiry into the appointment of an Ombudsman

Report of the Officers of Parliament
Committee

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Recommendation

The Officers of Parliament Committee recommends to the House of Representatives that the House recommend to the Governor-General that, pursuant to sections 3 and 5(2) of the Ombudsmen Act 1975, Ms Beverley Anne Wakem *CBE* be reappointed as an Ombudsman, and as the Chief Ombudsman, with effect from 1 March 2010.

Beverley Wakem *CBE* has been an Ombudsman since 1 March 2005, and was appointed as the Chief Ombudsman in November 2007. Her five-year term as Ombudsman expires on 1 March 2010. We support her reappointment for another five-year term.

The procedures for the appointment of an Officer of Parliament provided a guide for managing this appointment process.¹

Consultation

The Speaker sought and obtained the unanimous support of all parties represented in the House for Ms Wakem's reappointment.

¹ Officers of Parliament Committee, *Report on the Procedures for the Appointment of an Officer of Parliament*, 2002, I.15A.

Appendix

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