## Chief Gambling Commissioner Candidate Information Sheet

### About the Gambling Commission

The Gambling Commission (the Commission) was established under section 220 of the Gambling Act 2003 (the Act). The Commission is an independent decision-making body with the powers of a Commission of Inquiry.

The Commission is a quasi-judicial body that hears and makes determinations about casino licensing applications, and appeals on licensing and enforcement decisions in relation to gaming machines.

Five Commissioners, including the Chief Gambling Commissioner, are appointed by the Governor-General on the advice of the Minister of Internal Affairs. Terms are for up to three years and Commissioners may be reappointed.

The workload for Commissioners is generally around 25 days per annum. The daily rate for the Chief Gambling Commissioner is $750. He or she is reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses.

### Functions of the Gambling Commission

Key functions of the Commission, under section 224 of the Act are:

* specifying, varying and revoking casino licence conditions;
* determining appeals against regulatory and licensing decisions made by the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) in relation to gaming machine operations and other gambling involving prizes of more than $5,000;
* advising Ministers on the setting of the problem gambling levy;
* deciding on applications by the Secretary of Internal Affairs to suspend or cancel casino licences;
* determining applications for casino operators’ licences and the renewal of casino venue licences;
* approving agreements and changes to agreements between casino operators and casino venue licence holders;
* hearing complaints about the way the Department has handled complaints in relation to gambling activities; and
* advising the Minister of Internal Affairs on matters relating to the performance of the Commission’s functions and the administration of the Act.

### Skills and attributes required of the Chief Gambling Commissioner

Applicants should be able to demonstrate the following skills and experience:

* is or has been a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand with at least seven years’ suitable legal experience [*this is a legislative requirement under section 222 of the Act*];
* knowledge about the gambling sector and its regulation;
* familiarity and experience in an appeals jurisdiction; and
* governance experience and business acumen.

Additional desirable criteria are:

* demonstrated ability to exercise impartiality, independence and intellectual agility in decision-making;
* demonstrated ability to work in a collegial manner;
* experience working in decision-making roles subject to high public scrutiny; and
* the ability to develop and maintain working relationships with related overseas authorities as part of sharing best practice information and knowledge.

### Nomination process

Candidates must complete a nomination form and provide a full, up-to-date curriculum vitae. A cover letter identifying how their skills and experience match the selection criteria is also desirable.

### Conflicts of interest, and financial and personal probity

Applicants must declare any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest, or any other matter that may affect their suitability for appointment as part of their nomination. The Department of Internal Affairs may check the accuracy of any information relating to an application for appointment.

### Next steps

Nominations should be sent to [craig.press@dia.govt.nz](mailto:craig.press@dia.govt.nz).

All nominations must be received by **Friday 18 October 2018**.

Please note that nominations do not necessarily result in the appointment of a particular person.