



## End of term options – Director-General of Primary Industries

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**Minister:** Hon Damien O'Connor, Minister of Agriculture

**Copy to:** Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for the Public Service

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**Purpose** Discussion of end of term options for the Director-General of Primary Industries role.

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**Date of meeting** 27 October 2022

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**Proposal** You are meeting with Deputy Public Service Commissioner Helene Quilter and Deputy Commissioner Thor Gudjonsson on 27 October 2022 to discuss the options available at the end of term for the current Director-General of Primary Industries, Mr Ray Smith.

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**Key issues** Mr Smith's term as Director-General of Primary Industries and Chief Executive Ministry for Primary Industries, ends on 31 October 2023. By that date, Mr Smith will have completed five years in the role. This term end date falls within what we anticipate could be the formation of government period post the 2023 election.

Ms Quilter will discuss with you the end of terms options available to her as Deputy Public Service Commissioner regarding the Director-General of Primary Industries role.

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