

Question on Notice
No. 67
Asked on 23 February 2022

Mr D Crisafulli asked Premier and Minister for the Olympics (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Premier's commitment to appoint Directors-General through a merit based process—

Will the Premier (a) name the members of the independent recruitment panel(s) established for the appointment of Rachel Hunter (Department of Premier and Cabinet), Mike Kaiser (Department of Resources) and John Lee (Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport) and (b) advise if each of the successful applicants were the recommendations of the panel(s)?

ANSWER:

Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

(a) Rachel Hunter was appointed through an open merit recruitment process in accordance with The Merit Principle, Chapter 1, Part 4 of the *Public Service Act 2008* to the position of Director-General, Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning on 16 March 2018. The selection panel was:

- Dave Stewart, Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Dr Beth Woods, Director-General, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Michael Walsh, Director-General, Queensland Health.
- Robert Setter, Commission Chief Executive, Public Service Commission

(b) Rachel Hunter was the recommended applicant by the selection panel for the role of Director-General, State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning.

On 11 May 2020, pursuant s.93(2) of the Public Service Act 2008, Rachel Hunter was appointed as Under Treasurer, Queensland Treasury.

On 8 May 2021, pursuant s.93(2) of the Public Service Act 2008, Rachel Hunter was appointed as Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Director-General, Department of Resources

(a) Mike Kaiser was appointed through an open merit recruitment process (in accordance with [Chief Executive Recruitment and Selection directive](#) in effect from 09 June 2021). The selection panel was:

- Dave Stewart, Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Katarina Carroll OAM, Commissioner, Queensland Police Service
- Judy Bertram, Deputy CEO, Queensland Resources Council
- Robert Setter, Commission Chief Executive, Public Service Commission

(b) Mike Kaiser was the recommended applicant by the selection panel for the role of Director-General, Department of Resources.

Director-General, Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport

(a) John Lee was appointed through an open merit recruitment process (in accordance with [Chief Executive Recruitment and Selection directive](#) in effect from 09 June 2021). The selection panel was:

- Dave Stewart*, Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Leanne Kemp, former Queensland Chief Entrepreneur
- Wendy Morris, Board Director, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
- Robert Setter, Commission Chief Executive, Public Service Commission

(b) John Lee was the recommended applicant by the selection panel for the role of Director-General, Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport

*Dave Stewart was Chair of the selection panel until his departure, and was replaced on the selection panel by Rachel Hunter, Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet on 14 June 2021.