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Thank you for your email of 27 January 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *"Documents that were submitted to the Governor-General, or other relevant officers (e.g. Prime Minister??), for approval of appointment of Hon. Phil Goff to the post of High Commissioner to the United Kingdom;*
2. *Letters of credence, or similar written correspondences (between governments within the Commonwealth of Nations), from New Zealand to the UK, and from the UK to New Zealand, conveying and accepting (or otherwise confirming) the above appointment."*

Attached are the documents relevant to your request.

Some of the advice prepared for the Governor-General by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) are withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(i) of the OIA, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being, which protect the confidentiality of communications by or with the Sovereign or her representative.

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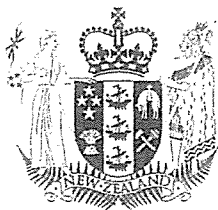
Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:  
[www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade



*Cindy Kiro*

Governor-General

I, **THE RIGHT HONOURABLE DAME CINDY KIRO**, Chancellor and Principal Dame Grand Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, Principal Companion of The Queen's Service Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Realm of New Zealand, exercising powers assigned to me by Her Majesty The Queen of New Zealand, and all other powers me thereunto enabling, hereby appoint **PHILIP BRUCE GOFF** to be High Commissioner for New Zealand to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Given under the Hand of Her Excellency The Governor-General of  
New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of New Zealand

this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022

By Her Excellency's Command,

*Nanaia Mahuta*

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Minister of Foreign Affairs

**NOTE NUMBER:**

The New Zealand High Commission presents its compliments to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and has the honour to inform the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office that the New Zealand Government wishes to nominate the Honourable Philip Bruce Goff CNZM, as High Commissioner for New Zealand to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with residence in London, and in succession to His Excellency Mr Bede Gilbert Corry.

The New Zealand High Commission accordingly requests the assistance of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in seeking the agrément of the Government of the United Kingdom to this appointment. A curriculum vitae for Mr Goff is attached.

The New Zealand High Commission takes this opportunity to renew to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the assurances of its highest consideration.


New Zealand High Commission

LONDON

[Date]

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## PHILIP BRUCE GOFF

<b>Date of Birth</b>	22 June 1953	
<b>Citizenships</b>	New Zealand	
<b>Languages</b>	English	
<b>Honours</b>	Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM), 2017	
<b>Education</b>	Masters in Political Studies (First Class), University of Auckland Butterworth Prize for Law	

<b>Current Role</b>	
2016 - present	Mayor of Auckland

<b>Previous Roles</b>	
2011 - 2016	Electorate Member of Parliament
2008 - 2011	Leader of the Opposition
2005 - 2008 1999 - 2005 1999 - 2005	<i>Fifth Labour Government of NZ</i> Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister of Justice Minister of Defence Minister for Disarmament Minister of Trade
1993 - 1999	Member of Parliament for Mt Roskill Opposition Spokesperson for Justice, Courts, Corrections and Foreign Affairs
1990 - 1993	Auckland Institute of Technology, scholarship to study for six months at Oxford University
1989 - 1990 1987 - 1990 1984 - 1987	<i>Fourth Labour Government of NZ</i> Minister of Education Minister of Employment, Minister of Youth Affairs, Minister of Tourism and Associate Minister of Education Minister of Housing
1981 - 1990	Member of Parliament for Mt Roskill



## Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

Note Verbale No: FCDO-SEAPD-28-2022

Oceania and Myanmar Department at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office presents its compliments to the New Zealand High Commission in London and has the honour to refer to the High Commission's Note Verbale No 2022/34 of 23 June 2022 requesting approval for the appointment of the Honourable Mr Philip Bruce Goff as the High Commissioner of New Zealand at the Court of St James.

Oceania and Myanmar Department was grateful for the approval request for the Honourable Mr Philip Bruce Goff as High Commissioner for New Zealand. The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom has now seen and approved the request. Oceania and Myanmar Department would be grateful if the High Commission could keep it informed of when the Honourable Mr Philip Bruce Goff is expected to arrive in London to take up his duties.

Oceania and Myanmar Department at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the New Zealand High Commission in London the assurances of its highest consideration.



Oceania and Myanmar Department  
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
London  
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7 September 2022



PRIME MINISTER  
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The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak, MP  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
LONDON

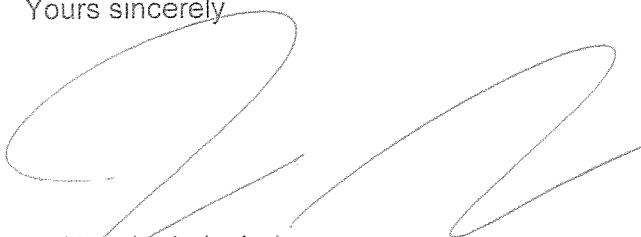
Dear Prime Minister

I have much pleasure in introducing to you The Hon Mr Philip Bruce Goff who has been appointed New Zealand High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, resident in London, in succession to His Excellency Mr Bede Gilbert Corry.

I am confident that Mr Goff's personal qualities and wide experience will equip him well to represent New Zealand in the United Kingdom. As High Commissioner, Mr Goff will seek to maintain and enhance the close relationship between our two countries.

In commending Mr Goff to you, I would ask you and your Government to extend to him all possible assistance and every facility in the performance of his mission.

Yours sincerely



Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
PRIME MINISTER