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Thank you for your email of 30 January 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"I noted Gazette notice 2024-go6586 and that the terms and conditions on the Gazette website state "All notices submitted must have a legislative requirement to be published in the New Zealand Gazette".*

*Could you please provide me with the legislative requirements relating to publishing Gazette notices for the appointment of Officers of the Government of the Ross Dependency. If there are none, please provide me with any advice given to the Minister of Foreign Affairs or the Governor-General relating to publishing Gazette notices for the appointment of Officers of the Government of the Ross Dependency."*

### **Background**

Officers of the Ross Dependency are appointed by the Governor-General (who is also the Governor of the Ross Dependency), pursuant to the Ross Dependency Regulations 1923. The Minister of Foreign Affairs advises the Governor-General to sign a warrant appointing specific persons as Officers.

### **Response to your request**

The Cabinet Office sets out guidance on appointments made by the Governor-General outside Executive Council here: <https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/publications/appointments-made-governor-general>. This describes that once the appointment has been signed by the Governor-General and counter-signed by the Minister, a Gazette notice (if required) must be published, and a letter of appointment must be sent to the appointee.

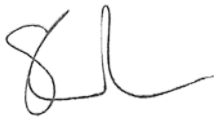
This is a unique process and therefore is not described in the Cabinet Manual 1.50 linked below, however this is consistent with Cabinet Manual direction for transparency and public interest reasons: <https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office/supporting-work-cabinet/cabinet-manual/1-sovereign-governor-general-and-executive-council/gazetting-and-entry->

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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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