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## Government Chief Technology Officer

**Date:** 28 August 2018  
**Report No:** SSC2018/866  
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	Action Sought	Deadline
Hon Chris Hipkins Minister of State Services	Note the contents of this report	29 August 2018

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**Enclosure:** No

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### Purpose of the report

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- 1 Further to our discussion yesterday, this report is to confirm our understanding of your expectations of the State Services Commission with respect to the Government Chief Technology Officer recruitment.
- 2 The Department of Internal Affairs is continuing to manage the recruitment process for the Chief Technology Officer, reporting to your office.
- 3 You have asked us to proceed on the basis that the preferred candidate is the preferred candidate. Review of the decisions the panel made as to the preferred candidate for the role and their decision not to proceed with other candidates is not required.
- 4 You have asked the State Services Commission to support this work by:
  - 4.1 Providing you with advice as to whether the recruitment of the Chief Technology Officer would be open to legal challenge on process grounds. This will include consideration of the meeting between the Hon Clare Curran and the candidate.
  - 4.2 Undertaking a peer review of the conflict of interest disclosure and management plan work led by the Department of Internal Affairs.
- 5 9(2)(a) privacy  
9(2)(a) privacy We have asked DIA to work with the candidate to get a full disclosure of all their interests, financial or otherwise,

rather than a disclosure only of interests which the candidate perceives to be possible conflicts.

- 6 The Department of Internal Affairs will need to work with the candidate to obtain and test this material and develop a draft plan for our peer review. How long this will take will not be clear until we understand better the size and complexity of the information involved.
- 7 We will progress this work as quickly as possible, and are aiming to report back to you at the end of next week. If any significant issues are raised as a result of our work, we will raise them with you at your earliest convenience.

### **Recommended Action**

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We recommend that you:

- a **Note** the contents of this report
- b **agree** that this report is not released at this time

Agree / disagree.



Hon Chris Hipkins  
**Minister of State Services**

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