1. The Family Responsibilities Commission (the FRC) is a central feature of the Cape York Welfare Reform Trial that operates in the communities of Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge. The FRC comprises the Commissioner, the Deputy-Commissioner and 18 Local Commissioners drawn from the Trial communities.
2. The Commissioner and Local Commissioners hold conferences with community members who are within the jurisdiction of the FRC to address the behaviour of individuals who are notified to the FRC and to take action enabled under the Act.
3. The Family Responsibilities Board (the Board) advises the Minister about the operation of the FRC and may also provide advice to the FRC about the performance of its functions, if asked to do so by the Commissioner. The Board consists of one person (the Chair) nominated by the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier; one person nominated by the Commonwealth Government and one person nominated by the Cape York Institute.
4. On 1 November 2012, the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008* was amended to enable the FRC and the Board to be extended by one year to 1 January 2014. Reappointment of the Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner and Local Commissioners is required to extend the operations of the FRC. To extend the operation of the Board, it is necessary to reappoint two existing Board members. A new Queensland Government representative and Chair of the Board is also appointed.
5. Cabinet endorsed the following appointments for recommendation to the Governor in Council for the period from 1 January 2013 to 1 January 2014:
* Mr David Robert Glasgow and Mr Rodney Joseph Curtin for re-appointment to the positions of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Family Responsibilities Commission.
* Mr Edgar Andrew Kerindun; Ms Vera Deborah Koomeeta; Ms Doris Komben Poonkamelya; Ms Dorothy Pootchemunka; Ms Sarah Wolmby and Ms Ada Panawya Woolla for re-appointment as Local Commissioners for the community of Aurukun.
* Ms Elaine Louise Liddy; Ms May Mary Kepple; Mr Peter Pedro Peter and Mr Garry Lloyd Port for re-appointment as Local Commissioners for the community of Coen.
* Mr Brian Neil Cobus; Mr Ivan Roy Deemal; Ms Erica Dale Deeral; Mr Victor Patrick Gibson and Ms Doreen Margaret Hart for re-appointment as Local Commissioners for the community of Hope Vale.
* Ms Karen Jane Gibson; Ms Karen Grace Shuan and Ms Loretta Mary Spratt for re-appointment as Local Commissioners for the community of Mossman Gorge.
* Secretary, Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and the Director, Cape York Institute for re-appointment to the Family Responsibilities Board.
* Director-General, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs for appointment to the Family Responsibilities Board, as Chair of the Board.
1. *Attachments*
* Nil.