1. Section 123 of the *Right to Information Act 2009* (the RTI Act) establishes the Information Commissioner and Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC). Under the RTI Act and *Information Privacy Act 2009* (the IP Act), the Information Commissioner is an independent statutory office holder appointed by the Governor-in-Council to exercise functions under the RTI Act and IP Act. Such functions include, but are not limited to:
	* responsibility for giving guidance on the interpretation and administration of the RTI Act;
	* investigating and reviewing decisions of agencies and Ministers; and
	* reviewing and reporting on agencies in relation to the operation of the RTI Act and Chapter 3 of the IP Act including by:
	* monitoring, auditing and reporting on agencies’ compliance with the RTI Act and the IP Act, chapter 3;
	* advising the parliamentary committee of the statistical information (including statistical information about giving access to information other than on an access application) agencies are to give the commissioner for reports; and
	* publishing performance standards and measures for use in reports under the IP Act.
2. Cabinet endorsed that Ms Rachael Rangihaeata be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as the Information Commissioner for a term commencing from the day following Governor in Council approval up to and including 30 June 2014.
3. *Attachments*
* Nil.