1. The statutory office of Ombudsman is established under the *Ombudsman Act 2001* (the Act) and is responsible to investigate administrative actions taken by, in or for certain agencies and recommending to government departments, local government and public authorities on ways of improving administrative processes.
2. Section 58 of the Act provides that the Ombudsman is appointed by the Governor in Council under that Act and not the *Public Service Act 2008*.
3. Section 61(1) of the Act provides that the Ombudsman may be appointed to hold office for a term not exceeding five years, and may be reappointed for a total term not exceeding 10 years.
4. Section 64 of the Act states the Ombudsman must not, without the Minister’s prior approval, hold any office of profit other than that of Ombudsman or engage in any remunerative employment or undertaking outside the duties of the office.
5. Cabinet endorsed that Mr Phillip Clarke be recommended to the Governor in Council for reappointment as the Ombudsman for a further term of three years commencing from   
   10 January 2016 up to and including 9 January 2019.
6. *Attachments*

* Nil.