



Public Service Commissioner's Amendment Directions 2008 (No. 1)

Public Service Act 1999

I, Lynelle Briggs, Public Service Commissioner, make these Directions under subsection 36 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

Dated 2 April 2008

Public Service Commissioner

1 Name of Direction

These Directions are the *Public Service Commissioner's Amendment Directions 2008 (No. 1)*.

2 Commencement

These Directions commence when made.

3 Amendment of the *Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999*

Schedule 1 amends the *Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999*.

Schedule 1 Amendments

[1] Clause 6.3

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- (3) A decision engaging a person as an SES employee also meets the minimum requirements if:
 - (a) the engagement of the SES employee is for a specified term of no more than 12 months; and
 - (b) the requirements of Chapter 4 have been satisfied.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Background

The *Public Service Act 1999* (the Act) and its accompanying Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999 (the Directions) commenced on 5 December 1999.

Section 36 of the Act requires the Public Service Commissioner to issue directions about employment matters relating to Senior Executive Service (SES) employees, including engagement, promotion, redeployment, mobility and termination.

Clause 6.3 of the Directions sets minimum requirements applying to promotion and engagement to SES duties.

Section 42(4) of the Act provides that the Directions are disallowable non-legislative instruments for the purposes of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Purpose of these amendments

The purpose of Public Service Commissioner's Amendment Directions 2008 (No. 1) is to:

- introduce a capacity for Agency Heads to engage non-ongoing SES employees for specified terms of no more than 12 months without having to notify the employment opportunity.

This amendment will allow the same arrangements that apply to non-ongoing engagements of no more than 12 months at non-SES classification levels to be applied at SES classification levels.