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30 JAN 2018



Sir Michael Cullen
[1]

Dear Sir Michael

Extension of Appointment as Chair of the Tax Working Group

We have the pleasure of extending your appointment as Chair of the Tax Working Group (the Group).

Your current appointment ends when the Tax Working Group Final Report is delivered to the Government – currently expected on 29 January 2019. This means the publication of the report, and subsequent media discussions and corrections, fall outside of your appointment.

Term of Appointment

This extension takes effect immediately following the delivery of the Final Report to the Government, and ends on 30 June 2019.

The Ministers of Finance and Revenue may remove you from the position as Chair of the Group for any reason by giving notice in writing, which may take effect immediately. Similarly, you may resign from your position as Chair of the Group at any time by giving the Ministers of Finance and Revenue notice in writing.

Duties and Responsibilities

This extension is to enable you to facilitate the presentation of the Tax Working Group Final Report to the public, and to ensure the Group's recommendations are reported accurately. Further consideration of the tax system is not intended to take place during the extension period.

Other Terms

Your extended appointment will be subject to the same terms of remuneration, costs, conflicts of interest and confidentiality as set out in your original appointment letter.

Please indicate your acceptance of your extension by signing and dating below, and return it to Mark Vink, Tax Strategy Team, The Treasury, 1 The Terrace Wellington 6011.

Yours sincerely



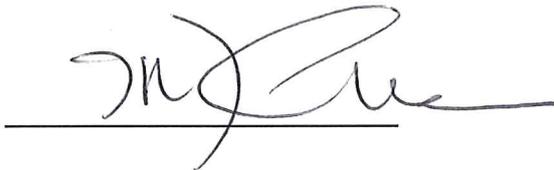
Hon Grant Robertson
Minister of Finance



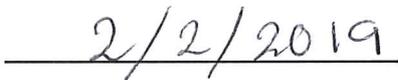
Hon Stuart Nash
Minister of Revenue

Acceptance of extension

I, Sir Michael Cullen, hereby accept the extension of my appointment as Chair of the Tax Working Group in accordance with the Terms of Reference and the terms contained in this letter.



Signature



Date