

Aide-Memoire: Talking Points for APH on 26 June 2019 – Appointment to the council of Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education
From:	Gillian Dudgeon, Deputy Chief Executive Delivery
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Purpose

1. To provide talking points for the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee on 26 June 2019 about your appointment to the governing council of Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi.
2. We recommend you release this aide-memoire after the appointment process has been completed and the appointment has been made public.

Background

3. As Minister, I make four appointments to the council Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, which has 12 members.
4. I intend to appoint Ms Natalie COATES as a council member **from 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2023**.
5. Ms Coates replaces Ms Adrienne von Tunzelmann, who has continued to serve on the council until an appointment could be made. This appointment maintains the 50% gender balance in Ministerial appointments to the council – but the council remains gender imbalanced in favour of men: two of the 12 members are women and two vacancies exist.

The candidate is a lawyer

6. **Ms Natalie Coates** is a Consultant with Kahui Legal, a lecturer at the University of Auckland and Co-Director of Aotearoa New Zealand Centre for Indigenous Peoples and the Law.
7. Ms Coates' governance experience includes as an associate director for the commercial arm of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa in the Bay of Plenty and Māori Investments Limited. Her Iwi affiliations are with Ngāti Awa, Tūhoe, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Hine and Tūhourangi.
8. Deputy Chair, Judge Lane Harvey, is due to end his term in 2020, and the appointment of an able lawyer at this time would effectively contribute to the council's succession planning.

9. Ms Coates is married to Labour MP Kiri Allan. The likelihood that a conflict of interest will arise is low and the council Chair is aware of the relationship.

I am complying with the statutory requirements

10. As the responsible Minister, I have taken into account the requirements for council membership set out in the Education Act 1989 and the need for council members to have the skills and experience to fulfil their individual duties and the functions and responsibilities of the council.
11. I am making this appointment after a thorough consultation process. This included seeking new nominations, after the previous candidate withdrew, from the council of the wānanga.
12. I am confident that the Ms Coates' skills and experience will make an important contribution to the council's discussion and decision-making.



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Minister of Education

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