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**Subject:** ALR Board appointment interviews

Hi Kerry

You asked Te Manatū Waka to confirm the significance of receiving feedback on recommended candidates for the ALR Board from all three Ministers in enough time to begin interviews this coming Friday. We understand that this follows a query you have had from the Minister of Finance's office regarding the urgency of interviews commencing on Friday.

For clarity, officials have just four working days to interview all agreed candidates before making recommendations to Ministers on preferred appointments next week, in time for the weekend bag.

All the times that are available over these four days for the agreed interviews have been scheduled with panellists (whose availability is highly restricted), including two interviews on Friday. Candidates have also been given provisional timings.

There are three principal implications of not receiving feedback in time to begin interviews on Friday:

1. We would need to find two further slots next week, which does not at this stage look possible - panellists includes CEs, DCEs and two external advisers, and new times would need to be agreed with them and aligned with the availability of candidates
2. If we are to add an additional candidate <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> then we would effectively need to find three further slots next week. We cannot see how this would be possible.
3. If we cannot make recommendations in time for next week's weekend bag, we will not be able to meet the timelines mandated by Ministers.

I have discussed this with the Treasury, and can confirm that we are aligned that interviews must start on Friday.

Thanks

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