

## State Sector Review

### Key Messages to Staff

September 2009

- The State Services Commissioner is looking at whether or not Archives New Zealand should remain as a stand alone department or be part of another one; this is called a Machinery of Government Review
- This is happening now because Chief Executive and Chief Archivist Dianne Macaskill's term of appointment ended in June 2009
- Reviews like this are done on a regular basis to reassure the Government that the public service is structured in the best possible way to achieve government goals
- The review is not about our role and function, but about our placement in the public sector. The Commissioner considers ours is a well functioning department.
- The scope of the review does not include a review of the Public Records Act 2005, or of the range of activities we currently do. The review is about where these functions should be placed in terms of the public service structure.
- Our core work to lead, advise and monitor the public record and preserve records of long-term value remains essential to government
- A team from the State Services Commission (SSC) is carrying out the review.
- Archives New Zealand is cooperating proactively with the review team.
- The review team is carrying out an analysis of the possible options for our placement in the public sector, including retaining the status quo. Other options considered as part of the review include amalgamation with: the National Library; Department of Internal Affairs; Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet; the State Services Commission and Ministry of Culture and Heritage.
- No decision has been made.
- I will continue to act as Chief Executive and Chief Archivist until a decision is reached
- I can not currently give you a date for when the review will be completed. I will keep you up-to-date as I get more information as the review progresses. Regional staff are receiving this same briefing this morning.
- Please talk to a member of the Strategic Management Group team or myself if you have any questions; or if you prefer email me your questions. All external enquiries should be directed to our Acting Communications Manager Cathy Holmes, or in her absence to myself.