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Section 4 - Statutory Responsibilities of the Minister

In addition to the general policy responsibility which Ministers share, the particular responsibility for the impacts of government policy on Māori people, the general public, and for the well-being of the relationships between the (

In discharging these responsibilities the Minister has statutory obligations. These may require the Minister to:

- Participate as a member of a particular board or statutory body
- Make appointments (to particular boards or statutory bodies);
- Make recommendations regarding appointments; and
- Perform other miscellaneous powers or duties.

Membership of Statutory Boards and Statutory Committees

The Minister of Māori Affairs is Chairperson of the Māori Purposes Fund Board. This Board is established under the Māori Purposes Fund Board Act 1934 to administer the Māori Purposes Fund. The general purposes of the Māori Purposes Fund include supporting Māori arts and crafts and the preservation of the Māori language. The other Board members comprise of the Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri, the members of Parliament for the Māori electoral seats and other members appointed by the Governor-General. It should be noted that there are currently legislative compliance issues with respect to the Māori Purposes Fund Board, as it has not held AGMs, or filed annual reports, since 2004/05.

The Minister of Māori Affairs is Chairperson of the Māori Soldiers Trust Committee. This Committee is established under the Māori Soldiers Trust Act 1957 to administer the Soldiers Fund Account for the benefit of Māori veterans and their dependants. The Māori Trustee is the Deputy Chairman and the other Committee members comprise of representatives from each of the Māori Land Court Districts.

The Minister of Māori Affairs is an ex-officio member of the Waitangi National Trust Board. This Board is constituted under the Waitangi National Trust Board Act 1932 and its purpose is to preserve and administer the Waitangi grounds for the enjoyment and benefit of the people of New Zealand. The other ex-officio Board members are the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Conservation. The other members comprise of descendants and representatives of people directly associated with the Waitangi grounds.

The Minister of Māori Affairs is the Chairman of the Ngarimu VC and 28th Māori Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board. This Board is established under the Ngarimu VC and 28th Māori Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Act 1945. The Deputy Chair is the Secretary for Education and other Board members comprise of the members of Parliament for the Māori electoral seats and four others appointed by the Governor-General. The Board provides scholarships for educational purposes and literary works.

Appointments Made by the Minister

The Minister of Māori Affairs is responsible for making appointments to, or making recommendations for appointments to, the following organisations:

Māori Land Court Judges ;

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Māori Purposes Fund Board

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