



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTMENT AS PITCAIRN OMBUDSMAN

Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands are a United Kingdom Overseas Territory. Pitcairn is the only inhabited island in the group.

This is a call for expressions of interest for appointment as an ombudsman for the Pitcairn Islands.

An appointee would need to demonstrate:

- Experience in legal, judicial or quasi-judicial roles in a Commonwealth jurisdiction
- Honesty, integrity, impartiality, and good judgement
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to absorb and analyse facts and law in a diverse range of matters
- Awareness of cultural and gender issues

The Ombudsman has power to investigate complaints of maladministration in the government of Pitcairn in accordance with the Constitution and the Ombudsmen Ordinance, and review decisions relating to the release of information under the Freedom of Information Ordinance. Appointment is for a term of 5 years, beginning in May 2024.

The government of Pitcairn is located part on Pitcairn and part in New Zealand. In particular, the Governor and Deputy Governor of Pitcairn are resident in New Zealand. So, too, are the Pitcairn Attorney General, and majority of the judiciary.

Complaints to the Ombudsman can be expected to be infrequent. It is expected that most could be investigated remotely, with any hearing, if required, conducted by video link. If travel to the Island were to be required, this would typically involve an absence from New Zealand for either 12 or 19 days (for a three day or a 10 day stay), including a 36-hour open sea voyage with transfer to the Island by longboat.

Remuneration is on the basis of a daily rate while performing functions as Ombudsman, a reduced rate for additional travel time, and travel allowances.

Expressions of interest (with a full curriculum vitae) may be made electronically to the Deputy Governor of Pitcairn Islands, Alasdair Hamilton, at alsdair.hamilton@fcdof.gov.uk by 31 March 2024.