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Senator Urquhart, asked:

1. Can you please outline the selection process used when selecting new members of the Authority?
2. Who was consulted through this process?
3. Did the Minister, or his office make suggestions of possible candidates?

Answer:

Sub-section 18(2) of the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011* provides that a person is not eligible for appointment to the Board of the Authority unless the Minister is satisfied that the person has substantial experience or knowledge, and significant standing, in at least one of the following fields: climate science, economics (including environmental economics), industry, social policy, technology development and adoption, employment policy, energy production and supply, greenhouse gas emissions measurement and reporting, greenhouse gas abatement measures, financial markets and investment, trading of environmental instruments, land resource management, environmental management, and public administration. The new Members recently appointed to the Authority were selected from a list of potential candidates as a result of their strong eligibility against one or more of these criteria.

The appointments process was coordinated within the Department by the Climate Change and Renewable Energy Division, in consultation with the Corporate Strategies Division. Externally the Remuneration Tribunal, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Minister's Office, and the Authority itself were consulted during the course of the process.

The Department prepared a selection of candidates, which in the Department's view met the requirements of the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011*. The final selection was made by the Minister, as per the requirements of the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011*.