

# Ombudsmen Amendment Act 1996

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### An Act to amend the Ombudsmen Act 1975

**BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:**

#### **1 Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the Ombudsmen Amendment Act 1996, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Ombudsmen Act 1975 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

#### **2 Staff**

The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 11, and substituting the following section:

**“11**

**“(1)** The Chief Ombudsman may appoint such officers and employees (including acting, temporary, or casual officers and employees) as may be necessary for the efficient carrying out of the functions, duties, and powers of the Ombudsmen under this Act.

- “(2) Except where this Act otherwise expressly provides, the Chief Ombudsman shall have all the rights, duties, and powers of an employer in respect of the persons appointed under subsection (1) of this section.
- “(3) The Chief Ombudsman shall operate a personnel policy that complies with the principle of being a good employer.
- “(4) No person appointed under subsection (1) of this section shall be deemed to be employed in the service of Her Majesty for the purposes of the State Sector Act 1988 or the Government Superannuation Fund Act 1956 by reason of that person’s appointment under this section.”

### **3 Delegation of powers by Ombudsman**

Section 28(1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “with the prior approval of the Prime Minister”,.

This Act is administered in the Ministry of Justice.