1. The proposed appointment is to a stand alone role of Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health and not to a government body.
2. Under section 73A(1) of the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* (the Act), there is to be a Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health. Pursuant to the Act, the functions of the commissioner are to:

* advise the Minister on mine health and safety matters generally;
* fulfil the roles of chairperson of both mining safety and health advisory committees;
* monitor and report to the Minister and to Parliament on the administration of provisions about safety and health under mining safety and health legislation; and
* perform the functions given to the Commissioner under the provisions of mining safety and health legislation.

1. To be appointed as Commissioner, a person must have a science or engineering qualification relevant to the mining industry and professional experience in mine safety.
2. Cabinet endorsed that Mr Stewart Lynn Bell be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health for the period from the date of gazette notice up to and including 31 March 2014.
3. *Attachments*

* Nil.