1. Section 208 of the *Guardianship and Administration Act 2000* (the Act) provides that there must be a Public Advocate.
2. Section 209 of the Act outlines that the Public Advocate has the following functions:
	* promoting and protecting the rights of adults with impaired capacity for a matter;
	* promoting the protection of the adults from neglect, exploitation or abuse;
	* encouraging the development of programs to help the adults to reach the greatest practicable degree of autonomy;
	* promoting the provision of services and facilities for the adults; and
	* monitoring and reviewing the delivery of services and facilities to the adults.
3. Ms Jodie Griffiths-Cook was appointed as the Public Advocate from 13 August 2012, for a term of three years, following an extensive advertising and recruitment process.
4. Section 214 of the Act provides that:
5. for selecting a person for recommendation for appointment as the Public Advocate, the Minister must advertise for applications from appropriately qualified persons to be considered for selection;
6. the Minister may recommend to the Governor in Council a person for appointment as the Public Advocate only if subsection (1) has been complied with for the appointment; and
7. subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to the reappointment of a person as the Public Advocate.
8. Cabinet approved that Ms Griffiths-Cook be recommended to the Governor in Council for reappointment as the Public Advocate for a term of three years commencing from 13 August 2015 up to and including 12 August 2018.
9. *Attachments*
* Nil.