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TO: THE PREMIER FOR CABINET AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1976
GUARDIANSHIP BOARD - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

1. PROPOSAL

- 1.1 To appoint Carolyn Anne Richards as Chairman of the Guardianship Board.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Guardianship Board is empowered to receive into guardianship persons suffering from mental illness or mental handicap who are incapable of managing their own affairs. Persons suffering from mental handicap who require some degree of oversight, care or control may also be received into the guardianship of the Board.
- 2.2 The Act provides inter alia that the Board shall consist of ten members appointed by The Governor, of whom two (the Chairman and the Assistant Chairman) must be selected from the following categories:
- i) The holders of judicial office under the Local District Criminal Courts Act, 1926;
 - ii) Magistrates;
 - iii) Legal practitioners of at least 7 years standing.

The previous Chairman, Roy Grubb, died on 18/3/91.

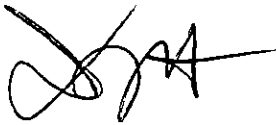
3. DISCUSSION

3.1 The position has been advertised and a selection panel was unanimous in its recommendation of Ms Carolyn Anne Richards for the position of Chairman. Ms Richards holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree conferred by the University of Adelaide in May 1970. She was admitted to the Supreme Court as a Barrister and Solicitor in 1971 and has had sound experience in both private and public practice.

3.2 Following a series of discussions with DPIR, the Commissioner for Public Employment has advised that the position entails a negotiated contract which requires Cabinet approval. It was agreed by all parties that a salary of \$88,100 would be commensurate with the duties of the position. This takes into account the temporary nature of the employment (until 31/12/1991). It will be a condition of the employment contract that the salary will be reviewed if the term of appointment is to be extended.

4. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that Carolyn Anne RICHARDS, LLB, be appointed as Chairman of the Guardianship Board for the period 1st July to 31st December, 1991 at a salary of \$88,100 p.a.



Don Hopgood
DEPUTY PREMIER
MINISTER OF HEALTH

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