



**PRIME MINISTER**  
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Dear Prime Minister

I have much pleasure in introducing to you Ms Susannah Hodson, whom the Australian Government has appointed to succeed Ms Phoebe Smith as Australia's High Commissioner to Cook Islands.

I am confident that Ms Hodson's personal qualities, as well as her experience, will assist her in the important task of maintaining and developing the close and friendly ties which exist between our two countries.

In commending Ms Hodson to you, I ask that you give your entire credence to all she may communicate to you in the name of the Australian Government.

I am sure that you and the Government you lead will afford to her all possible help and cooperation in the fulfilment of her mission.

Yours sincerely



ANTHONY ALBANESE

The Honourable Mark Brown  
Prime Minister  
COOK ISLANDS





PRIME MINISTER

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The bearer of this letter is Mr Ewen McDonald, whom the Australian Government has appointed as its non-resident High Commissioner to the Cook Islands, based in Wellington, in succession to Mr Peter Richard Woolcott AO.

I am confident that Mr McDonald's personal qualities, as well as his experience, will assist him in the most important task of maintaining and developing the close and friendly ties which exist between our two countries.

Mr McDonald is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade where he was most recently Deputy Secretary. He has previously served as Deputy Director General, AusAID; Deputy Secretary, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; and Division Head, Department of Employment and Training.

Mr McDonald holds a Bachelor of Business from Deakin University.

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Yours sincerely

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SCOTT MORRISON

The Hon Henry Puna  
Prime Minister  
THE COOK ISLANDS

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 August 2016 4:21 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: Cook Islands: Honorary Consul: Death: Sir Ian Turbott [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Forwarded for your information.

Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer  
Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section  
Protocol Branch

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 August 2016 2:43 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Cook Islands: Honorary Consul: Death: Sir Ian Turbott [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see the attached obituary for Sir Ian Turbott who passed away on 10 August 2016. If appropriate, I would be grateful if you could advise the dean of the consular corps and the New Zealand Consulate General of his passing.

Sir Ian was the only accredited representative for the Cook Islands in Australia and was appointed to the role in 1995. We will be contacting Wellington Post regarding the appointment of a successor.



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Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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**Sir Ian Graham TURBOTT**

TURBOTT,  
Sir Ian Graham  
Kt, AO, CMG, CVO, CStJ, HonDLitt (WSU)  
9.3.1922 - 10.8.2016  
Passed away peacefully at home.

Beloved husband of Nancy (dec). Dearly loved and admired by his daughters Elizabeth, Kathy and Jenny. Father-in-law of Rod and Phil and loving grandfather of Phoebe, Jack and Sam.

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend his funeral service at St James Church, 173 King Street Sydney on Monday 22nd August 2016 at 2pm to be followed by a private family burial.

GREGORY & CARR  
Traditional  
Funeral Directors  
Gordon 9498 4455

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Dear Prime Minister

The bearer of this letter is Ms Olivia Vienphoukhane Phongkham, whom the Australian Government has appointed as its High Commissioner to Niue, in succession to Ms Catherine Jane Stuart.

I am confident that Ms Phongkham's personal qualities, as well as her experience, will assist her in the most important task of maintaining and developing the close and friendly ties which exist between our two countries.

In commending Ms Phongkham to you, I would ask that you give entire credence to all that she may communicate to you in the name of the Australian Government. I am sure that you and the Government that you lead will afford to her all possible help and cooperation in the fulfilment of her mission.

Yours sincerely

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ANTHONY ALBANESE

The Hon Dalton Tagelagi  
Prime Minister  
NIUE











**Title:** Niue: Request to establish diplomatic relations with Australia  
**MRN:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**To:** Canberra  
**Cc:**  
**From:** Wellington  
**From File:**  
**EDRMS**  
**Files:**  
**References:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
The cable has the following attachment/s -  
s 33(b)

**Response:** Routine, Information Only

**Comments:**

**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

--- Forwarded by s 22(1)(a)(ii) ---

27 February 2013 - very important day of establishing relations with Niue.

**Summary**

s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

text ends

s 22(1)(a)(ii) – this section, together with the following pages (13-17) are irrelevant and have been removed.





PRIME MINISTER

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MALCOLM TURNBULL

The Hon Sir Toke Talagi, KNZM  
Premier  
NIUE

23 MAR 2010

## **Establishment of diplomatic relations between Australia and Niue**

### **Draft Statement**

The Australian Government and Government of Niue have today formally established diplomatic relations.

The two Governments have agreed to develop further their friendly relations and cooperation. The Government of Australia recognises the special position of Niue in the Realm of New Zealand as a state in free association with the state of New Zealand.

Niue was the only full member of the Pacific Islands Forum with whom Australia did not have diplomatic relations. Today, Australia affirms its relationship with Niue.

The Government of Australia supports the Government of Niue in its aspirations to protect, retain and develop the culture of Niue and to participate to the greatest possible extent in international regional activities.

The Australian Government has provided development assistance to Niue in the areas of education, health and infrastructure and will continue to do so.

We welcome the establishment of relations and look forward to the continuation of close and friendly relations in the future.





