Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia

Annual Report 2014-2015
Dear Attorney

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE GENDER REASSIGNMENT BOARD


The Gender Reassignment Board is not a statutory authority specified in Schedule 1 to the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985.

Yours sincerely

Patrick Hogan
PRESIDENT

24 September 2015
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Functions of the Gender Reassignment Board

The *Gender Reassignment Act 2000* was created to allow the reassignment of gender and establish a Gender Reassignment Board (the Board) with the power to issue recognition certificates: to make consequential amendments to the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899* and the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 1961*; to amend the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984* to promote equality of opportunity, and provide remedies in respect of discrimination, on gender history grounds in certain cases; and for connected purposes.

Membership

Person holding office of President:

Mr Patrick Hogan (Magistrate/Barrister)

Persons holding office as Members:

Dr Russell Date
Mr Grantham Kitto
Dr Rowena Koek
Dr Kymberley Wilson
Dr Lauren Megaw

Executive Officer:

Mr Mark Street (Department of the Attorney General)

Registry

The Board registry is contactable on (08) 9219 3020 or via email at contact@justice.wa.gov.au between 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. The registry is located at level 6, 565 Hay Street, Perth WA. The Board relocated to this address on 20 July 2015.

Staff

The administration of the Board is conducted by the Executive Officer.

Finance and Administration

The Board is an autonomous body that is wholly funded through the Department of the Attorney General (the Department).

The Department receives all fees in respect of Board matters.

The Board does not directly employ its own staff. Staff are provided by the Department.
Business Transacted

From 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 the Board received 18 new applications, had four applications carried over from the previous reporting period and issued 20 recognition certificates (four certificates were issued on applications received in the previous reporting period).

Security

All applications lodged with the Board are kept in a secure office with limited access. This is done primarily to ensure the privacy of individuals and to restrict access from persons not directly involved in the administration of the Board.

Statistics

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<td><strong>Total</strong>*</td>
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* This figure includes matters carried over from the previous reporting period.

Appeal Cases

During the reporting period there were no appeals to the State Administrative Tribunal.

Legislative change

During the year draft amendments to the *Gender Reassignment Act 2000* were placed before Parliament. The impact of these amendments if proclaimed will be to abolish the Board and have all matters under the Act dealt with by the State Administrative Tribunal in its original jurisdiction. The draft amendments remained before Parliament at the time of preparing this report.