Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia

Annual Report 2015-2016
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

27 August 2016
Functions of the Gender Reassignment Board

The Gender Reassignment Board (the Board) was established under Section 5 of the *Gender Reassignment Act 2000*. The statutory functions of the Board are;

a) To receive and determine applications for recognition certificates; and

b) To issue recognition certificates in suitable cases.

Recognition certificates identify a person who has undergone a reassignment procedure as being of the sex to which the person has been reassigned.

Membership

President:

Mr Patrick Hogan (Magistrate/Barrister)

Members:

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

Executive Officer:

Mr Mark Street (Department of the Attorney General)

The Board takes the opportunity to thank Dr Rowena Koek for her contribution and support to the Board as a member from her commencement on 4 June 2008 to 31 December 2015.

Registry

The Board registry is contactable on (08) 9219 3111 or via email at sat@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 2015 to 30 June 2016 the Board received 21 new applications, had two applications carried over from the previous reporting period and issued 20 recognition certificates (two certificates were issued on applications received in the previous reporting period).

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.

Security

All applications lodged with the Board are kept secure 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.

Legislative change

During the previous reporting period 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 remain before Parliament at the time of preparing this report.