

Public Health Research Committee

(November 2013)

Terms of Reference

Refer to HRC Act 1990 (Sections 15 to 19) and HRC Policy Document *Description, Interpretation and Implementation of the Statutory Functions for Research Committees*.

Membership Composition

Section 20 of the HRC Act 1990 states:

Membership of research committees

1. *Each research committee shall consist of 7 members.*
2. *At least 5 of the 7 members of each research committee shall have research experience that is relevant to the kind of health research in respect of which the committee is established.*
3. *The members of each research committee –*
 - (a) Shall be appointed from time to time by the Council; and*
 - (b) May include both members of the Council and persons who are not members of the Council.*
4. *In appointing members of a research committee, the Council shall have regard to –*
 - (a) Their personal attributes; and*
 - (b) Their ability to contribute to the discharge of the functions of the research committee.*
5. *The chairperson of each research committee shall be a member of the Council from time to time appointed for the purpose by the Council.*
6. *Subject to subsection (7) of this section, every member of a research committee shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, but may from time to time be reappointed.*
7. *Upon the completion by any person of 2 consecutive terms as a member of a research committee, that person shall cease to be eligible for reappointment as a member of that research committee until after the lapse of 3 years during which that person did not hold office as a member of that research committee.*

Council agreed in principle to the co-option of members to the Research Committee (Refer HRC Council minutes April 1993).

Term of Office

Refer to HRC Act 1990 (Section 20)

Process for Appointment of Committee Members

The Council taking into consideration the matters referred to in Part 1, Section 20(4) of the HRC Act 1990 and consulting with the Committee, appoints members. The Chief Executive formally invites the proposed member recommended by the Committee and confirmed by Council.

Current Membership	Date Appointed	End of Term	Expertise	Location
Dr Ann Richardson (Co-opted)	06.2005	06.2011	Epidemiology	Christchurch
Appointment to Chair	08.2011	08.2014		
Professor Jacqueline Cumming	08.2011	08.2014	Health service	Wellington
Professor Jeroen Douwes	08.2011	08.2014	Environmental health	Wellington
Dr Hinemoa Elder	03.2013	08.2016	Maori health	Auckland
Professor Merryyn Gott	08.2013	08.2016	Nursing	Auckland
Professor Kathryn McPherson	06.2008	06.2011	Rehabilitation	Auckland
Reappointment	07.2011	07.2014		
Dr Patricia Priest	06.2012	06.2015	Epidemiology	Dunedin
Professor Grant Schofield	08.2011	08.2014	Physical activity	Auckland
Professor Robert Scragg	08.2013	08.2016	Epidemiology	Auckland

Secretary: Dr Deming Gong
Quorum: 4
Meetings per annum: 3-4

Reports to: Council
Established by: HRC Act 1990
Reviewed:
Disbanded: