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**PUBLIC FINANCE (APPOINTMENT OF CONTROLLER  
AND AUDITOR-GENERAL) AMENDMENT**

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ANALYSIS

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Preamble	2. Controller and Auditor-General

**A BILL INTITULED**

**An Act to amend the Public Finance Act 1977**

WHEREAS the Controller and Auditor-General is currently appointed by the Governor-General on behalf of Her Majesty:  
5 And whereas it is the Government of the day who has the effective right to appoint the Controller and Auditor-General: And whereas it is considered proper that the appointment of the Controller and Auditor-General should be in Parliamentary not political hands: And whereas it is considered that the  
10 appointment of the Controller and Auditor-General should be modelled on the appointment of other Parliamentary officers such as the Ombudsman and the Parliamentary Commissioner of the Environment:

15 BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

20 **1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Public Finance (Appointment of Controller and Auditor-General) Amendment Act 1988 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Public Finance Act 1977 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

**2. Controller and Auditor-General**—(1) Section 16 (1) of the principal Act is hereby repealed and the following subsections substituted:

25 “(1) There shall be appointed, as an officer of Parliament, an officer to be called the Controller and Auditor-General.

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2            *Public Finance (Appointment of Controller and  
Auditor-General) Amendment*

“(1A) The Controller and Auditor-General shall be appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the House of Representatives.”