



The Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia

Annual Report 2013-2014



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Dear Attorney

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE GENDER REASSIGNMENT BOARD

In accordance with section 13 of the *Gender Reassignment Act 2000*, I submit my report on the activities of the Gender Reassignment Board for the year ending 30 June 2014.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Hogan'.

Patrick Hogan
PRESIDENT

17 September 2014

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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; and
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 4, 12 St Georges Tce, Perth WA.

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.

Security

All applications lodged with the Board are kept in a secure room 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.

Business Transacted

From 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 the Board received 13 applications and issued 11 recognition certificates, one was issued for an application received in the previous reporting period.

Statistics

Applications lodged 2013 – 2014	13
Applications carried over from 2012 – 2013	1
<u>Total</u>	<u>14</u>
Applications for male to female	11
Applications for female to male	3
<u>Total*</u>	<u>14</u>
Applications granted without appeal	10
Applications granted on appeal#	1
Applications refused	-
Applications pending	4
<u>Total</u>	<u>15</u>

This appeal matter was refused a Certificate in the previous reporting period, and was appealed in this reporting period. The matter is therefore not included in the Applications lodged or carried over figures.

Appeal Cases

An applicant who was refused a recognition certificate in the previous reporting period appealed the Board's decision to the State Administrative Tribunal (the Tribunal) during this reporting period. The Tribunal referred the matter back to the Board to reconsider its decision as there was new evidence presented to the Tribunal.

The Board reconsidered the application and refused the application for a recognition certificate. The applicant sought the Tribunal to review this further refusal by the Board. Upon review, the Tribunal ordered the Board to issue a Recognition Certificate. This is reflected in the application granted on appeal in the statistics above.