



Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia

Annual Report
2022-2023



The Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia

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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 2023.

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

Yours sincerely

Grantham Kitto
PRESIDENT

18 August 2023

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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 Grantham Kitto

Members:

Dr Lauren Megaw
Ms Esther Waschk
Dr Kymberley Wilson
Ms Fiona Hugo

Executive Officer:

Mrs Rebecca Blott (Department of Justice)

REGISTRY

The Board registry is contactable on (08) 9219 3111 or via email at GRB@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.

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 by the Department of Justice.

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.

The Board meets once a month or as necessary, and the President and members are remunerated on an hourly basis.

REMUNERATION

Position title	Type of remuneration	Term of appointment / tenure	Gross actual/ sitting fees/ full day	Gross actual/ sitting fees/ part day
President	Set by the Public Sector Commissioner	Up to 5 years	\$450 per full day	\$300 per part day
Member	Set by the Public Sector Commissioner	Up to 3 years	\$300 per full day	\$200 per part day

BUSINESS TRANSACTED

From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 the Board received 80 new applications, carried 6 applications over from the previous reporting period and issued 79 recognition certificates.

STATISTICS

Applications lodged 2022 – 2023	80
Applications carried over from 2021 – 2022	6
Total	<u>86</u>

Applications granted without appeal	79
Applications granted on appeal	0
Applications refused	0
Applications dismissed	0
Applications pending	7
Total	<u>86</u>

Applications received for male to female	56
Applications received for female to male	30
Applications female to non-binary	0
Total*	<u>86</u>

* These figures include 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.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Freedom of information requests are received and actioned by the Department, there have been no FOI request this financial year.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

In December 2022 the McGowan Government announced they will progress legislation to repeal the Gender Reassignment Act 2000 and abolish the Gender Reassignment Board (Board).

To ensure the Board can deal with any pending applications - and any new applications received prior to the introduction of the reforms - the State Government appointed Mr Grantham Kitto as President of the Board.

A review of the Act was undertaken by the Law Reform Commission (WA) and the report submitted in December 2018.