

Curriculum Vitae

Christopher Noel Pinfield
Born 25 December 1944, India
New Zealand citizen, British citizen
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Chris Pinfield
Public Economics and Management

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Skills and abilities

Analysis and knowledge

Direct experience and theoretical economic understanding of a wide range of public policy issues. Extensive experience of the policy development processes. Strong on 'big picture' analysis and the identification and development of strategic options.

Communications and relationships

Clear, succinct and well-judged oral communications combined with a clear and well-structured writing style. Experienced and well-prepared in the conduct of official relationships with Ministers, colleagues and interest groups. Can maintain relationships under difficult circumstances.

People skills

Good listener and judge of character and talent. Comfortable with informal leadership and team working.

Governance

Demonstrated ability to apply the above skills in a variety of not-for-profit governance structures.

Employment experience

2005- Consultant, public-sector economics and management: assignments for ministries and departments of the New Zealand Government and for the Public Sector Development Commission, Thailand.

2004 Advisor, Foreshore and Seabed Group, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet: policy development, co-ordination, presentation.

1997-03 Advisor / Principal Advisor, the Treasury: senior-level policy analysis and advice on social policy and public law issues, including the economics of crime and rehabilitation, the tax-benefit interface, Maori TV and economic human rights; and on tax and regulatory issues, including fisheries management, telecommunications regulation, cost recovery, biosecurity, precaution, user charges, the economic costs of taxation, and food labeling.

1996-97 Senior Private Secretary to the Minister of Finance: policy and legislative advice, office management.

1983-96 Manager / Director, the Treasury, managing policy analysis and advice: tax policy and administration (1994-95); inter-party accord on retirement incomes (1993); budget planning and operations, fiscal strategy, fiscal outlook (1990-92); Reserve Bank reform, economic consultations with Japan (1989); review of Australia/New Zealand economic relations (1988); private sector wage developments and regulatory issues, public sector wage bargaining (1985-86); international economic outlook, financial and monetary developments, trade policy, development issues (1983-85).

1980-82 Assistant to Executive Director, International Monetary Fund: assistance to Australian Executive Director, liaison with IMF staff on New Zealand economic policy and developments.

1974-80 Investigating Officer / Senior Investigating Officer, the Treasury, providing policy analysis and advice: international economic, monetary and development issues (1977-80); oil and gas exploration and development - project analysis, financing, taxation (1974-77).

1966-74 U K Diplomatic Service, London and Kuala Lumpur.

Publications

2001 Regulatory Issues in Biosecurity: Treasury Working Paper 01/23

1998 Tax Smoothing and Expenditure Creep: Treasury Working Paper 98/23

Tertiary education

1986-87 BA economics (1st class honours) Victoria University, Wellington

1963-66 BA mathematics (1st class honours) Cambridge University

Governance experience

2004- Chair of Finance Committee, Anglican Diocese of Wellington
Board of Trustees (or equivalent)

2005- King Street Artworks, Masterton

1998-04 Downtown Community Ministry, Wellington

1996-01 Strathmore Community Base, Wellington

1995-97 Wellington High School

Management and governance training

2007 CCMAU and Massey University "Developing Critically Reflective Crown Company Directors"

1995 Michigan University School of Business Administration

1991 Mt Eliza Australian Management College

1989 New Zealand College of Management

Professional associations

New Zealand Association of Economists

Association of Christian Economists (US)

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