## <u>Change of British High Commissioner to</u> <u>New Zealand: Iona Thomas</u>

Press release

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Ms Iona Thomas OBE has been appointed British High Commissioner to New Zealand and Governor of the Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands in succession to Ms Laura Clarke OBE. Ms Thomas will take up her appointment during August 2022.

## **Curriculum Vitae**

2019 to present	Islamabad, Political Counsellor
2017 to 2018	FCO, Additional Deputy Director Middle East and North Africa Directorate
2015 to 2017	Tunis, Deputy Head of Mission Tripoli and Libya Office
2012 - 2015	New York, Spokesperson and Head of Press and Public Affairs UK Permanent Representation to the United Nations
2012	FCO, Private Secretary to Baroness Warsi, Minister of State
2010 to 2012	FCO, Afghan Department, Team Leader — Political Internal
2006 to 2010	Department for Communities and Local Government, Private Secretary to the Secretary of State and Team Leader, Prevent

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