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## SPEAKERS



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### **Simon Jensen, Buddle Findlay, Wellington**

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### **Ben Keith, Thorndon Chambers, Wellington**

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### **David Lemmon, Office of the Auditor General, Wellington**

David leads the team responsible for carrying out inquiries for the Auditor-General and has been involved in the development of the process for performing that function. Before joining the Office of the Auditor-General in 2015, he was a Crown Counsel in the Public Law Group at Crown Law providing tax and commercial representation and advice to Government Departments and crown agencies.



### **Cassie Nicholson, Parliamentary Counsel Office, Wellington**

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### **Jonathan Robinson, Parliamentary Counsel Office, Wellington**

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## **SPEAKERS**



### **Sir Maarten Wevers, Co-author Ministerial Inquiry into Novopay, Wellington**

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