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## **SAFECOM BOARD REPORT**

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Following years of lobbying by the CFSVA, an independent Chair has been appointed to the SAFECOM Board. This now separates the role of SAFECOM CEO from the Chair of the SAFECOM, and it is anticipated that this will provide neutrality to the Board and allow the Board's directions and decisions to be referred to the Minister with honesty and impartiality.

The SAFECOM Board continues to work on defining its role and responsibilities as required under the FES Act, but this is still an evolving journey, whilst the Board works to entangle the changes and conflicts which were created by previous SAFECOM CEOs.

Following the resignation of an independent member, the SAFECOM Board now has 2 vacancies and currently awaits advice from Minister Szakacs as to the new appointee to the Board.

Ms Julia Waddington-Powell has been the SAFECOM CEO for approximately 12 months and is the first CEO to actively respect the legislation surrounding SAFECOM and the SAFECOM Board seeking to deliver services to the ESO as required under the FES Act, and commend her for this action.

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