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| Name | Dr Helen Anderson |  |
| Born | Dunedin, 11 September 1955 | |
| Nationality | New Zealander | |
| Current Employment | Chief Executive, Ministry of Research Science and Technology | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✎ PhD Cambridge University 1985✎ BSc (1st class honours) University of Auckland 1977 (her first 3 years were spent at Otago) | |
| Work History | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✎ Research Scientist DSIR Department of Scientific and Industrial Research - 1978 - 1985✎ Research Scientist, Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences – 1985 - 1990✎ Member of Science Prioritised Review panel 1992 - 1994✎ Director, Earth and Ocean Science Research 1994 - 1996✎ Deputy Chair, Transfunds New Zealand 1996 to 2001✎ Chief Scientific Advisor at the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology 1997 - 2003✎ Acting Chief Executive of the Ministry from 2003 - 2004 | |
| Awards | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✎ Fulbright Senior Research Scholar 1990 - She undertook research in the C F Richter Seismological Laboratory at the University of California✎ NZ Suffrage Centennial Medal 1993✎ Jointly awarded the New Zealand Geophysics prize for an outstanding geophysics paper 2000✎ Awarded a Chevening Aotearoa Public Science Fellowship 2003 | |
| Family | Daughter of Atherton Anderson and Patricia Hartley Anderson Two children James Anderson Campbell and Saskia Anderson Campbell | |
| Quirky facts | Planned to be a school counsellor Turned up at Otago to enrol in psychology and then met a friend coming out of the enrolment hall who said, do geology instead of psychology, and she did. Dr Anderson has a book written about her called <i>Helen is a seismologist</i> | |
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