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My current role in the Ministry of Economic Development has a broad focus on advice on issues affecting management and business capability at the firm level. Access to finance, particularly the policy aspects of angel investment and venture capital markets, is a key issue.

Previously I worked on alignment across the public sector in implementing the government's economic development strategy – aimed at enhancing New Zealand's sustainable growth rate and was seconded to Parliament as Economic Development Advisor to the Minister for Economic Development.

Prior to joining the Ministry of Economic Development I was with the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, working in areas relating to monetary policy, the balance of payments and financial markets – both domestic and international. During my time at the Reserve Bank I was seconded to the International Monetary Fund in Washington DC for two years, working with the Executive Director for New Zealand on the IMF's Executive Board.

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