

## RCOI Response Steering Group Minutes

<b>Date/Time</b>	29/06/2021, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm
<b>Venue</b>	Executive Wing (Beehive): Cabinet Committee Meeting Room 8.5
<b>Chair</b>	Dan Eaton, Director, National Security Policy, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)

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1		<p><b>Welcome, apologies, introductions</b></p> <p>New members from Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and Treasury were noted, as was the attendance of the Head of Secretariat of Kāpuia – the Ministerial Advisory Group on the Government Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry on the terrorist attack on Christchurch mosques.</p>
2		<p><b>Chair's Update</b></p> <p>The Chair summarised activity since the last meeting including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• He Whenua Taurikura, the counter-terrorism hui in Christchurch;</li><li>• hub engagement has started involving Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Justice and DIA on social cohesion, hate speech and objectionable content; and</li><li>• the establishment of Kāpuia – the Ministerial Advisory Group.</li></ul> <p>The Chair advised it is intended Kāpuia (the Group and its members and the Secretariat) will be provided with copies of the RCOI milestone tracker in the future - this means the need for discipline by all agencies to ensure the tracker accurately reflects the status of actions underway.</p> <p>The Chair also noted that the establishment of Kāpuia will have implications for all agencies in terms of increased scrutiny on work. However, the existence of the Group does not remove the ongoing need for agencies to effectively engage with communities on policy proposals.</p> <p>Reference was also made that the upcoming Responsible Ministers meeting provides a valuable opportunity to receive Ministerial level guidance on future direction and expectations for the latter part of this year. As part of preparing for the meeting it was noted this is an opportunity for agencies/officials to consider key matters to be discussed by Ministers.</p> <p>The launch of the new Ministry of Ethnic Communities on 1 July was also noted.</p>
3		<p><b>Review of actions from 28 May meeting</b></p> <p>The status of the opens actions was taken as read. Number 15, which referred to budget decision implications is to be closed noting the passage of time. Actions 17, 18 and 19 are to remain open noting they refer to ongoing requirements on agencies. DPMC to follow up with Stats NZ outside of the meeting on 19. Action 20, which referred to including a schedule of upcoming engagement activity as an attachment to the meeting agenda for, has been closed noting the attachment of such a schedule to the agenda for this meeting.</p>
4		<p><b>Responsible Ministers meeting on 3 August</b></p> <p>DPMC provided an outline of the process and timeline for collecting information from agencies in support of the preparation of a paper for the meeting, and the information to be sought. The milestone tracker scheduled for update on 16 July will be used to inform a stocktake of progress made since the release of the report in November 2020. Key dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 14 July - inputs from agencies on forward looking considerations</li><li>• 21 July - draft papers to be circulated around RSG</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 28 July – final papers signed out and provided to Ministers</li></ul> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DPMC to provide details on information requirements for the forward-looking considerations by email to agencies. (Note: Addressed via email sent to RSG members later on the 29<sup>th</sup>)</li></ul>
5		<p><b>Ministerial Advisory Group Secretariat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update for planning on first two meetings</li><li>• Engagement with agencies</li><li>• Terms of Reference</li></ul> <p>The Head of the Secretariat of Kāpuia spoke to the meeting on the above areas. The emphasis on the role of the Group in enhancing the overall quality of advice provided to Ministers was highlighted. It was also noted the Group's Terms of Reference allow for it to give feedback to agencies on draft policy proposals agencies may share with it, and formal advice to Ministers.</p> <p>At the conclusion of this item the Head of the Secretariat left the meeting to allow RSG to consider the question of their ongoing attendance – see agenda item immediately below.</p>
6		<p><b>Discussion on question of ongoing Ministerial Advisory Group Secretariat attendance at RSG</b></p> <p>The Chair opened discussion on this question. An RSG consensus was reached that it would be desirable to have the Secretariat present at future meetings as a member (not an observer). Reasons given for this including promoting trust and efficiency in the relationship between the RSG (and the agencies represented on it) and the Secretariat and the Group. It was also noted the Secretariat could add value by connecting dots across pieces of work that may not be immediately visible to the RSG.</p> <p>It was also noted that if any meeting has agenda items it was felt should be closed to the Secretariat this could be managed via agenda development and advance warning to the Secretariat.</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DPMC to update the Group Terms of Reference to reflect the decision of the meeting to have the Secretariat present at future meetings as a member – and for that update to include how any one-off agenda items that should be closed to the Secretariat will be managed.</li></ul>
7		<p><b>Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand report on Welfare and Wellbeing support to victims</b></p> <p>Discussion was held on a report from the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ) that some agencies had received draft copies of, and which was scheduled for release by FIANZ at 6pm on Wednesday 30 July. s9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Discussion on the welfare and wellbeing support questions the report spoke to took place with the result being a decision to hold a separate discussion after the meeting between relevant agency representatives for coordination purposes ahead of the intended FIANZ release.</p>
8		<p><b>Round of updates from agencies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Including updates on<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Collective Impact Board and Case Management – Ministry of Social Development</li><li>○ Ethnic and Faith Community Engagement Response Fund – DIA</li><li>○ Extending the Safer Communities Fund - DIA</li><li>○ Ethnic Communities Graduate Programme – Office of the Ethnic Communities</li></ul></li><li>• Guidance received from Ministers and upcoming RCOI-related meetings</li><li>• Key areas of work in Quarter 3 and into Quarter 4</li></ul>

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		Updates were provided by agency representatives on relevant initiatives. DIA noted a potential link between the work underway on objectionable content and that intended around a subsequent media content regulatory review that may result in a public discussions document being released in Q1 of 2022. DIA will ensure any necessary linkages are worked in as necessary.
9		<b>Communication Working Group update</b> Working Group representatives were unable to attend due to other commitments – no issues of relevance were raised by the meeting.
10		<b>Outreach Working Group update</b> The meeting was advised of the status of the summary of the hui conducted by DPMC in May with representatives of the Pacific, Rainbow and Disability communities. Once finalised this summary will be publicly released on the DPMC website.
11		<b>Counter-terrorism Hui</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reflections – round table from attending agencies</li><li>• Discussions on feedback received</li><li>• Next steps including for Centre of Excellence and next year's hui</li></ul> A discussion was held summarising hui outcomes. The consensus was that while important learnings were identified, that need to be taken forward into planning for the next hui, it was overall a success and an important step in supporting ongoing public discussion of relevant issues.
12		<b>Any other business</b> <u>DPMC meeting with Chief Coroner</u> RSG was briefed on an introductory meeting held between the Chief Coroner, and her assisting counsel with DPMC on the Christchurch terrorist attack Coronial proceedings. The Chief Coroner outlined the process she is following, and high-level timelines for this, to identify any matters requiring the continuation of the Coronial process and any subsequent holding of a formal inquest; or if the Police criminal investigation and the work of the Royal Commission of Inquiry and resulting Government responses address all issues within the scope of her functions. She is seeking input from interested parties to inform her decision making – this includes affected whānau, witnesses and survivors that she has been meeting with. RSG was advised that the Chief Coroner had an interest in understanding the lead Minister and lead agency for each recommendation. That information, which is already in the public domain in the proactively released and redacted versions of the December 2020 and March 2021 (First report back) Cabinet papers, was provided to her. The potential for this to result in specific queries from the Chief Coroner to individual agencies was highlighted. <u>Virtual meeting protocols</u> The need to ensure representatives attending virtually can hear proceeding by only one person speaking at a time was raised and highlighted. If this does not occur audio quality is significantly reduced for those attending virtually. <u>Meeting and agenda approach</u> The Chair asked Group members to consider the current meeting and agenda approach and advise him ahead of the next meeting if these met agencies' needs, or if there were opportunities for improvement. <b>Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agency representatives to provide any feedback to the Chair ahead of the next meeting.</li></ul>
13		<b>Meeting closed</b> Meeting closed at 1.00 pm.