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Tēnā koutou and welcome to the 13th edition of Kāpuia Pānui for 2022.

Agency updates on the RCOI Response Work Programme

1. Government announces changes to Control Orders Act and terrorist designations scheme

On 19 October, the Justice Minister Kiri Allan announced new legislation to strengthen counter-terrorism laws to make it harder for people who are known threats to undertake terrorist acts.

Cabinet sought a review of the Control Order Act following the Lynn Mall attack last year, where the individual responsible was known to be a threat to New Zealand's security.

The Minister says the changes will improve the effectiveness of the Control Orders Act and expand the criteria for high-risk individuals who can be covered by the restrictions, which limit their ability to undertake an attack.

The specific changes include:

- Expanding the eligibility criteria for those who can be covered by a control order to include if the person has received a conviction for objectionable publications that promote torture, extreme violence, or cruelty. This is in addition to the current criteria, which includes a conviction for objectionable publications that promote terrorism.
- Expanding the eligibility criteria to include people sentenced to home detention and community-based sentences (currently it is limited to sentences of imprisonment) and allow sentence conditions and control orders to exist concurrently for these offenders, to ensure a consistent approach to risk management.
- Allowing for greater judicial discretion when setting control order restrictions, to ensure they can be more closely tailored to risk.
- Providing in more detail requirements of the following kinds: a requirement that the relevant person reside at and remain at a specified address and electronic monitoring requirements.
- Making name suppression requirements more flexible so that an appropriate balance can be struck between preventing the glorification of terrorism activity and reassuring the public that a known terrorism risk is being appropriately managed.

The Government is also seeking to strengthen the terrorist designations scheme by amending the Terrorism Suppression Act to make it explicit that in the case of a designated person who is imprisoned:

- No application for revocation of the designation can be made on the grounds that the entity is no longer involved in any way in the carrying out of terrorist acts.
- Expiry of the designation would be paused, and the designation remain in place, while the person is imprisoned.
- Requiring the Prime Minister to review the designation every three years to determine whether it remains justified. In making this assessment, the Prime Minister must consider relevant information provided by the designated individual.

You can read the Minister's full media release by clicking this [link](#).

You can read the legislation by clicking this [link](#).

Other information

2. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) release 2021-22 Annual Report

DPMC has released its 2021-22 Annual Report. The Report highlights DPMC's strategic intentions, purpose, outcomes and progress against its indicators. It also notes DPMC's efforts to build its te ao Māori effort and outlines the diversity of DPMC's workforce based on gender and ethnicity both in DPMC's staff and people leaders. You can read the Report by clicking this [link](#).

3. Ministry for Ethnic Communities launch flagship annual conference series

The Ministry for Ethnic Communities is launching a new flagship conference series called the Ethnic Advantage Conferences. The conferences aim to create another two-way communication channel with ethnic communities, strengthen relationships, celebrate successes, grow knowledge and ensure that community concerns are well-considered in government policies and actions. The conferences will be organised around an overarching nationwide vision to discuss the issues on ethnic communities' agendas on the national level. However, to acknowledge the local distinctiveness of each region, some sessions will be regionally tailored. The first conferences will be held in Dunedin on 5 November 2022 and Christchurch on 3 December 2022. If you are interested in participating, please email the Ministry at conferences@ethniccommunities.govt.nz

4. Hearing for application to replace Counsel assisting Coronial Inquiry into the Christchurch Masjidain Attack

A hearing on an application seeking to replace Counsel appointed to assist the Inquiry in the Masjidain Attack Coronial Inquiry took place on 13 October. The purpose of the hearing was to hear any further submissions on the application which has been brought by counsel representing some of the interested parties. The Coroner has reserved her decision. The application does not relate to any of the substantive issues for the Inquiry as decided in the April 2022 Scope Decision. More information on the coronial inquiry can be found by clicking this [link](#).

5. Cyber Smart Week

Cyber Smart Week took place between 10-16 October. The week focussed on how to make your online information more secure, with four easy steps:

1. Strengthening your password – Creating strong passwords for your online accounts is one of the most effective ways to protect personal information and keep yourself safe from cyber-attacks. See: [How to create a good password](#).
2. Two-factor authentication – adding a second layer of protection apart from the normal login and password. See: [Turn on two-factor authentication](#).
3. Activate auto update – Keeping your software and devices updated is one of the easiest and most effective ways of protecting yourself from a cyber-attack. See: [Keeping up with your updates](#).
4. Boost privacy defence – Protecting your privacy online means you have more control over where your personal information goes and who has access to it. See: [Protecting your privacy online](#)

If you, or someone you know, experiences an online security incidence, report it to CERT NZ by clicking this [link](#).

In the community

6. Upcoming dates of significance

- 16 to 22 October is Niue Language week dedicated to celebrating Niuean language and culture.
- 9 to 16 October is Sukkot which is one of the three major holidays in Judaism. As well as being a thanksgiving and agricultural festival, it commemorates the 40-year period which the Children of Israel wandered the desert after fleeing Egypt. 16 to 18 October is a Jewish religious festival on the eighth day of Sukkot and is a time of to bond with God, while 17 and 18 October marks the end of the annual cycle of weekly Torah readings and the beginning of the new cycle. It is a joyous holiday and celebrates the Jewish love of the Torah.

Noho ora mai

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