



RCOI Response Steering Group Minutes

Date/Time	21/09/2022, 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Venue	Cabinet Committee Room (8.5), Beehive and Virtual via Zoom
Chair	Dan Eaton, Director, National Security Policy Directorate, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
In attendance	Corrections, Customs, Department of Internal Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, New Zealand Security Intelligence Service, Government Communications Security Bureau, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Defence, New Zealand Police, Statistics New Zealand and the Treasury.
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1	<p>Welcome and Chair's update</p> <p>The Chair welcomed attendees and acknowledged the Government's recent announcement on the removal of various COVID-19 requirements. The Chair reminded attendees that it remains a personal choice to continue wearing masks in meetings.</p> <p>The Chair provided an update on some key developments since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kāpuia's June 27 letter of advice sent to the Lead Coordination Minister, along with the Minister's response was to be published on the DPMC website today but this has been postponed. Last week, the Chair sent advice to agencies of the intended publication to allow them to prepare for any possible media queries they may receive following the publication. • At the last meeting, DPMC requested feedback on the draft Risk Register (Action 28). The Chair thanked agencies that have provided feedback and noted that a discussion on the Risk Register will occur at the next meeting, noting the full agenda for today. • The Chair advised that the next Responsible Ministers' meeting is tentatively scheduled for early November. This will be updated to agencies once the date is confirmed. <p>The minutes of the prior meeting (17 August 2022) were taken as read and accepted for publishing – subject to any further feedback from agencies after the meeting. The Chair reminded attendees that the minutes now record attendance of agencies.</p> <p>DPMC proposed that Action 29 referring to inclusion of funding related considerations in the upcoming survey of the Policy Community Engagement Tool (PCET Survey), be closed. This is noting that the changes will be incorporated in the next round of PCET Survey, due to be circulated to agencies in early October. There were no objections to this proposal and Action 29 is to be closed.</p>
2	<p>Overview from Treasury on Budget 23 processes</p> <p>Treasury gave an overview of the Budget 2023 process, informing the meeting that this will be a centrally driven process due to:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current economic environment; • The constrained fiscal context; and • The political context. <p>As with every Budget, not all agencies will receive funding. In addition, given the Budget constraints, any proposal that asks for out-of-cycle funding will require the Minister of Finance’s approval to proceed to Cabinet</p> <p>Treasury outlined the key dates and timeframes of the Budget 23 process and provided the contact details for any follow up agencies may have.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Treasury for the update and invited agencies to raise any questions about potential budget initiatives that they would like to share and also to continue the discussion after the meeting.</p>
3	<p>Royal Commission of Inquiry Outcomes Framework (ROF) update</p> <p>DPMC gave an update on the progress of ROF development.</p> <p>The community engagement phase has been completed.</p> <p>Next steps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with agencies, Kāpuia and Māori leaders over coming months; • Delivery of a draft ROF to the Lead Coordination Minister in December; and • Exploring ways to improve communication with communities on the progress of ROF and the RCOI work generally. <p>Te Kawa Mataaho raised the question of how Government is going to reconcile the proposed ROF with existing frameworks and measurement indicators. This was acknowledging there is likely crossover between existing frameworks and indicators, and what the ROF may focus on.</p> <p>DPMC agreed and noted it is undertaking a stocktake of existing frameworks and measurement indicators as part of the development process. It is mindful of the need not to re-invent measures that already exist. It is also mindful of the importance to create something that communities can understand. DPMC will reach out to agencies for feedback on the substance of the ROF.</p>
4	<p>Update on monthly reporting to Lead Coordination Minister</p> <p>The Chair thanked agencies for providing input into the new reporting for the Lead Coordination Minister. Unlike the monthly milestone trackers, the new reporting does not provide details on the month-by-month progress of individual workstreams. Rather, it identifies any relevant high-level future milestones and offers insight on the progress and status – as well as the pressure points – across the RCOI workstreams.</p> <p>The feedback from the Lead Coordination Minister on the new reporting was positive overall, and the Chair welcomed agencies providing their feedback on the new format. It is anticipated that there will be some changes as the approach is refined over time.</p> <p>DPMC also reminded the meeting the Lead Coordination Minister is seeking further information where there was variation in the RAG statuses assigned by Kāpuia and agencies. DPMC had already provided the Minister with a general explanation for any such variations, but this was an opportunity for agencies to provide feedback specific to their workstreams.</p> <p>Subject to feedback from the Lead Coordination Minister the new format reporting will be delivered every second month.</p>
5	<p>Ministerial hui in Christchurch on 3 September update</p> <p>The Chair thanked agencies for providing support in the lead up to the Ministerial hui – as well as on the day. Having such a strong agency representation reinforced for the community that the Government is still very committed to supporting them – and delivering on the wider RCOI report and its recommendations.</p>

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	<p>DPMC provided details on the hui:</p> <p><u>The morning session with affected whānau, survivors and witnesses</u></p> <p>Approximately 70 participants attended in person and four joined online.</p> <p>Some of the matters raised by the participants were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The different levels of support available to individuals in the affected communities; • A perceived lack of progress of a memorial to honour the 51 shuhada; • The perceived barriers to equitable access to services such as healthcare, employment opportunities for migrant communities; • A lack of apparent progress on the development of an Islamic compliant financing system; and • The racism faced by participants in institutions such as schools and employment, as well as in daily lives. <p><u>Afternoon session with wider ethnic communities</u></p> <p>Approximately 50 participants attended in person.</p> <p>Some of the matters raised by the participants were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A desire to be better engaged with the RCOI work and be better informed of its progress; • Concerns around the prevalence of racism faced by the participants in their daily lives, especially in schools and institutions; and • A lack of access to culturally appropriate mental health services. The needs of the affected communities have changed with passage of time, and this has not been adequately supported. <p>DPMC thanked agencies that have already provided feedback to the post-hui action log. There were several matters raised in the hui and the log is aimed at capturing these and actions taken in response to them.</p> <p>New Action (number 30): Agencies to continue to provide feedback into the post-hui action log. The log summarises actions arising from the hui and has been circulated to the agencies who attended the hui.</p>
6	<p>Kāpuia update</p> <p>The Kāpuia Secretariat thanked agencies who assisted on the recent Aide-Memoire on funding provided to the Lead Coordination Minister. The Aide-Memoire will be proactively released, along with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kāpuia’s 27 June letter of advice to the Lead Coordination Minister; and • The Lead Coordination Minister’s response to that letter. <p>The Secretariat informed the meeting the publication of the above material – scheduled for this week – has been rescheduled to next week.</p> <p>Hui for the remainder of the year will take place on 27 October virtually and 7 December in person. There is no hui scheduled in November, but all scheduling is subject to change as the roopu requires.</p> <p>The 27 October virtual hui will have updates from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Intelligence and Security Act reviewers; • DPMC on the progress of Machinery of Government work; and • The Ministry of Education on the new national curriculum. <p>7 December in-person hui will have political observers – one representative each from the Government and the Opposition respectively – for the first time. Police will also be providing an update on Te Raranga as part of the response to recommendation 42. The Secretariat also informed the meeting that Minister of Internal Affairs attended the last Kāpuia hui and provided an update on the progress of the Content Regulatory Review work by the Department of Internal Affairs.</p>
7	<p>DPMC update</p> <p>The Chair invited DPMC to provide updates on its workstreams.</p> <p><u>National Security Strategy update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A paper on the development of New Zealand’s first national security strategy (the Strategy) went to Cabinet in July. Cabinet agreed to the findings of DPMC’s review on national security settings. This review and the

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	<p>Machinery of Government work (see below), which speaks to recommendations 1, 2 and 3 of the RCOI report, will inform the broader national security system RCOI response work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabinet also agreed to a round of engagement to inform the development of the strategy. This will involve a mixture of face-to-face hui and the ability to provide online submissions. This activity is currently underway. The stakeholders engaged include key community groups and the public. Once engagement is completed DPMC will provide a public summary on what was heard. This is currently scheduled to be released at the end of the year. <p><u>Machinery of Government update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In July Cabinet agreed to a Machinery of Government work programme that focuses on four areas of reform:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Strengthening accountabilities and engagement across national security system;○ Enacting changes to structures and processes around crisis management;○ Delivering stronger strategic and policy leadership for the national security system; and○ Providing oversight and monitoring to the new framework.• Cabinet has asked for a first tranche of advice by December on functions, accountabilities, mandates, governance and resourcing. A second tranche of advice, addressing oversight, monitoring and advisory roles, will be delivered in early 2023. DPMC is currently developing the first tranche of advice.• The two-part phasing of the work aligns with the Intelligence and Security Act review, with the report from that review due at the end of the year.• To date, DPMC has engaged with agencies and their Chief Executives, Kāpuia and the public.• There is a small Steering Group of Chief Executives that will have its first meeting next week.• The Chair highlighted that this work is one that is of key interest to Kāpuia, and DPMC will continue the discussion on it with the roopu at its next hui, scheduled for 27 October. <p>In response to a question from the meeting, it was confirmed that agencies were not expected to provide briefings ahead of the first Machinery of Government Chief Executive Steering Group meeting.</p>
8	<p>Any other business</p> <p>It was noted the next RSG meeting is scheduled for 2 November 2022 from 2.00 to 3.00 pm – and this is already in calendars.</p>
9	<p>Meeting closed</p> <p>Meeting closed at 3.00pm.</p>

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