



RCOI Response Steering Group Minutes

Date/Time	14/12/2022, 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 that this has been a busy period for all agencies as the year winds down.</p> <p>The Chair provided an update on some key developments since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the Responsible Ministers meeting held on 9 November, The Lead Coordination Minister updated the Responsible Ministers on progress of the Government's response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry since the last report back in 2021. This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> key achievements across the response; feedback from public engagements in the past year; updates on specific areas of work in the Police, Justice, Internal Affairs and Social Cohesion portfolios; and progress on work to reform the national security system. <p>The minutes of the prior meeting (21 September 2022) were taken as read and accepted for publishing – subject to any further feedback from agencies after the meeting. The Chair noted the minutes now record attendance of agencies.</p>
2	<p>RCOI Outcomes Framework – Measuring for Success – Status update and next steps</p> <p>The Chair provided an update on the work to date on the RCOI Outcomes Framework (the Framework):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the past months, extensive agency engagements were carried out. The feedback received from these engagements were valuable in the development of the Framework. <p>Prior to today's meeting, the draft Framework and discussion questions were circulated to the members. The discussion focused on questions of implementation, and how best to use the Framework to ensure the greatest value and impact.</p> <p>The discussion, led by DPMC and Tregaskis Brown, raised the following matters:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for Framework implementation currently being developed for the Lead Coordination Minister. Options are situated along a continuum – from mandatory to voluntary use and reporting by agencies. • The potential for different expectations between communities and agencies on the Framework and its implementation. • Ways to maximise the Framework’s utility and ensuring it does not duplicate other frameworks. • Kāpuia Secretariat provided feedback on the last Kāpuia hui held on 7 December. The roopu suggested amending the Framework’s vision statement to incorporate concepts of peace and harmony. It was noted that this was not dissimilar to the existing vision statements. • Te Kawa Mataaho noted that the Framework needs to be broad enough to be applicable across a wide range of workstreams and thematic areas, but it cannot be too expansive, especially if the Framework’s implementation is to be mandatory. • Tregaskis Brown explained the Framework is not prescriptive by design. The expectation is for agencies to formulate their own capabilities, as appropriate to their respective workstreams. This reduces duplication as agencies can rely on their existing capabilities. • In response to Police’s question on agency reporting against the Framework, it was clarified that the Minister will make the final determination on reporting requirements, but at this stage, it is anticipated that reporting would not be mandatory. • In response to a member’s question on the text of the outcomes of the Framework, it was clarified that the Outcomes are not indicative of an ‘end-point’, rather to signal the progress of the activities being measured against the Framework. • It was noted that the objective / quantitative indicators have been a recent addition following feedback from the National Security Group at DPMC. • DPMC invited agencies to reconnect in the new year, to provide feedback on the Framework and its implementation and monitoring. DPMC will reach out the agencies in the new year with collateral material. DPMC also welcomed any other advice that would help the briefing to be provided to the Lead Coordination Minister in early 2023.
3	<p>Risk Register – tabled for acceptance and ongoing risk monitoring</p> <p>Due to time constraints, this item was not covered in the meeting. The Chair invited the members for any feedback on the draft Register that was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>New Action (number 31): DPMC to circulate a written update on the Risk Register to members after the meeting.</p>
4	<p>Policy Community Engagement Tool – Status update and next steps</p> <p>Due to time constraints, this item was not covered in the meeting.</p> <p>New Action (number 32): DPMC to circulate a written update on the Policy Community Engagement Tool to members after the meeting.</p>
5	<p>Agency updates</p> <p>The Chair invited agencies to provide updates on their workstreams.</p> <p><u>Update on the second annual Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism Hui</u></p> <p>DPMC partnered with He Whenua Taurikura National Centre of Research Excellence for the second annual hui, held on 31 October – 1 November in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland. There was a strong response from communities and academics – attended by around 300 participants – with a focus on prevention of terrorism and violent extremism. The hui also covered a range of topics, including social cohesion and racism and how Te Ao Māori values can inform work in this space. The Prime Minister spoke at the hui and also attended some of the sessions. The occasion marked the Prime Minister giving the most significant speech on national security since 2014. Ministers Little, Allan and Radhakrishnan were also in attendance.</p>

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	<p>Overall, the hui saw two days of positive, constructive, and forward-looking conversations. Planning is underway on next year's hui.</p> <p><u>Update on the national security system reform</u></p> <p>DPMC provided an update on recommendations 1, 2 and 3. In the past months, DPMC had engaged with the Prime Minister to determine the direction of travel to progress the work. The Prime Minister has been focused on the rights functions and accountabilities across the national security system, as well as the system for managing hazards and risks. This is to ensure that any changes to the existing system will make New Zealanders safer.</p> <p>DPMC will engage with agencies and Kāpuia ahead of the Cabinet paper to be presented in March 2023. This timing aligns with the Intelligence Security Act Review, and the new National Security Strategy. The proposed framework for national security system reform will be delivered to the Prime Minister as part of her summer reading pack.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the recommendations were agreed in-principle, but DPMC is focusing of accountability and functions first before a decision to create a new agency is made.</p> <p><u>Update on Police-led recommendations</u></p> <p>Police provided an update on its recommendations, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the closure of recommendation 23; • Police is in the process of closing recommendation 19; • the launch of He Aranga Ake in the past week; • Police held a session with Kāpuia on the progress of recommendation 42; and • work is currently underway to provide to Cabinet a business case for progressing recommendation 12 in May 2023. It was noted that a cross-agency governance group has been established to progress this work.
6	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Kāpuia Secretariat informed the meeting Kāpuia hui have been set for 2023 and a draft programme will be circulated to agencies.</p> <p>The Chair noted this is the final meeting of the year and next meeting will likely take place in February 2023. Once a date has been set, a calendar invite will be circulated to agencies. The Chair also noted the departure of a DPMC member in the new year and thanked him for all his contribution to the Royal Commission work.</p> <p>The Chair thanked all for attending and wished everyone a safe and restful holiday period.</p>
7	<p>Meeting closed</p> <p>Meeting closed at 3:05 pm.</p>