



11 October 2022



Ref: OIA-2022/23-0137

Dear 

Official Information Act request for an Aide-Mémoire regarding a Ministerial hui on the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch mosques

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request to the Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities and Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment, Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan. Part of your request was transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 14 September 2022. The part of your request transferred to DPMC was for:

"I refer to WPQ 31050 (2022).

Under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982, I request the following:

- *29/08/2022 Aide-Mémoire: Ministerial hui on the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch mosques."*

Please find attached a copy of the requested Aide-Mémoire dated 29 August 2022 "Ministerial hui on the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch mosques". Mobile phone numbers have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of individuals. In addition, some information including the four attachments to the Aide-Mémoire, consisting of the proposed Agenda, proposed attendees, and overview and advice in the form of talking points have been withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

No public interest in releasing the withheld information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on DPMC's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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Enc: Copy of Aide Mémoire (29/08/2022)



Aide-Mémoire

Ministerial hui on the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch mosques

To:	Hon Andrew Little, Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into the Terrorist Attack on the Christchurch Mosques		
	Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan, Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities, and Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment		
From:	Tony Lynch Deputy Chief Executive, National Security Group, DPMC	Date:	29/08/2022
Briefing Number:	DPMC-2022/23-77	Security Level:	IN-CONFIDENCE

Purpose

1. This aide-mémoire provides you with information on the upcoming hui with Christchurch communities to discuss the government's response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch masjidain on 15 March 2019 (the RCOI).

Background

2. You have agreed to meet with Christchurch communities to discuss the government's response to the RCOI. This meeting follows through on your promise to the affected whānau of the 51 shuhada and survivors, and the Christchurch communities engaged with in 2021 more broadly, to keep them informed of the progress being made and to ensure their needs are met.
3. Previous advice to the Lead Coordination Minister for the RCOI response noted that any engagement in Christchurch about the RCOI response should include Christchurch-based ethnic and faith communities. As such, invitations were extended to both Christchurch-based ethnic and faith communities, as well as the affected whānau, survivors and witnesses.
4. The purpose of this hui is to:
 - a) listen to the communities' feedback about the ongoing implementation of the RCOI response;

- b) provide a progress update and forward look at what is coming up across the RCOI response work programme; and
- c) reaffirm your commitment to keeping those affected by the attack, and the Christchurch Muslim, ethnic and faith-based communities, at the centre of the response.

Key event details to note

- 5. The hui will be held on Saturday 3 September, from 9.30am – 3.30pm, at the Addington Raceway & Events Centre in Christchurch.
- 6. **This paper provides:**
 - a) context on issues that participants are likely to raise or may be interested in;
 - b) an agenda and summarised list of attendees (**Attachment One**);
 - c) suggested talking points for your opening addresses (**Attachment Two** and **Attachment Three**); and
 - d) background context and reactive talking points (**Attachment Four**).
- 7. The hui will comprise of two sessions:
 - a) a conversation with affected whānau, survivors and witnesses in the morning (9:30am-12:00pm); and
 - b) a conversation with Christchurch-based ethnic and faith communities in the afternoon (1:30pm-3:30pm).
- 8. Affected whānau, survivors and witnesses may choose to stay on from the morning session or prefer to attend the afternoon session instead. Whilst they are welcome to register their interests to do so in advance, participants will not be encouraged to attend both sessions.
- 9. The morning session will be shared via videolink for participants that are not based in Christchurch or are unable to attend in person. Through the registration process, DPMC received requests for travel assistance from affected whānau based in the United Kingdom and Auckland. These individuals have sought assistance to participate in conversations in the past and have been disappointed at the lack of opportunities to engage with Ministers. Given this, officials have advised sharing the session via videolink will best meet the needs of these individuals whilst balancing the costs. The hui will be streamed on Zoom as a webinar – giving participants the opportunity to use the chat function to ask questions but not speak directly via Zoom.
- 10. Chris Mene (facilitator) will open and close each session with a karakia and manage the Q&A session. He will also invite an appropriate member of the Muslim community to open and close with a dua at each session. Chris has facilitated a number of engagements with the Christchurch communities since the attacks and is well known amongst the Muslim community.
- 11. Senior officials from key RCOI response agencies, local MPs and Mayor Lianne Dalziel are also attending.
- 12. Interpreters, psychosocial support staff, childcare providers, case managers from the Ministry of Social Development, and operational managers from Immigration NZ will also be present, to provide support and answer questions relating to individual cases.
- 13. Security has also been arranged given the scale of the event.

What communities are likely to ask

14. The hui will provide participants with an opportunity to engage directly with Ministers and senior government officials, ask questions, and raise any concerns they may have about the government's response to the RCOI Report. Each session allows time for participants to ask Ministers and officials questions in an open forum, followed by an opportunity for Ministers and officials to mingle with attendees.

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16. The afternoon session (with pan ethnic and multi-faith communities) is likely to focus on the RCOI response more generally. Participants may also raise questions around other government responses to the housing crisis, immigration reforms and requests for sharia banking.
17. Background context and talking points covering these issues is set out in **Attachment Four**. The talking points are grouped by portfolio where possible.
18. Senior officials from the following agencies will be available to address subject matter specific questions if required: Ministry of Social Development, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, New Zealand Security and Intelligence Service, Ministry of Justice, Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand Police, Ministry of Education, and Immigration New Zealand.

Providing an update on the progress being made on the RCOI response

19. The second objective of the hui is to update attendees of the progress being made by government on the RCOI response.
20. A one-page summary of the work underway will be provided to all attendees on the day and the opening address will provide both Ministers with an opportunity to highlight the work that has been done and is underway.
21. Attendees are likely to have questions on the progress made and may seek updates on where key workstreams are at. These are likely to focus on:
- a) progress on the national security sector reforms;
 - b) incitement of hate speech work programme being led by the Ministry of Justice;
 - c) work relating to the National Action Plan Against Racism; and
 - d) the social cohesion work programme being led by the Ministry of Social Development.
22. Key achievements and updates from the last year have been included in your opening remarks. Additional talking points for other recommendations that may be of interest to attendees are covered in **Attachment Four**. The talking points are grouped by portfolio where possible.

23. Attendees may also use the hui as an opportunity to share their views about the lack of progress in some areas.

Next steps

24. Note the contents of this aide-mémoire ahead of the hui on 3 September.



Tony Lynch
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29/08/2022

Hon Andrew Little
Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into the Terrorist Attack on the Christchurch Mosques

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Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
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Attachments:	
Attachment One:	Agenda and overview of attendees
Attachment Two:	Talking Points for opening remarks by Minister Little

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Attachment Three:	Talking points for opening remarks by Minister Radhakrishnan
Attachment Four:	Background context and reactive talking points

Contact for telephone discussion			
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Diane McDermott	Regional Commissioner for Social Development, Ministry of Social Development	s9(2)(a)	
Jessica Palmer	Policy Advisor, RCOI Response Team, DPMC	s9(2)(a)	

[Attachments (24 pages) consisting of Agenda, summarised list of attendees and talking points withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act]