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

Agency updates on the RCOI Response Work Programme

1. New appointments to the Collective Impact Board

On 11 July, the Collective Impact Board which brings together community and government representatives to guide the ongoing support services for families and individuals affected by the March 15 attacks (Recommendation 26) announced new appointments to the Board. The community representatives who joined the Board from 28 July 2022 are:

- Dr. Ruqayya Sulaiman-Hill
- Khaled Alnobani
- Abdullah Naeem
- Ashraf Omar

The new agency representative joining the Board is:

- Coralanne Child (Director, Ministry of Education)

You can find out more information about the appointments by clicking this [link](#).

2. Public feedback sought on review of Intelligence and Security Act

The public is being asked to take part in the first statutory review of the five-year-old legislation governing New Zealand's two intelligence and security agencies - the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) and the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB). The Act also sets out

functions for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and provides for oversight of the agencies.

The regular review was brought forward through legislation last year, to respond to the issues raised in the RCOI Report relating to the Act (Recommendation 18).

The reviewers, who came to Kāpuia's May hui to discuss the review, are assessing the Act to identify what, if any, improvements could be made to ensure it remains clear, effective and fit for purpose.

Some issues the review is considering include whether the Act:

- appropriately balances national, community and individual security with individual privacy and other rights
- enables the NZSIS and GCSB to fulfil their functions, and
- has enough protections and oversight in place related to the agencies.

The public can express their views online through the Ministry of Justice's Citizen Space engagement platform by clicking this [link](#), or by emailing ISARReview@dpmc.govt.nz

Public engagement closes on 30 September 2022.

3. Police firearms baseline survey results released

Police have released results from their first survey assessing trust and confidence with firearms licensing. The survey relates to recommendation 22b of the RCOI report which asked Police to introduce performance measures on the firearms licensing system and to increase public confidence in this system over time.

The survey will be repeated twice more (September 2023 and September 2024) to assess ongoing perceived confidence in firearms regulation.

The survey was provided to approximately 1,000 public and 1,700 recently renewed or approved firearms licence holders in March 2022.

Key survey findings include:

- Nearly 70 per cent of the public surveyed had trust and confidence in the approach the Police use to manage firearms licencing in the community. Firearms licence holder trust and confidence was just under 43 per cent.
- Nearly 65 per cent of public have trust and confidence in Police as effectively controlling the safe use and possession of licenced firearms in the community. The firearms licence holders trust and confidence was around 45 per cent.
- Over 55 percent of public have trust and confidence that Police is effective in controlling the possession of unlicenced firearms in the community. There was less confidence from the firearms licence holders, at just over 30 per cent.

Police acknowledged that the firearms licensing regime needs to improve and noted the funding increase of \$208 million in Budget 2022 will enable the establishment of a new Firearms Branded Business Unit within police, delivery of the Firearms Registry and improvements to the firearms licensing system, resulting in safer lawful firearms use in Aotearoa.

More information about the survey can be found at this [link](#).

Other information

4. Netsafe announces joint agreement with global tech giants for NZ Code of Practice for Online Safety and Harms

On 25 July, Netsafe announced a joint agreement with Meta (Facebook and Instagram), Google (YouTube), TikTok, Amazon (Twitch) and Twitter for an Aotearoa New Zealand Code of Practice for Online Safety and Harms.

Netsafe says the Code obligates tech companies to actively reduce harmful content on their digital platforms and services in New Zealand. The Code is a self-regulatory effort that has been designed with input from civil society groups, interest groups and will be monitored by a new multi-stakeholder governance group.

Netsafe says each company will publish annual reports about their progress in adherence with the Code, be subject to sanctions for breaches of their Code commitments and take part in a public complaint's mechanism.

You can find out more information about the Code by clicking this [link](#).

5. Summary of report on Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism in the United Kingdom

A recent report to the UK Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament outlines the history of Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism in the UK, how the threat has evolved in recent years and changes within UK security agencies to improve understanding, capabilities, and systems. Significantly, this has included MI5 taking responsibility for managing Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism which was previously undertaken by Counter Terrorism Policing.

The report discusses the way the Extreme Right-Wing has exploited the pandemic environment through disinformation, conspiracy theories and fuelling grievances to radicalise people.

It notes, across ideology the threat of “Self-Initiated Terrorists” is growing which poses difficulties for security due to the many individual circumstances which might motivate and then initiate an attack.

While there has been some progress in removing Extreme Right-Wing content from mainstream social media platforms, the report comments this has generally been in response to these companies recognising the reputational risks involved. Meanwhile, it notes smaller, fringe platforms (which host more Extreme Right-Wing content) have not been interested in addressing the issue at all. The complexity, ever changing nature and sheer volume of Extreme Right-Wing material online means international cooperation is seen as key to any significant effort to tackle hateful content. However, the report notes differing definitions and legal issues around “free speech” make collaboration challenging.

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

In the community

6. Mustafa appointed to Refugee Advisory Panel

Congratulations to Kāpuia member Mustafa Derbashi who has been selected to be on the Refugee Advisory Panel. The Panel is designed to support government decision-makers and policy developers on matters impacting refugees in New Zealand.

7. Dates of significance

- 7 August marks Ashura (Islam). The day of Ashura is marked by Muslims as a whole, but for Shia Muslims it is a major religious commemoration of the martyrdom at Karbala of Hussein, a grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

Noho ora mai

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