



RCOI Response Steering Group Minutes

Date/Time	2/06/2020, 1.45 – 2.45 pm
Venue	Bowen House, videoconference and teleconference
Chair	Dan Eaton, Director, National Security Policy, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Item	Topic
1	<p>Welcome, apologies, introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members to the group and thanked all for attending.</p> <p>Introductions from all members of the group in the meeting, on the videoconference and calling in.</p>
2	<p>Chair's update</p> <p>The Chair updated on the recent discussion at the Security and Intelligence Board (SIB) meeting, and thanked agencies for their efforts in contributing to the supporting papers.</p> <p>The Chair noted that two of the actions arising from SIB – the compilation of a collateral inventory and Prime Ministerial holding statement – were already underway. An additional item, on the public engagement and outreach, is planned to go to SIB shortly.</p> <p>The Chair also noted that the memo to Ministers had been reframed, to focus on the likelihood of an extension until after the 2020 General Election. DPMC is discussing the advice with the Prime Minister on 2 June, and will provide an updated memo to agencies ahead of its distribution to Ministers.</p>
3	<p>Legal Working Group update</p> <p>s9(2)(h)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
4	<p>Communications Working Group update</p> <p>DPMC provided an update on the Communications Working Group.</p> <p>DPMC undertook to circulate the list of agency representatives in the Communications Working Group.</p>
5	<p>Prime Minister's holding statement</p> <p>DPMC presented the draft outline for the Prime Ministerial holding statement, including the broad outline of topics to be covered by the statement, and noted that it could be released either before or after the Royal Commission's report is released.</p>

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	<p>Agencies discussed the need for alignment between the Prime Ministerial statement and any media statements made by Ministers or individual agencies; in the case that adverse findings are made, agencies will need to be able to address these publicly.</p> <p>DPMC will provide agencies with an updated outline for feedback, ahead of it being provided to SIB for their June 2020 meeting. The group noted that this was the beginning of the conversation, and that more opportunities would be available for input. Inputs to the current version will be required by 5 June 2020, to allow for the paper to be submitted to the June meeting.</p> <p>The Intelligence Community undertook to discuss the release of the Royal Commission report and Ministerial statements, and any change in New Zealand's threat level as a result, with the Combined Threat Assessment Group (CTAG).</p>
6	<p>Outreach concept</p> <p>DPMC introduced the discussion paper on outreach and community engagement, which covers engagement undertaken by the Royal Commission, considerations for coordinated outreach in the government response to the Royal Commission, and proposed outreach options. The Chair noted that leadership of the engagement, which could be at a political- or officials-level, still needs to be determined.</p> <p>Ministry of Justice noted that the release of the Royal Commission report and public engagement may overlap with public consultation on amendments to the Terrorism Suppression Act.</p> <p>Agencies agreed that more work needs to be undertaken to understand existing outreach being undertaken by agencies – both pre-existing and that which commenced as a result of 15 March. Agencies agreed to feed in reflections over the coming weeks, to allow the paper to be considered at the July 2020 SIB meeting.</p>
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>The Chair thanked agencies for their contributions to the collateral inventory, and reminded those who had not yet fed in to do so as soon as possible.</p>
8	<p>Meeting closed</p> <p>Meeting closed at 2.45 pm.</p>