## **RCOI Response Steering Group Minutes**

Date/Time	16/11/2021, 3.00 – 4.00 pm
Venue	Virtual via Zoom
Chair	Dan Eaton, Director, National Security Policy, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)

Item	Topic
1	Welcome, apologies, and introductions and Chairs update
	The Chair summarised activity since the last meeting, including:
	<ul> <li>the development of the Cabinet paper scheduled to go to the Social Wellbeing Committee on 24 November;</li> <li>the intended proactive release of the draft work programme; and</li> <li>work on the initial development of a draft Response Impact Framework (RIF) to monitor and evaluate the impact of the response to the Royal Commission's report.</li> </ul>
	The minutes of previous meetings on 26 August and 14 September were taken as read and accepted – subject to any minor amendments members may wish, which can be provided to DPMC for inclusion.
2	Update on the status of the report back Cabinet paper
	DPMC noted that Ministerial consultation on the Cabinet paper is due to finish on 16 November (today) and the updated version provided for that consultation included feedback from Kāpuia. Kāpuia supported the work programme being presented to Cabinet for consideration but with some caveats – including the need for a robust evaluation framework, and preserving opportunities for it to comment in the future on the prioritisation and sequencing of initiatives.
	It was noted that Kāpuia will receive a summary of the Cabinet paper after Ministerial consultation on the paper, but before it is considered by Cabinet. It was agreed that the summary would also be circulated to Response Steering Group (RSG) members (Action number 23 refers – summary sent on 19/11/2021)
3	Response Impact Framework
	DPMC gave an update on the initial development of a draft Response Impact Framework (RIF) intended to support monitoring and evaluation of the overall impact of the response to the Royal Commission's report.
	The draft is currently being consulted with individual RSG member agencies. RSG's December meeting will provide an opportunity for agencies to input on the proposed outcomes in the RIF, and help with the co-design of preferred indicators that agencies would like to track in order to chart progress, with the aim of presenting a proposed finalised framework to Responsible Ministers in 2022 for their consideration. Kāpuia will also be closely engaged on the development of the RIF.
	Agencies are invited to bring to the December RSG meeting any indicators they may already be using to chart progress around their ongoing Royal Commission response related work.

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4	Ministry for Ethnic Communities overview of engagement on strategic priorities	
	Ministry for Ethnic Communities (MEC) gave an update on the engagement it undertook following the priorities for it set out by Cabinet, with an emphasis on informing the ongoing development of a strategy focused on delivering those priorities. Due to COVID-19 requirements, MEC was unable to carry out in-person engagement and hui were held online to engage with different communities.	
	Community feedback included:	
	<ul> <li>setting up of the MEC is a significant achievement for New Zealand;</li> <li>the challenges of conducting online hui;</li> <li>the importance of timely policy or operational delivery following community consultation; and</li> <li>a desire for enhanced community involvement, and discussion on how MEC could support communities.</li> </ul>	
	MEC noted that its draft strategy will be going to Kāpuia for its feedback and will be fully operational in 2022.	
5	Counter Terrorism Coordination Committee (CTCC) work streams	
3	The DPMC Strategic Coordinator Counter Terrorism noted that one of the key themes in the CTCC work programme is the need for increased levels of community engagement and communication when working on counter-terrorism matters. CTCC is coordinating work across agencies to address this. Updates on work streams included advice on the following:	
	<ul> <li>the CT hui held in Christchurch in June this year;</li> <li>establishment of the National Centre of Research Excellence and the associated selection process for master's scholarships for the next academic year;</li> <li>work underway around prevention, and the prevention programme led by the Police – He Aranga Ake; and</li> <li>enhancing protection of people and places through expedition of the Counter-Terrorism Bill earlier in the year.</li> </ul>	
	The Strategic Coordinator noted that the outcomes sought via these work streams are also underpinned by the Ministry of Social Development's social cohesion work.	
6	Ministry of Social Development (MSD) overview of work to date on social cohesion	
	MSD gave an update on the progress of its social cohesion work and noted that it is in the middle of a 10-month engagement process. A copy of the MSD presentation delivered in support of that update was sent to RSG members ahead of meeting. s9(2)(f)(iv)	
7	Any other business	
	DPMC advised on the intended launch of a regular pānui/newsletter to share information on Royal Commission response work with interested individuals, communities and organisations. This will provide opportunities for agencies to share information with stakeholders.	
	The Chair noted that the next Kāpuia hui on 8 December falls on the anniversary of the release of the Royal Commission's' report to the public. It will involve an emphasis on internal group refection. Agencies and Ministers will not be in attendance.	
8	Meeting closed	
	The meeting closed at 4.05 pm.	