



RCOI Response Steering Group Minutes

Date/Time	15/06/2022, 3.15 – 4.15 pm
Venue	Cabinet Committee Room (8.5), Beehive and Virtual via Zoom
Chair	Shane Collins, Relationship Manager, RCOI Response and Engagement Team, National Security Policy Directorate, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
In attendance	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.
Apologies	Corrections and Crown Law.

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1	<p>Welcome and Chair's update</p> <p>The Chair noted the recent launch of He Whenua Taurikura, the National Centre of Research Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism – and the appointment of the Centre Co-Directors, Professor Joanna Kidman and Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley. The launch went well, and congratulations were offered by the Chair to all involved, acknowledging that there were a number of agencies involved in getting the Centre to this point.</p> <p>It was noted there are several papers going to Cabinet towards the end of the year – around November in particular. The Machinery of Government paper is due to go up in November but may go sooner, along with the National Security Strategy paper, and the annual RCOI response update by Minister Little. Thought is underway about how best align these papers, sequence them and streamline the decisions sought.</p> <p>DPMC is also thinking about how it can enhance its reporting to Minister Little as Lead Coordination Minister. In addition to the current monthly tracker, thinking is underway how DPMC can better report to the Minister on potential risks and pressure points arising across the work programme.</p> <p>The minutes of the prior meeting (18 May 2022) – taking into account minor amendments suggested - were taken as read and accepted for publishing. The minutes for the 13 April meeting were also distributed for review for any content that needed redaction before they are published. These minutes were also taken as read and accepted for publication.</p> <p>As proposed at the 18 May meeting, all prior meeting minutes and the groups Terms of Reference will be published in coming days. A link to the documents will be circulated to RSG members once they are uploaded (Completed with email sent on 17 June). The published minutes will include all requested redactions. DPMC will be advising key stakeholders that the documents have been published and where to find them. It may be that this will result in some questions around the content of the material and DPMC will be responding to these as they arise.</p>

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2	<p>Responsible Ministers meeting on 29 June – approach and coordination</p> <p>An outline of the agenda for the next Responsible Ministers meeting on 29 June was circulated prior to this RSG meeting. A key focus of the Responsible Ministers meeting will be on reports from relevant Ministers on work underway in the Justice and Education portfolios, and the work underway on Social Cohesion.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that the Cabinet reshuffle announced earlier this week may have had some impact on agencies updating and preparing their respective Ministers for the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSD noted that it has not yet had a focused discussion on the Responsible Ministers meeting with Minister Radhakrishnan, but this will be occurring before the meeting. The Social Cohesion report back paper is due to go to Cabinet just prior to meeting and the Minister is likely to summarise the Cabinet decisions that have been made. MOE has been working on a Cabinet paper that sets out its response to Recommendation 36 to date, and what is planned to happen next. Departmental consultation took place last month. The draft Cabinet paper is currently with Minister Hipkins to circulate for Ministerial consultation. MOE noted that this Cabinet paper will form the heart of what Minister Tinetti (on behalf of Minister Hipkins) is likely to discuss at the meeting. The Cabinet paper identifies gaps, legislative settings required and what practical steps can be taken to continue to respond to Recommendation 36. If anyone does not have the draft Cabinet paper, please contact the MOE RSG representative and supply can be arranged. <p>Also at the 29 June meeting, Ministers will be getting a brief update on the overall direction of travel on the RCOI outcome framework, on which work is underway.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting, Ministers will also receive a report from Kāpuia on its assessment of the overall response to date. The Ministers will have an opportunity to consider this report at the meeting and discuss any potential concerns arising. The report will identify the areas that Kapuia considers to be progressing well – and where further progress is required. The Secretariat will contact agencies that are responsible for any recommendations that Kāpuia has identified as needing further clarity (“in the red”) when the report is provided to Minister Little.</p> <p>The meeting will also be an opportunity for Ministers to identify other risks that may need to be noted.</p> <p>The Kāpuia Secretariat noted that in the last few months, there has been a significant increase in the information Kāpuia has been getting from agencies. In particular, the Secretariat thanked agencies for their contributions in providing information around RCOI related funding/expenditure.</p>
3	<p>Agency updates</p> <p>When providing updates, agencies were encouraged to discuss what impacts, if any, the Cabinet reshuffle may have on their work areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIA is yet to identify what impact the Cabinet reshuffle will have on the Content Regulatory review. Police noted that they do not expect the Cabinet reshuffle will have a significant impact on the progression of its RCOI related work. DPMC noted that there will be a slight delay to the consideration of the Cabinet papers on the National Security Strategy and Machinery of Government as the Prime Minister is unavailable for ERS on 28 June due to travel commitments. Cabinet Office is looking to set up an alternative date for ERS to consider these papers in July. As a result, Ministerial consultation is likely to also be delayed. DPMC will notify agencies before this consultation takes place. An offer was made for any agencies who may not have seen the current draft papers to contact the the DPMC RSG representative and supply can be arranged.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DPMC hosted a hui with the Muslim community on the development of a framework for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) on Saturday 11 June. The hui was organised with the assistance of the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand. MEC advised it had received positive comments from community members on the hui - the community appreciated the steps taken by DPMC to accommodate requests to engage on this work.
4	<p>Kāpuia update</p> <p>The June hui will be the one-year anniversary for Kāpuia so it will be seen as an opportunity to review the response progress. The conversations will focus on clusters of recommendations.</p> <p>The Secretariat has been pleased to be kept in the loop on draft Cabinet papers. This has allowed the Secretariat to confirm Kāpuia advice provided – and advise if there has been any other advice Kāpuia has provided to other agencies which may also be relevant. The Secretariat would like to see this become standard practice for all RCOI agencies.</p>
5	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Next meeting is scheduled for 10 August. Today’s meeting was brought forward due to the Responsible Ministers meeting which has resulted in a slightly longer gap between RSG meetings. If anything that requires attention sooner arises, DPMC will notify RSG and/or look to bring the 10 August meeting forward.</p>
6	<p>Meeting closed</p> <p>Meeting closed at 3:45pm.</p>

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