

Ministerial Advisory Group on the Government Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry on the terrorist attack on Christchurch mosques

Kāpuia Pānui 2022/11

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Tēnā koutou and welcome to the 11th edition of Kāpuia Pānui for 2022.

Other information

1. Public consultation open on proposed regulations to support new Firearms Registry

Public consultation is open on the proposed regulations to support the new firearms registry which will be in place by June 2023. The registry will link firearms to licence holders and track sales of firearms, parts and ammunition. Over time, this is designed to ensure greater centralised oversight of the number and location of firearms, as well as who holds them.

The scope of the consultation includes:

- the specified arms items and the details of those items to be recorded in the Firearms Registry
- the obligations of licence holders and those in possession of specified arms items to provide information to Police for inclusion in the Firearms Registry
- associated provisions that support these changes, including a final date by which licence holders must have registered all their specified arms items.

The consultation document and further information can be found by clicking this <u>link</u>. Submissions close on 12 October 2022.

2. Working with Survivors Model Standards launched

On 30 August the Government launched new expectations for how the public service will work with victims of New Zealand's most significant national disasters. The Working with Survivors Model Standards were co-authored by the Stand with Pike Families Reference Group and Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission and included consultation with survivors of other national disasters, including the terrorist attack of March 15 2019, as well as Police and Victim Support. There are three elements to the Model Standards:

1. Empower survivors: Survivors may have lost their power and agency, and their ability to make decisions may be compromised. Support from the Public Service can help to empower survivors.

2. Be upfront: Survivors need to know what happened. They need open and honest communication.

3. Work together: To ensure that survivors get clear messages and equitable support, public servants work together.

You can find out more about the model standards by clicking this link.

3. New Christchurch Call website

The Christchurch Call has a new website. The Christchurch Call was launched by the New Zealand Prime Minister and French President following the livestreaming of the March 15 terrorist attack. It is now a community of more than 120 governments, online service providers, and civil society organisations acting together to eliminate terrorist and violent extremist content online. The new website includes significant updates in security and functionality and can be found at www.christchurchcall.com

4. Diversity Works NZ Award for NZSIS and GCSB

The NZSIS and GCSB have won a Diversity Works New Zealand category award for their leadership in creating a more diverse and inclusive workplace on behalf of the New Zealand Intelligence Community. Both the GCSB Director-General Andrew Hampton, and NZSIS Director-General Rebecca Kitteridge, gave statements on the importance of their journey towards creating a diverse and inclusive work community. You can find out more information about the award by clicking this <u>link</u>.

In the community

5. Kāpuia members at United Nations Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism

Maysoon Salama and Aliya Danzeisen are attending the United Nations Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism convened by UN Secretary-General António Guterres at the UN Headquarters in New York. Maysoon was invited to be a panellist on the first day of the Congress, about terrorist attacks based on xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief. More information about the Congress is available by clicking this <u>link</u>. Maysoon's children's book 'Aya and the Butterfly' and her portrait were also included in the Memories Exhibition on display at the UN headquarters. You can find out more about the Exhibition by clicking this <u>link</u>.

6. Dates of significance

- 12-18 September is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori language week). This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the Māori language petition (Te Petihana) being delivered to Parliament in 1972 which ignited the Māori language movement.
- 25-27 September marks Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year).
- 26 September 5 October marks Navaratri (Hindu). The festival lasts for nine days and is a time when Hindus celebrate the goddess Durga for killing the demon, Mahishasura.

Noho ora mai	
The Kāpuia Secretariat	