

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

Kāpuia Pānui 2022/14

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Tēnā koutou and welcome to the 14th edition of Kāpuia Pānui for 2022.

Agency updates on the RCOI Response Work Programme

1. NZ Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) release public guide on the indicators of violent extremism

On 27 October NZSIS released its public guide on the indicators of violent extremism. The indicators are presented in a booklet format and can be found by clicking this <u>link</u>. The indicators relate to Recommendation 13 of the Royal Commission report to develop and publish indicators and risk factors that illustrate specific behaviours that may demonstrate a person's potential for engaging in violent extremism and terrorism. You can also read the NZSIS media release on the indicators by clicking this <u>link</u>.

2. Government announces social cohesion framework and associated community fund

On 27 October the Government launched its social cohesion strategic framework and associated \$2 million fund to strengthen communities. The initiatives respond to the recommendations in the Royal Commission report to strengthen social cohesion to make New Zealand a safer and more inclusive country for everyone. Communities are able to apply to the Te Korowai Whetū Social Cohesion community fund and access associated tools and resources to strengthen social cohesion through their own mahi via the Ministry of Social Development website by clicking this <u>link</u>.

3. Counter-Terrorism Acts (Designations and Control Orders) Amendment Bill to select committee

On 26 October the Counter-Terrorism Acts (Designations and Control Orders) Amendment Bill proceeded through its first reading in Parliament. The legislation seeks to clarify and strengthen New Zealand's counter-terrorism legislation to better prevent and respond to terrorism and associated activities. Further information about key changes in the Bill were covered in the previous edition of Pānui which you can read by clicking this <u>link</u>. Transcripts of first reading speeches can be found by clicking this <u>link</u>. The Bill has been referred to the Justice Select Committee for consideration and public submissions and is due to be reported back to Parliament by 30 March 2023. You can follow progress of the legislation by clicking this <u>link</u>.

4. Draft Long-term Insights Briefing on National Security to be released at He Whenua Taurikura Hui

Consultation on the draft National Security Long-term Insights Briefing will be launched at the annual He Whenua Taurikura Hui 2022 which is taking place in Auckland from 30 October to 1 November. The briefing was put together by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) with other Security and Intelligence Board agencies (Government Communications Security Bureau, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry of Defence, New Zealand Customs Service, New Zealand Defence Force, New Zealand Police, and the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service). The draft Briefing topic is: 'Engaging an increasingly diverse Aotearoa New Zealand on national security risks, challenges and opportunities' and includes information about national security risks facing New Zealand over the next 10 to 15 years and some ideas for the future.

Once launched, you will be able to share your thoughts on the draft briefing through the online consultation hub by clicking this <u>link</u>. All feedback will be considered before the briefing is finalised, shared with relevant Ministers and tabled in Parliament.

You can find out more information about the annual He Whenua Taurikura Hui 2022 by clicking this link.

Other information

- 5. Annual Reports released for Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Social Development (MSD)
 - The DIA Annual Report covers the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (MEC) as it is a departmental agency within DIA. The report highlights staff diversity, and the key achievements, outcomes and priorities of MEC and DIA. MEC also noted the ethnic diversity in Aotearoa New Zealand showing that ethnic communities represent almost 20% of Aotearoa's total population. The full report can be found by clicking this <u>link</u>.
 - Ministry of Justice's annual report covers Te Arawhiti Office for Māori Crown Relations. The report highlights Justice and Te Arawhiti's priorities and key achievements and notes each agency's diversity statistics separately. The full report can be found by clicking this <u>link</u>.
 - MSD's annual report sets out their strategic direction, values, key achievements and commitment to increasing staff diversity. The full report can be found by clicking this <u>link</u>.

In the community

Upcoming dates of significance

- 5 November marks Parihaka Day A day set aside to commemorate the invasion of Parihaka.
- 8 November marks Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday which is a major holy festival in Sikhism, lasting for three days. Guru Nanak was the first of the ten Sikh Gurus and therefore the founder of the religion.
- 19 November marks the 12th anniversary of the Pike River Mine disaster.
- 24 November marks the Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib which is a significant event in the Sikh calendar commemorating the death of their ninth Guru, who gave his life to protect the right of other faiths (Hindus) to worship freely.

Noho ora mai