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Tēnā koutou and welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Kāpuia Pānui for 2023.

## **Agency updates on the RCOI Response Work Programme**

### **1. Royal Commission of Inquiry response progress tracker updated**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has released its latest RCOI response progress tracker. The tracker provides progress status updates as at February 2023 across the RCOI's 44 recommendations. The tracker can be found by clicking this [link](#).

### **2. Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism fund now live**

DPMC has set up a Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism fund to support community and civil society organisations to deliver initiatives that counter and build resilience to violent extremism and radicalisation. This initiative supports the Government's wider response to the RCOI and reflects Kāpuia's ongoing advocacy that communities need to be adequately resourced to participate in building social cohesion. The first round of funding will open on Tuesday 28 March and close on Wednesday 17 May 2023. More information on the fund and how to apply can be found by clicking this [link](#).

## **Other information**

### **3. Decision to adjourn First Phase of the Coronial Inquest hearing into March 15 attacks**

The Coroner inquiring into the March 15 attacks has decided to adjourn the First Phase of the Inquest hearing scheduled to begin on 15 May 2023 to a later date due to the nature and volume of information that the Inquiry has received. The Ministry of Justice is working to confirm a six-week hearing date for late 2023. The Coroner's decision can be found by clicking this [link](#).

### **4. Appointment of new lead officials in the NZSIS and DPMC**

The Public Service Commission has recently announced the appointment of Andrew Hampton to the position of Director-General and Chief Executive of the NZSIS. Andrew Hampton has previously met with Kāpuia in his former role as Director-General of the GCSB at its March hui. In addition, Rebecca Kitteridge (former Director-General of the NZSIS) has recently stepped into the role of Chief Executive at DPMC while Brook Barrington takes an extended period of domestic leave.

### **5. Proactive release of the Refresh of the Government's priorities**

DPMC has proactively released documents relating to the refreshed set of high-level Government priorities for 2023 and an initial set of reprioritisation decisions. Included in this document was the decision to refer hate and incitement provisions on the ground of religious

belief to the Law Commission. The full proactively released documents can be found by clicking this [link](#).

## **6. Education Review Office release its Long-term Insights Briefing**

The Education Review Office (ERO) has recently released its Long-term Insights briefing (LTIB). The topic for the briefing is 'Education for All Our Children: Embracing Diverse Ethnicities', which was designed to enable schools to better respond to the diverse ethnicities in their communities. The LTIB reported on the increase in ethnic diversity in Aotearoa New Zealand and the concerns ERO has found about the quality of education provision for learners from ethnic communities in schools. The full LTIB can be found by clicking this [link](#).

## **In the community**

### **7. Upcoming dates of significance**

- 23 March marks the beginning of Ramadan, until approximately 20 April
- 31 March is International Transgender Day of Visibility
- 2 April is World Autism Awareness Day
- 5 & 6 April is Passover
- 6 April is the finish of lent
- 7 – 10 April is Easter

Noho ora mai

**The Kāpuia Secretariat**