



## RCOI Response Steering Group Minutes

<b>Date/Time</b>	19/04/2024 2:00-3:00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Defence House Room and via Microsoft Teams
<b>Chair</b>	Halia Haddad, Acting Director, Engagement and Relationships, Risk and System Governance Group, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)
<b>In attendance</b>	Customs, Department of Internal Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Ministry for Social Development, Ministry of Justice, New Zealand Security Intelligence Service New Zealand Police, Public Service Commission, the Treasury

Item	Topic
1	<p><b>Welcome and Chair's update</b></p> <p>The Chair introduced herself and welcomed attendees to the meeting.</p> <p>The minutes from 8 February meeting were accepted.</p> <p>The Chair provided an update on DPMC's organisational changes to strengthen accountability in the national security system.</p>
2	<p><b>Recent engagements in Christchurch</b></p> <p>DPMC provided an overview of the meetings held on 12 and 15 March with some community groups affected by the terrorist attack.</p> <p>The Prime Minister met with the following community groups on 12 March - Muslim Association of Canterbury, Islamic Centre Trust, 15 March Whanau Trust and Sakinah Community Trust. It was an opportunity for the PM to hear directly from the community. There were some consistent themes from these meetings including the ongoing mental health concerns of the community, especially for vulnerable groups. The Prime Minister has asked Minister Doocey, who is also the MP for Waimakariri, to be the government's ongoing point of contact for the community.</p> <p>The Prime Minister and ministers Collins, Mitchell and Doocey attended a meeting on 15 March with members from the families of the 51 shuhada. That evening the PM, ministers and dignitaries attended an Iftar remembrance dinner for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over 600 people attended the event.</p> <p>The events were an opportunity for the new government and new Minister to understand the community's perspective. Discussions between the government and community are ongoing with ministers Collins and Doocey scheduled to meet with the community in May.</p>
3	<p><b>Responsible Ministers Meeting (1 May 2024)</b></p> <p>DPMC provided an overview of a meeting planned for 1 May, which would be an opportunity for Ministers to discuss and agree the approach to remaining recommendations, any residual needs and concerns and how they will be carried forward and agree approach to communications on the end of the coordinated response in June.</p>

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	<p><b>Roundtable</b></p> <p>Agencies with recommendations still requiring ministerial decisions provided an update of progress and advice to ministers.</p>
4	<p><b>Update from the Kāpuia secretariat</b></p> <p>The Secretariat noted that in February Minister Collins sent Kāpuia a letter noting that the group would not be continued beyond the end of current members' terms on 9 June and commissioned a final report.</p> <p>Since then, Kāpuia held several workshops to progress the development of the report. The Minister had met with Kāpuia twice, virtually.</p> <p>The report would focus on the current state of each of the 44 recommendations and the views of Kāpuia members of the implementation status – the views of Kāpuia members may differ from the views of government. The covering letter to the Minister would highlight the group's primary concerns, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ the group's view that a new national intelligence and security agency should be established,</li><li>○ Discrimination and racism in New Zealand,</li><li>○ Welfare of the affected community.</li></ul> <p>The report would be given to the Minister before ANZAC day and would be publicly released following Cabinet decisions.</p>
5	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>DPMC led a discussion on coordinating communications on government decisions.</p>
6	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>There was no other business</p>
7	<p><b>Meeting close</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 3.00pm.</p>