

# Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women Weekly Report to the Minister for Women

As at 21 January 2021

### Part 1: Current priority outcome areas

#### COVID-19 work programme

Impact of COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund initiatives on women

9(2)(f)(iv)

Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women will analyse the information for inclusion in the March 2021 report to Cabinet identifying opportunities to reprioritise funding within existing CRRF initiatives and what further specific women-focussed interventions could be made in response to the employment impact of COVID-19. We are also looking at international approaches to COVID-19 to identify initiatives supporting women's employment.

We met with BERL to discuss the commissioning of two papers to support our work on COVID-19 and women's employment – looking at structural inequalities in the labour market for women and women's underutilisation.

Tracking log item: 9(2)(f)(iv)

#### Mana Wāhine roopū update

#### Judicial conference

- On Monday 18 January 2021, the Presiding Officer (Judge Sarah Reeves) convened a judicial teleconference to discuss, amongst other matters, witnesses for the first three hearings.
- In December 2020, claimant counsel raised concerns about the number of witnesses to appear at the first hearing from 3-5 February 2021, in Kerikeri.
- In January 2021, claimant counsel filed a memorandum accompanied by an affidavit and media statement on behalf of 9(2)(a) (Ngāpuhi kuia, Wai 1427 claimant) opposing the scheduling of the first hearing and calling for the Tribunal to set another date to present evidence. The key concerns related to the significant commitments and cultural responsibility numerous Ngāpuhi wāhine have throughout the week of Waitangi. This background will be relevant should you attend Waitangi commemorations on 6 February 2021.
- Judge Reeves acknowledged the affidavit and concerns about the number of witnesses at the
  judicial teleconference. Judge Reeves said she will continue with the first hearing on
  3-5 February 2021, and has agreed to another hearing in the upper North Island in July 2021
  to support the presentation of evidence from Northland witnesses. There will now be five
  Tūāpapa hearings in 2021.
- Claimant counsel are working with their Northland clients to reconcile the number of witnesses for both Northland hearings.

#### General claimant funding

| • | Manatū Wāhine is currently in the process of seeking general claimant funding for three years |
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|   | for witnesses/claimants to attend hearings.   |

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#### Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

On 14 January 2021, Manatū Wāhine participated in a Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues webinar panel discussion on "violence against women and children" with a focus on the Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry. We partnered with the Family Violence and Sexual Violence Joint Venture and Te Puni Kōkiri on responding to the issues. The aim was to identify priorities, challenges, and good practices, from a regional perspective.

Tracking log item: n/a

#### The contribution of all women and girls is valued

#### Release of Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) - December quarter

On 3 February 2021, Stats NZ will release the results of the Household Labour Force Survey for the September-December 2020 quarter. This release will provide further data and evidence on the impacts of COVID-19 on women's employment. We will provide advice following this release, which will inform our work on COVID-19 and women's employment.

Tracking log item: MW 20-21 0153

#### New Year Honours 2021

For the New Year Honours 2021 nomination round, the names of 15 women were put forward by the office of the Minister for Women. 9(2)(f)(iv)

We are preparing letters of congratulations for you to send to all women who received a New Year Honour. We will send a draft letter, with a covering memo, to your office next week for approval.

Tracking log item: MW 20-21 0148

# All women and girls are financially secure and can fully participate and thrive



Gender Pay Taskforce I Te Ropū Whakarite Utu Ira Tangata update

(content shared from the Taskforce)

No update this week.

# Part 2: Operational matters

<u>Social Services and Community Committee Komiti Whiriwhiri Take Hapori – 2019/20 annual review of Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women</u>

The Ministry has received the annual review questions from the Social Services and Community Committee Komiti Whiriwhiri Take Hapori. There are 127 questions to be responded to.

This is an annual process for the Select Committee to review the performance of the Ministry. The Select Committee has decided not to conduct a hearing of evidence on the Ministry's performance this year. This is the same as last year.

The Ministry's draft responses to the 127 questions will be provided to your office for review in mid-February. The Ministry is to provide the final answers to the Select Committee by Friday 5 March 2021.

Tracking log item: MW 20-21 0139

# Part 3: Policy advice (in progress)

| Туре           | Subject   | Log number      | Due date         |
|----------------|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Other          | Portfolio fact sheet  | MW 20-21 0147   | 27 January 2021  |
| Memo           | NACEW Letter of Expectation   | MW 20-21 0142   | 27 January 2021  |
| Memo           | New Year Honours 2021 – draft letters of congratulations  | MW 20-21 0148   | 27 January 2021  |
|                | Preparation of final letters  | MW 20-21 0148-2 | 3 February 2021  |
| Briefing       | 2020 stocktake of Gender, Māori, and Ethnic<br>Diversity on State Sector Boards and<br>Committees | MW 20-21 0138   | 28 January 2021  |
| Briefing       | International experience and applicability of initiatives from international partners             | MW 20-21 0151   | 29 January 2021  |
| Email response | Release of Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) – December quarter                                | MW 20-21 0153   | 3 February 2021  |
| Briefing       | Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women 2019-<br>2020 Annual Review Standard Questions<br>(Qs 1-127)     | MW 20-21 0139   | 12 February 2021 |
| Briefing       | Ministry Q2 report – October to December 2020   | MW 20-21 0135   | 17 February 2021 |
| Survey         | Ministerial Satisfaction Survey Q2 – October to December 2020                                     | MW 20-21 0136   | 17 February 2021 |
| 9(2)(f)(iv)    |   |                 |                  |

# Part 4: Event and meeting briefings (in progress)

| Туре                     | Subject  | Log number      | Due date         |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Email response           | Nominations for guests at Government event   | MW 20-21 0145   | 21 January 2021  |
| Speech                   | Women in Horticulture, 27 January 2021   | MW 20-21 0146   | 21 January 2021  |
| Events and announcements | Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women – upcoming events and announcements schedule 2020-2021 – update Wednesday 27 January 2021 | MW 20-21 0109-5 | 27 January 2021  |
| Memo                     | Invitation to attend the upcoming International Women's Caucus meeting   | MW 20-21 0144   | 27 January 2021  |
| Briefing                 | International Women's Day, 8 March 2021  | MW 20-21 0140   | 25 February 2021 |

# Part 5: Ministerial correspondence (in progress)

| Subject     | Log number | Due date |
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# Part 6: WPQs/OIA/Ombudsman/Privacy Act requests to the Minister/Ministry (in progress)

| Subject   | Log number        | Due date<br>(to Minister) | Due date<br>(to requester) |
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| Written Parliamentary Questions   | <b>/</b> \        |                           |                            |
| Nil   |                   |                           |                            |
| Ministerial OIAs  |                   |                           |                            |
| Nil   |                   |                           |                            |
| Ministry OIAs   |                   |                           |                            |
| 9(2)(a) – Briefings sent to<br>Minister Jan Tinetti in December 2020<br>from the Ministry for Women | MW-OIA 20-21 0013 | 5 February 2021           | 15 February 2021           |

# Part 7: Cabinet papers consulted on

| Cabinet meeting/<br>Date/Department | Title of paper | Comments |
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## Part 8: Publications and events in the next six months

| Publication/event   | Date  | Agency lead   |
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| Waitangi Tribunal Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry Tūāpapa hearings  | 3-5 February 2021<br>and<br>24-26 February 2021 | Waitangi Tribunal and<br>Crown Law                                      |
| International Women's Caucus meeting  | 16 February 2021                                | Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women  |
| NACEW meeting   | 23 February 2021                                | Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women  |
| Update to the Growing your trades work force: attracting women to your jobs booklet first published in 2015                                     | February 2021                                   | Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women  |
| International Women's Day Breakfast at Parliament with Zonta International and UN Women   | 8 March 2021                                    | Zonta International and UN Women  |
| Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women and launch of Ministry history project with specific coverage of Te Ohu Whakatupu (previously, the Māori unit) | 29 March 2021                                   | Manatū Wāhine Ministry for<br>Women                                     |
| Pacific Women and Men in Business report launch   | March 2021                                      | Manatū Wāhine Ministry for<br>Women and<br>Ministry for Pacific Peoples |
| Commission on the Status of Women event with NGO representatives  | March 2021                                      | Manatū Wāhine Ministry for<br>Women                                     |

# **Proactive release**

Within three months of the date of this Weekly Report, it will be considered for release under the Ministry's proactive release of documents policy.

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