

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

As at 21 October 2021

Current priority outcome areas

Women's Employment Action Plan (WEAP) update

The Cabinet paper *Building back better for women: Improving women's wellbeing and employment outcomes in response to COVID-19* has been lodged on CabNet for discussion at the Social Wellbeing Cabinet Committee on 27 October 2021.

As part of the National Advisory Council on the Employment of Women (NACEW) leadership on the Women's Employment Action Plan (WEAP), Theresa Gattung has arranged a sub group of entrepreneurs to look at how to progress women's entrepreneurship in New Zealand and Angela McLeod has agreed to host a Zoom with rural women to discuss their employment needs. The Ministry has met with the leads of the Māori Employment Action Plan (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment/ Te Puni Kōkiri), the Pacific Employment Action Plan (Ministry for Pacific Peoples), the Ethnic Employment Action Plan (Ministry for Ethnic Communities) and Older Workers Employment Action Plan (Office for Seniors, Ministry of Social Development) to identify where we can align our actions for women. As we have many cross-cutting actions in common, we are also working on developing a monitoring framework with other action plan leads.

Tracking log item: n/a

Mana Wāhine Roopū update

Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry

(content shared with Minister Jackson)

The Joint Roopū has been working with Crown counsel and Stats NZ to provide the Waitangi Tribunal with an update on the Crown Statistics project ahead of the Judicial Conference on 21 October 2021. We have proposed that the Joint Roopū host a hui with Waitangi Tribunal researchers and Stats NZ representatives to identify the data required for the Waitangi Tribunal's research projects.

Tracking log item: n/a

Employment, Education and Training (EET) Ministers Group

(content shared with Minister Jackson)

We have had preliminary discussions with the Employment, Education and Training (EET) Secretariat to arrange the presentation of an update on the Mana Wāhine Tribunal Inquiry and All-of-Government Framework. We are currently exploring available dates in early 2022 and will confirm this once finalised. The presentation will cover an overview of the Inquiry, the work of the Joint Roopū and will signal the direction of future mahi.

Tracking log item: n/a

Other news

Judge Frances Eivers (Ngāti Maniapoto) has been appointed as the Children's Commissioner and begins a two-year term on 1 November 2021. In her current role as a District Court Judge, her focus has been on finding ways to address disproportionate representation of Māori in criminal, youth, care and protection, and mental health jurisdictions.

Dr Teorongonui Josie Keelan (whom the Joint Roopū is in the process of contracting to assist moderate the Joint Research Committee briefs) is one of the new appointees to Te Pūkenga Māori Advisory Committee (connected with the New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology). These appointments were made in partnership with the Mātauranga Iwi Leaders Group, National Iwi Chairs Forum.

Dr Charlotte Severne (Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāi Tūhoe) has been reappointed as Māori Trustee for Te Tumu Paeroa (Office of the Māori Trustee) for a term of five years.

Tracking log item: n/a

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

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Tracking log item: n/a

System leadership, impact, and reputation

International

APEC BEST Awards

The APEC BEST (Business Efficiency and Success Target) awards are an annual project under the APEC Policy Partnership for Women and the Economy, organised by Russia that recognises outstanding women entrepreneurs and business women. This year's awards ceremony will be held virtually on 3 November 2021.

Aotearoa New Zealand agreed to co-sponsor this year's awards and has nominated two wāhine Māori s 9(2)(a). Traci Houpapa will act as a jury member for the awards. Renee Graham, as PPWE Chair, will record opening remarks for the ceremony, and we are also working to submit remarks on behalf of Aotearoa New Zealand as co-sponsors and APEC hosts for 2021.

Tracking log item: n/a

The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

We have had written confirmation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade that Aotearoa New Zealand is signed up to the simplified reporting procedure for our next CEDAW report back, which was to be due in July 2022. This means that instead of reporting back on all previous CEDAW recommendations, we will instead be asked to report back on a list of issues put to us by the Committee. However, due to delays resulting from the pandemic, we are advised that the Committee may not be able to compile our list of issues until 2023, which would mean our report back would not be due until 2024. We will keep you informed of any further updates.

Tracking log item: n/a

Ministerial Servicing

Policy advice in progress

Type	Subject	Log number	Due date
Memo	Agency reports on the social impacts of COVID-19 on women	MW 21-22 0109	21 October 2021
Memo	2022 Queen's Birthday Honours process and timeline	MW 21-22 0135	26 October 2021
Memo – joint with TPK	Post Judicial Conference, 21 October 2021	MW 21-22 0119	1 November 2021
Briefing	COVID-19 Community Fund 2021: Results of application and assessment process	MW 21-22 0133	1 November 2021
Ministerial meeting	Meeting with Minister Davidson, 11 November 2021	MW 21-22 0005	3 November 2021
Memo – joint with TPK	Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry Update	MW 21-22 0120	4 November 2021
Memo – joint with TPK	Research Update	MW 21-22 0121	11 November 2021
Memo	Crossover areas in the various Employment Action Plans	MW 21-22 0136	15 November 2021
Memo – joint with TPK	Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry Pre Tūāpapa hearing 4 Whakatāne, 22-26 November 2021	MW 21-22 0122	17 November 2021
Memo – joint with TPK	Joint roopū – last two years and landscape in 2022	MW 21-22 0123	18 November 2021
Memo	NACEW Zoom meeting, 24 November 2021	MW 21-22 0134	18 November 2021
Memo	Family Violence Sexual Violence strategy and implementation plan	MW 21-22 0137	29 November 2021

Event and meeting briefings in progress

Type	Subject	Log number	Due date
Stakeholder meeting	Meeting with EEO Commissioner, 17 November 2021	MW 21-22 0050-1	1 November 2021
Stakeholder meeting	Meeting with PSA National Secretaries Kerry Davies and Erin Polaczuk, 16 November 2021	MW 21-22 0002	10 November 2021
Event briefing and speech	NZ International Students' Association Future Female Leadership Conference, 27 November 2021	MW 21-22 0051	18 November 2021
Event briefing	Gender Pay Gap Action Plan and the Te Orowaru launch (15 November 2021)	MW 21-22 0105	TBC

WPQs and Official Information Act requests in progress

Subject	Log number	Due date (to Minister)	Due date (to requester)
Ministry OIAs			
Flexible working	MW-OIA 21-22 0009	1 November 2021	8 November 2021

Publications and events in the next six months

Publication/event	Date	Agency lead
Release of the publication - Mana Wāhine: A history of Te Ohu Whakatapu	1 November 2021	Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women
Launch of the Gender Pay Gap Action Plan and Pay Equity work assessment	15 November 2021 (online)	Gender Pay Taskforce
Women of Influence Awards Gala Dinner	10 February 2022	Manatū Wāhine Ministry for 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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Hon Jan Tinetti
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