

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

As at 9 December 2021

Current priority outcome areas

Women's Employment Action Plan (WEAP) update

This week we have:

- Met with Traci Houpapa and Ariana Paul to discuss the development of specific employment actions for wahine Māori
- Attended a workshop led by the YWCA with younger women to discuss their work aspirations
- Held the third entrepreneurship workshop with Theresa Gattung, where David McLean discussed entrepreneurship access to finance, including banking finance and other business capital.

Childcare

We have provided the key findings from our research with MOTU on access to childcare to DPMC, s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Family violence sexual violence strategy launch

Chief Executive Kellie Coombes attended the successful launch of Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy and Action Plan to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence, on Tuesday 7 December 2021.

We have monitored the stakeholder response to Te Aorerekura in the media. Stakeholders have noted that they are hopeful the Strategy will make a difference to the high rates of family violence and sexual violence in New Zealand and are supportive of a whānau-led approach.

We are now working with the Joint Venture Business Unit on the implementation of the Strategy actions, and leading Action 4: Wāhine Māori leadership succession - a tuakana-teina based initiative focusing on developing and nurturing emerging wāhine Māori leaders in the family violence and sexual violence professional and vocational fields in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Mana Wāhine Roopū update

Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry

On 1 December 2021 Co-ordinating Counsel filed a memo with the Tribunal, advising that three committees have been formed to begin work on various inquiry-related tasks, including:

1. Theming/structuring substantive hearings;
2. Development of a Statement of Issues; and
3. Discovery process.

Two possible options for progressing Tūāpapa hearings in 2022 have also been proposed including:

1. **Online** – which would require further consultation with claimants. Satellite locations may be an option, where witnesses can present evidence online.
2. **Limited person hearing** – where only the witnesses and their counsel would be in the room with the Tribunal.

Counsel further noted that COVID-19 was still causing disruptions to counsel and claimants' ability to prepare evidence for Tūāpapa hearing 4, in February 2022.

At the last Joint Research Committee (JRC) meeting on 25 November 2021, members agreed with the funding protocol the Director had negotiated with claimant counsel. This means the joint roopū is now ready to contract researchers when successful tenders are negotiated in the New Year.

On 3 December 2021, a Memorandum of Counsel was filed in the Waitangi Tribunal on behalf of the JRC; this provided an update on the development of JRC guidelines for commissioning wāhine Māori researchers, or partnerships with non-wāhine Māori researchers, and the JRC research programme. The JRC has advised the Tribunal that the development of the guidelines is on hold until work on moderating the project briefs has been completed. A general extension has been requested to file the guidelines together with the finalised briefs shortly after their completion.

Other news

This week the Waitangi Tribunal heard submissions relating to its granting of an urgent hearing into the Government's COVID-19 response, in relation to Māori. Claimants include the Māori Women's Welfare League and the New Zealand Māori Council (who are also claimants in the Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry).

The Waitangi National Trust has announced there will be no in-person events at Northland's Waitangi Treaty Grounds in February 2022, due to COVID-19 risks – an online virtual event will instead be held. This decision does not cover the lower marae, which makes its own event decisions. Should you require a briefing to attend the online event, we will provide this to you on 26 January 2021.

Dr Jane Thomas (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu) has been appointed to Chair PHARMAC's Pharmacology and Therapeutics Advisory Committee (PTAC).

Professor Suzanne Pitama (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Whare) has been appointed the new Dean and Head of Campus at the University of Otago, Christchurch. This appointment by the Otago Medical School is historic as she is the first Māori female Dean of any Otago Medical School.

Ministerial Servicing

Policy advice in progress			
Type	Subject	Log number	Due date
Memo	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	MW 21-22 0190	9.12.2021
Briefing	Preparations for the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66), March 2022	MW 21-22 0184	16.12.2021
Memo - joint with TPK	Attendance Waitangi Day Commemorations, 6 February 2022	MW 21-22 0161	26.01.2022
Memo	Cross over areas in the various Employment Action Plans	MW 21-22 0136	8.02.2022
Memo	Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry landscape	MW 21-22 0160	10.02.2022
Memo - joint with TPK	Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry Pre Tūāpapa hearing 14-17 February 2022	MW 21-22 0162	10.02.2022
Memo - joint with TPK	Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry Post Tūāpapa hearing 14-17 February 2022	MW 21-22 0163	2.03.2022
Memo - joint with TPK	All-of-Government framework update	MW 21-22 0125	10.03.2022
Memo	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	MW 21-22 0181	TBC
Timeline	Ministry to provide a timeline outlining progress of stages of the National Action Plan, i.e when we might expect briefings with options for the plan for discussion.	MW 21-22 0182	TBC
Talking points	Select Committee 2020/21 Annual Review	MW 21-22 0178	TBC

Event and meeting briefings in progress			
Type	Subject	Log number	Due date
Meeting briefing	Stakeholder briefing for meeting with Kim McGregor	MW 21-22 0169	7.12.2021

WPQs and Official Information Act requests in progress			
Subject	Log number	Due to Minister	Due to requester
Written Parliamentary Questions			
None			
Minister OIA requests			
Practice of the Official Information Act 1982	MW-OIA 21-22 0012	16.12.2021	17.12.2021
Ministry OIA requests			
Request from Nicola Grigg for: Agendas, meeting minutes, briefings, and advice	MW-OIA 21-22 0010	14.12.2021	20.12.2021

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Request from Nicola Grigg for: COVID-19 advice and response	MW-OIA 21-22 0011	14.12.2021	20.12.2021
Request for briefings, agendas, minutes, notes and correspondence	MW-OIA 21-22 0013	14.12.2021	18.01.2022

Cabinet papers consulted on

Cabinet meeting/ Date/Department	Title of paper	Comments
None this week		

Publications and events in the next six months

Publication/event	Agency lead	Date
Women of Influence Awards Gala Dinner	Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women	10.02.2022

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Secretary for Women



Hon Jan Tinetti
Minister for Women

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