

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

As at 10 February 2022

Current priority outcome areas

Women's Employment Action Plan (WEAP) update

We attended a joint Employment Action Plan leads meeting, arranged by the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment, on Wednesday 9 February, to discuss the coordination and overlap of actions between the plans.

Cross-EAP actions include diversity in the private sector, available and accessible information on employment services and support, improving data collection, identifying barriers to entering the workforce, providing careers support information, and promoting understanding of employment rights. We have also started working with government agencies to firm up actions for inclusion in the WEAP, and are meeting with the Mind the Gap campaign leaders on Thursday 10 February 2022.

Mana Wāhine Roopū update

Tūāpapa hearings

On Friday 4 February, co-ordinating counsel updated the Tribunal on their discussions with the claimant community about proceeding with Tūāpapa hearings during ongoing uncertainty and difficulties associated with COVID-19. Counsel thanked the Crown for the assurance that costs associated with participating via Audio Visual Link (AVL) could be covered under the existing claimant funding policy. Counsel reported the majority of witnesses still to be heard in the Tūāpapa phase can be supported to participate via AVL either in their homes or at the nearest Māori Land Court. Counsel also outlined a proposal for the kōrero of witnesses who remain uncomfortable participating online, to still be included in the Tūāpapa phase.

Crown Research Working Group (CRWG)

The CRWG will hold its first hui for 2022 on Thursday 10 February. The agenda includes: discussion of potential areas for Crown research for the Inquiry; an update from Stats NZ and Ministry for Women about progress and next steps for the Crown Statistics project; and legal privilege training from Crown Counsel.

In the media

Prime Minister's Oranga Tamariki Award recipients gain national coverage.

Seventeen-year-old spoken word poet and fluent te reo Māori speaker, Jamie-Lee Spence-Wehi (Ngātiwai and Tainui) received the William Wallace Te Iho Pūmanawa Whakamana Tangata Award. This will support her to study a double major in Bachelor of Physiotherapy and Bachelor of Māori Health at Auckland University of Technology this year.

Eighteen-year-old Stacey Hayes (Tainui) transitioned to female at 14, is now a model, and is heading to Toi Whakaari Drama School. Hayes is one of 24 students from Aotearoa who have been chosen to attend a trip to Shakespeare's Globe in London this year.

Bill petitioned

A petition against the *Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System and Children and Young People's Commission Bill* has gained traction among kaupapa Māori academics. The petition asks that changes proposed for the Bill should have a thorough consultation process with tamariki, rangatahi, and their families. Submissions closed on 9 February 2022.

System leadership - International

Sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66), 14-25 March

Preparations are underway for CSW66, which will take place on 14-25 March 2022 in New York, via a hybrid communications model. This year's theme is gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of climate change, and environmental and disaster risk reduction. Manatū Wāhine will participate remotely from Wellington and a representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's New York office will attend in person.

As head of the virtual delegation for New Zealand, you are invited to deliver the National Statement through a 5-minute pre-recorded statement. You may also have an opportunity deliver a smaller intervention at a Ministerial roundtable on a topic related to the priority theme, also via video.

Applications for two NGO representatives to join the official New Zealand delegation in Wellington closed on 9 February 2022. Attendance will be dependent on any domestic COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time. A selection panel, comprised of several members of the International Women's Caucus, will provide a shortlist of up to four candidates.

UN member states and NGOs will also host side events, parallel to the negotiations. Due to COVID-19, all official side events must be virtual. We are working with Fiji on a joint side event (a high-level, virtual panel session) on the importance of data to tackle climate change. In addition, we have been approached by Canada and the Netherlands to co-sponsor side events.

A briefing will be submitted to your office on Thursday 24 February 2022 with further information, including the two statements to be recorded and further details on the delegation and side events.

System leadership – events and communications

The Ministry met with the cross-agency working group on 3 February 2022 to progress plans for the Leadership Event with the Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand (IWCNZ). IWCNZ have confirmed its new tentative date for this event is Friday, 15 July 2022, in Hamilton.

IWCNZ is currently finalising details, including the attendance list, and will provide confirmed information to the working group in mid-late March 2022. We will also provide you with an event briefing when this information is confirmed.

IWCNZ representatives intend for this event to take place *kanohi ki te kanohi*, so if the COVID-19 situation in July does not permit them to hold this event in-person, it is likely to be postponed.

Ministerial Servicing

Policy advice in progress			
Type	Subject	Log number	Due date
Briefing	Updated list of initiatives since February 2021 that have had a positive impact on women	MW 21-22 0217	10/03/2022
Memo	Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry landscape	MW 21-22 0160	2/03/2022
Memo - joint with Te Puni Kōkiri	All-of-Government framework update	MW 21-22 0125	10/03/2022
Memo	Initial policy advice for the National Action Plan Cabinet report back	MW 21-22 0182	TBC

Event and meeting briefings in progress			
Type	Subject	Log number	Due date
Talking points	Meeting with Toah-Nnest Board, 16 February 2022	MW 21-22 0224	14/02/2022
Briefing	Briefing for upcoming Future of Work Tripartite meeting	MW 21-22 0207	15/02/2022
Speech notes	National Council for Women (Southland Branch) National Conference on Saturday, 19 February 2022	MW 21-22 0213	16/02/2022
Briefing	International Women's Caucus meeting, 22 February 2022	MW 21-22 0218	18/02/2022
Briefing and speech	Launch of the Gender Attitudes survey, 1 March 2022	MW 21-22 0223	23/02/2022
Briefing	Meeting with EEO Commissioner, 28 February 2022	MW 21-22 0222	24/02/2022
Briefing	Follow-up briefing on the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66)	MW 21-22 0219	24/02/2022
Briefing and speech	International Women's Day breakfast in Whanganui, 4 March 2022	MW 21-22 0220	25/02/2022
Briefing and speech	Zonta International/UN Women online event for International Women's Day, 8 March 2022		TBC
Briefing and speech	Event brief and speech for the Minister's attendance at the 'ASB celebrates international women's day' on Monday, 7 March 2022	MW 21-22 0206	1/03/2022
Briefing	Convention on the Status of Women side event and policy briefing	MW 21-22 0211	March TBC
Briefing	Pacific Islands Forum Women Leaders' Meeting Briefing	MW 21-22 0202	Postponed TBA

WPQs and Official Information Act requests in progress			
Subject	Log number	Due to Minister	Due to requester
Written Parliamentary Questions			
None			
Minister OIA requests			
None			
Ministry OIA requests			
None			
Ministerial responses			
None			

Cabinet papers consulted on

Cabinet meeting/ Date/Department	Title of paper	Comments
None		

Publications and events in the next six months

Publication/event	Date	Agency lead
Women of Influence Awards – online announcement of winners	10 February 2022	Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women
National Council for Women (Southland Branch) National Conference	19 February 2022	National Council for Women (Southland Branch)
International Women's Caucus meeting	22 February 2022	Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women
Launch of the Gender Attitudes survey	1 March 2022	NCW/YWCA
International Women's Day breakfast	4 March 2022	Steph Lewis, MP for Whanganui
ASB celebrates International Women's Day	7 March 2022	ASB
Online event for International Women's Day	8 March 2022	Zonta International/UN Women

Proactive release

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