

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

As at 17 February 2022

Current priority outcome areas

Women's Employment Action Plan (WEAP) update

We have undertaken the last part of this round of engagements on women's employment with Wāhine Māori in business and Pacific and ethnic women. The think pieces we commissioned are now starting to come in. We have also developed a table outlining the themes identified from engagement to date, which we will discuss with NACEW and their partner organisations on Friday 18 February 2022.

The WEAP timeline has been redeveloped to include the Cabinet Committee process.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

You have also received a paper on the Future of Work (FOW) for women for your comments. Once finalised, this paper will be sent to the FOW Tripartite Forum meeting you will attend in March 2022, to discuss women's employment. We are following up with agencies on other papers which have implications on the future of women's work, that have been sent through the Employment, Education and Training process – in particular, the regional skills leadership groups and the industry transformation plans.

Mana Wāhine Roopū update

Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry

Joint roopū representatives attended a hui to discuss the Takapou Whāriki (video conferencing) process on 16 February 2022 by video. We will update you further in the next weekly report once we have had the opportunity to consider the submissions made.

Women of Influence Awards

Several wāhine Māori were recognised at the Women of Influence 2021 Awards, including:

- Arts & Culture: Qiane Matata-Sipu, founder and creator of storytelling social impact movement NUKU
- Board & Management: Cassandra Crowley, CEO for Te Arawa Management Limited
- Primary Industries: Tia Potae, Whānau Ora Navigator at Tokomairiro Waiora
- Public Policy: Melanie Mark-Shadbolt, Deputy Secretary Māori Rights & Interests, Ministry for the Environment
- Highly Commended: Aroha Te Pareake Mead (Environment).

Appointments

Associate Professor Emma Wyeth (Kāi Tahu, Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Mutunga) has been appointed to the role of Manupiki Māori o Te Wāhanga Matua Mātau Hauora (Associate Dean Māori, Division of Health Sciences) at University of Otago.

Tania Pritchard (Ngāti Kahu, Ngāpuhi) starts her new role as Kahui Māori General Manager for Toitū te Waiora (one of six Workforce Development Councils formed in 2021 tasked with ensuring the vocational education system meets industry needs and gives a stronger voice to Māori business and iwi development).

Waitangi Tribunal claim

Te Rūnanga Nui o ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori (KKM) o Aotearoa (Te Rūnanga Nui) has filed an urgent Waitangi Tribunal claim alleging the Crown has breached the Treaty in its obligations to Kura Kaupapa Māori (KKM). Dr Cathy Dewes and others filed the claim in October 2021 on behalf of all 63 kura and whānau of 6,500 students nationwide. The claim concerns the active protection and promotion of KKM, invoking Te Aho Matua. Te Aho Matua is a statement that sets out an approach to teaching and learning that applies to schools designated under [section 155](#), as legislated through the Education (Te Aho Matua) Amendment Act 1999.

Key points raised around the claim are that:

- KKM are prejudicially affected by acts and omissions of the Crown and existing and pending Crown legislation, policy and regulatory frameworks
- KKM are treated as part of the mainstream compulsory schooling sector, and over time different groups within the Ministry of Education deal with KKM through a mainstream lens
- KKM are immersed entirely in te reo Māori, but usually have to grapple with system and policy issues with the Ministry of Education, entirely in English
- The Crown has not worked with Te Rūnanga Nui to develop a long-term strategy or plan to grow and support KKM
- The Ministry's own key Māori education and reo Māori strategies, Ka Hikitia and Tau Mai Te Reo, contain no clear goals relating to the future of KKM
- A priority outcome is the establishment of a Māori Education Authority that allows KKM Aho Matua, along with all kaupapa Māori educational institutions to operate autonomously.

System leadership - International

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

We are working closely with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), and key thematic agencies such as the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), to progress briefing and logistics arrangements. Your office will receive the briefing pack on Thursday 24 February 2022 with updates on all key elements.

The UN has confirmed that negotiations on the agreed conclusions, which last year were carried out virtually from Wellington, must be held in-person, in New York. We are, therefore, making some adjustments to our planning; in particular, how the flow of information and decision-making between Manatū Wāhine, MFAT, New York, other agencies, and NGOs, will be managed. You will receive a short briefing for your information and consideration on Friday 18 February. The zero drafts of the Agreed Conclusions and Methods of Work have now been circulated, and we are providing our feedback via MFAT and the post in New York.

We are continuing to work with Fiji on a jointly hosted virtual side event and prioritising approaches and invitations from counterparts to participate in others.

Our '4GE' contacts have proposed a Ministerial virtual meeting between Canada, Australia, the UK, and New Zealand, in the margins of CSW. The UK have made an initial suggestion of Thursday 17 March at 11:00am (NZ Time) – we will liaise further with your office on this proposal.

APEC 2022

The first round of senior officials-level APEC meetings for 2022 are currently underway, hosted by Thailand. Originally intended to be hosted in person, the meetings moved to a virtual format due to the Omicron outbreak. s 6(a)

Ministerial Servicing

Policy advice in progress			
Type	Subject	Log number	Due date
Briefing	Update on CSW developments and MfW's recommendation on Ministerial attendance	MW 21-22 0233	18/02/2022
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
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
Briefing	Updated list of initiatives since September 2017 that have had a positive impact on women	MW 21-22 0217	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
Briefing	Briefing for upcoming Future of Work Tripartite meeting	MW 21-22 0207	18/02/2022
Briefing	Ministerial Briefing Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets for Ministry of Women as at 31 Dec 2021	MW 21-22 0232	18/02/2022
Briefing	International Women's Caucus meeting, 22 February 2022	MW 21-22 0218	18/02/2022
Briefing and speech	Zonta International/UN Women online event for International Women's Day, 8 March 2022	MW 21-22 0226	22/02/2022

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Type	Subject	Log number	Due date
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 and speech	International Women's Day breakfast in Whanganui, 4 March 2022	MW 21-22 0220	25/02/2022
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
A3	Minister's portfolio priorities and deliverables 2022	MW 21-22 0229	3/03/2022
Briefing	Analysis of the Social Unemployment Insurance scheme's potential impacts on women	MW 21-22 0228	31/03/2022
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			
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Further questions on nominations process	MW-OIA 21-22 0019	9/03/2022	16/03/2022
Ministerial responses			
Seeking support for Chartered Accountants' gender pay gap playbook	MW 21-22 0231	24/02/2022	-

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
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
Sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women – recording national statement	2 March 2022	-
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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