

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

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**As at 24 March 2022**

## Current priority outcome areas

### Women's Employment Action Plan (WEAP) update

We are working with agency officials to finalise the text for the employment actions in the WEAP, which will be discussed at the NACEW meeting on 24 March 2022 and at the EET CEs meeting on 30 March. We will then finalise the draft for the EET Ministers meeting on 7 April and provide you with talking points for this meeting.

### Mana Wāhine Roopū update

#### Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry

On 18 March 2022 Judge Reeves issued Memorandum-Directions regarding forward planning for the remaining tūāpapa hearings for 2022.

Hearing details for tūāpapa hearings four and five have been confirmed as follows:

- Tūāpapa hearing four: Te Mānuka Tūtahi Marae, 105 Muriwai Drive, Whakatāne, from Monday 11 July to Friday 15 July.
- Tūāpapa hearing five: to be held in the lower North Island from Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August.
- Coordinating counsel have been directed to file submissions on preferred locations for the lower North Island hearing by 12pm, Tuesday 5 April.

The Joint Research Committee met on 17 March to further progress finalisation of the draft project briefs. Steps are also being taken by claimants to establish a tendering sub-committee to assess research proposals in the near future.

#### Other news

Original WAI381 claimant Donna Awatere presented a keynote speech at the Te Tiriti-Based Futures + Anti-Racism 2022 programme on 19 March 2022.

On International Race Relations Day, 21 March, as part of the Auckland Arts Festival, Joint Research Committee (JRC) Chair (and WAI 381 claimant) Ripeka Evans, in her role as Chair of the Courageous Conversations Aotearoa Foundation, and JRC Moderator Dr Josie Keelan, presented at the 'Courageous Conversations About Race' event.

In the consulting sector, KPMG have made two key wāhine Māori appointments: Riria Te Kanawa (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Rārua, Tainui-o-Tainui, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Porou) as the new Partner and National Industry Lead – Māori, and Kaapua Smith (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Awa) as the new Government Consulting Partner.

## System leadership – events and communications

### Women in retirement

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

### Pay transparency

We are meeting with MBIE officials on 24 March 2022, to discuss the joint work required to progress pay transparency. We are meeting with Ministry for Ethnic Communities officials next week to discuss their interest in pay transparency and what role they might have to progress this.

## System leadership - International

### Sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66) 14-25 March 2022

We are now in the second, and final, week of the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66), which kicked off on 14 March 2022 (15 March 2022 NZT). Opening statements by several speakers including the United Nations' Secretary General António Guterres, the Director of UN Women, and the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls. Key themes included: the need to push back on the "push-back" against women and girls' rights, condemning the war in Ukraine, rejecting limitations on women's meaningful participation, and the importance of women's leadership. The event is being livestreamed on [UNTV](#) and recorded sessions are uploaded [here](#).

The pre-recorded national statement and Ministerial roundtable interventions were delivered virtually on 15 and 16 March (NZT). Social media posts (arranged with your office) have been published across our social media channels. New Zealand has reviewed and joined several joint statements with the Group of Friends for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls, the LGBTI Core Group, and Austria/the EU condemning the Ukraine invasion.

We continue to engage with the delegation members (MFAT, NEMA, and the two NGO delegates) and fed into the second round of the negotiations of the Agreed Conclusions text on 22 March (NZ time). s 6(a)

Negotiations are due to conclude on 26 March (NZ time), so we expect the prior three days will be when clear divergences emerge. We expect the global political situation to spill over into these discussions, which will be a complicating factor.

Our three side events have been successfully delivered and included thought-provoking and engaging discussion. These events were with: Fiji (gender-disaggregated data), Canada (Equal pay), and the Netherlands (the rights of sex workers). Recordings of the sessions will soon be made publicly available.

## Ministerial Servicing

Policy advice in progress			
Type	Subject	Log number	Due date
Memo	Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry landscape	MW 21-22 0160	28/04/2022
Memo	Initial policy advice for the National Action Plan Cabinet report back	MW 21-22 0182	Late-April 2022

Event and meeting briefings in progress			
Type	Subject	Log number	Due date
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
<b>Ministry OIA requests</b>			
Consultation on the proposed social unemployment insurance scheme	MW-OIA 21-22 0021	6/04/2022	13/04/2022
<b>Minister OIA requests</b>			
What is being measured to determine the effect of climate change on a person	MW-OIA 21-22 0022	12/04/2022	21/04/2022

## Publications and events in the next six months

Publication/event	Date	Agency lead
NACEW meeting	24 March 2022	Manatū Wāhine

## Proactive release

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**Hon Jan Tinetti**  
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