

Fortnightly Report Minister for Women

31 January 2025

Current priority outcome areas

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International Women's Caucus meeting 11 February 2025

The first International Women's Caucus meeting for 2025 is taking place on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at Parliament.

The Ministry is co-hosting the meeting with UN Women Aotearoa New Zealand, who will be delivering a presentation on their organisation's work. There is a placeholder in your diary from 12.15-12.45pm for you to address the Caucus. You may wish to speak about your priorities for the Women portfolio and goals for the year. We will be providing you with an Aide Memoire to support your participation at this meeting next week.

Other key items on the agenda for this meeting include:

- The Ministry for Women's preparations for the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
- Seeking feedback from Caucus members on the Ministry's online harm toolkit.

90 women recognised in the 2025 New Year's Honours

The Ministry is drafting congratulatory letters on your behalf for the 90 women who were recognised in the 2025 New Year's Honours. With a total of 189 recipients, women accounted for 48% of the Honours received.

Women were recognised for their work and service across a number of areas including sport, health, business, governance and the fashion industry. Three women were awarded to be Dame Companions of the New Zealand Order of Merit, including Dame Lydia Ko, who is the youngest recipient of this honour in New Zealand.

Ovarian cancer awareness month

This February is ovarian cancer awareness month. The theme for this year is "show up for ovarian cancer." The focus in February is making sure that women have the tools, knowledge and support they need. We plan to use our social media to raise awareness and educate about knowing the signs of ovarian cancer and how to get support. The Ovarian Cancer Foundation will be sharing their key messages and information in advance with us so we can use this in our online awareness raising.

Ministerial Servicing

Policy advice and reports in progress			
Type	Title	Log number	Due date
Memorandum	Supplementary Annual Review questions	MW MM 24-25 0084	05 Feb
Briefing	CSW69 Delegation List	MW BR 24-25 0107	05 Feb
Briefing	Proposed response to 9(2)(a)	MW BR 24-25 0107	03 Feb

Event and meeting briefings in progress			
Type	Title	Log number	Due date
Aide memoire	International Women's Caucus meeting, Tuesday 11 February	MW AM 24-25 0108	05 Feb
Aide memoire	Meeting with Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Aotearoa, Wednesday 19 February	MW AM 24-25 0103	13 Feb
Aide memoire	National Advisory Council on the Employment of Women meeting, Tuesday 18 February	MW AM 24-25 0112	13 Feb
Aide memoire	Meeting with Shepherdess, Wednesday 5 March	MW AM 24-25 0129	26 Feb
Aide memoire	Meeting with Crayon, Thursday 6 March	MW AM 24-25 0128	26 Feb

Cabinet papers consulted on		
Title of paper	Comments	Agency
9(2)(f)(iv)		

Ministerial letters and responses		
Subject	Log number	Due date
Response to 9(2)(a)	MW MW 24-25 0109	04 Feb

Official Information Act requests in progress		
Subject	Log number	Due to requester
Ministry OIA requests		
Gender pay gap research	MW DOIA 24-25 0030	3 Feb
Sexual harassment policies	MW DOIA 24-25 0031	13 Feb
McGuinness Institute GDS Index	MW DOIA 24-25 0029	13 Feb
Work life balance in the Public Service	MW DOIA 24-25 0032	21 Feb

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