



Manatū Wāhine
Ministry for Women

Fortnightly Report Minister for Women

13 February 2026

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International Women's Caucus meeting – 10 February 2026

There were 48 attendees from over 30 NGOs and government agencies at the first International Women's Caucus meeting of the year, co-hosted with P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A Inc at Parliament and online. You attended from 12pm – 12.40pm to share an update on your priority work and take questions from the Caucus.

Key discussions from the day included:

- Secretary for Women, Kellie Coombes, provided an update on preparations and negotiations for CSW70, thanked the IWC selection panel and welcomed Tufuga Rhia Taonui as CSW's NGO Delegate.
- Members discussed plans for attendance at Women Deliver, which is taking place from 27 – 30 April in Melbourne. Representatives from the Māori Women's Welfare League and PACIFICA Inc are on the organising committee and will attend, along with Aotearoa Women's Watch.
- The Caucus was very engaged in a session led by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Gender Action Plan. Members will provide feedback before the next report is due in June 2026.
- The Caucus reported that during its closed session it discussed the change in voter enrolment processes, with several members noting that some communities were not aware there is an earlier deadline for enrolling this election.

You asked for advice on the Emergency Management Bill (No 2), currently before select committee, led by Hon Mark Mitchell. Public submissions on the Bill close on 15 February 2026 and we will make sure Caucus members are aware of the opportunity to provide feedback, albeit under short timeframes. The Ministry was not consulted on the development of the Bill.

We will provide your office with an update on other matters raised during your session with the Caucus.

The next International Women's Caucus meeting is scheduled for 12 May 2026.

Update on CSW70

Negotiations on the Agreed Conclusions for CSW70 have begun, with the 'zero draft' of the Conclusions circulated on 22 January 2026 for Member States' feedback. Given the focus on access to justice, we sought comments from relevant agencies (Ministry of Justice, Department of Corrections, NZ Police, the Centre for the Family Violence and Sexual Violence and Prevention and Oranga Tamariki) and members of the International Women's Caucus. This feedback is informing New Zealand's participation in negotiations alongside our key international partners.

Our feedback included recommendations to:

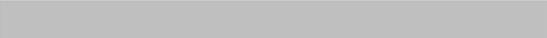
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We expect to receive the revised draft of the Agreed Conclusions during the week of 9 February and will again seek agency and NGO feedback. We will keep you informed of progress as negotiations continue.

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Event and meeting briefings in progress			
Type	Title	Log number	Due date
Briefing	IWD Insights and Impacts evening	MW AM 25-26 0119	16 Feb
Briefing	Zonta IWD Breakfast – 5 March	MW AM 25-26 0120	19 Feb
Briefing	Talking points for APH – 3 March	MW AM 25- 0116	25 Feb
Briefing	Meeting with Hon Potaka and the Coalition to End Women;s Homelessness – 5 March	MW AM 25-26 0121	2 Mar

Cabinet paper consultations		
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