



Manatū Wāhine
Ministry for Women

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Current priority outcome areas

BoardConnector now live ahead of International Women’s Day

BoardConnector, the Ministry for Women’s improved governance registration portal and database, went live on Monday 23 February as part of a ‘soft launch’ to existing users ahead of next week’s International Women’s Day events. We have already received positive feedback about how it is more intuitive and easier it is to use.

We will be promoting BoardConnector at International Women’s Day events, including the Zonta breakfast at Parliament and the Institute of Director’s event – both of which you are giving keynote speeches at.

The enhanced portal is part of the wider work the Ministry is doing to strengthen its Women in Leadership Service, including more tailored information and support to meet the specific needs of database members based on their level of governance experience.

The Ministry is working closely with the Institute of Directors and engaging with other private sector organisations to generate buy-in and support for making the BoardConnector database available to the private sector.

A draft media release for International Women’s Day focused on this work has been provided to your office.

Withheld 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Supporting the implementation of the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Act 2025

Scoping work is underway to identify how the Ministry can support the implementation of the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Act 2025, which comes into effect on 26 May 2026.

Initial engagement has taken place with the Leonie Morris from the Coalition for the Safety of Women and Children, alongside regular meetings with the cross-agency working group which includes the Centre for Family Violence, Ministry of Justice and New Zealand Police.

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Update on preparations for CSW70

National Statement

The National Statement that will be delivered by the Head of Delegation has been drafted with support from MFAT and consultation with relevant justice sector agencies. We will send the draft National Statement to your office separately.

Agreed Conclusions

Negotiations on the Agreed Conclusions is in its final stage. Since our last update, agencies and interested members of International Women's Caucus have provided feedback on two further revised

drafts. In general, the Conclusions have moved in a positive direction, with a strengthened focus on accessibility, accountability and coordinated support for women and girls in the justice system.

We will provide a further update on the Conclusions once finalised.

NGO representative

We announced the selection of the NGO representative, Rhia Taonui, on our website and social media on 13 February 2026. The news was well-received and there was a lot of interest in Rhia and her role. During March, we will be working with Rhia to share more about what the role of NGO representative means and her experience at CSW70 via our social media channels. The purpose of this is to connect our audiences beyond New York through real-time insights and personal storytelling to raise awareness of the work being done for women and girls' rights and gender equality.

We will share a final programme with your office next week for awareness.

Ministerial Servicing

Event and meeting briefings in progress			
Type	Title	Log number	Due date
Meeting briefing	Meeting with Hon Potaka and the Coalition to End Women's Homelessness, Thursday 5 March 2026	MW AM 25-26 0121	2 Mar
Event briefing	IoD Directors – International Women's Day Lunch, 10 March 2026	MW AM 25-26 0124	4 Mar
Script	Prerecorded video – UK NZ International Women's Day Event Auckland	MW 25-26 0128	9 Mar

Ministerial letters and responses		
Subject	Log number	Due date
Response to Withheld 9(2)(a)	MW 25-26 0127	4 Mar
Congratulatory letter – Withheld 9(2)(a)	MW 25-26 0132	4 Mar

Official Information Act requests in progress		
Subject	Log number	Due to requester
Ministry OIA requests		
Media spend – Withheld 9(2)(a)	MW DOIA 25-26 0034	16 Mar
Ministerial OIA request		
Advice received January 2026 – Withheld 9(2)(a)	MW MOIA 25-26 0035	11 Mar
Advice received February 2026 – Withheld 9(2)(a)	MW MOIA 25-26 0036	24 Mar

Cabinet paper consultations		
Title	Comment	Agency
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