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**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
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## Meeting

**Date:** 14 December 2020      **Security Level:** IN CONFIDENCE

**For:** Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development and  
Employment

Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan, Associate Minister for Social  
Development and Employment

**File Reference:** REP/20/12/1234

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## Joint Ministers' Meeting on Government's Response to the RCOI into the mosque attacks

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**Meeting/visit details**      1:00pm to 1:30pm, 14 December 2020, location in Beehive is TBC, 8.5 EW Cabinet Committee Room is on hold, but meeting will possibly move to 2.1 EW

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**Expected attendees**      Hon Andrew Little will chair as the lead coordinating Minister for the response. Other Ministers responsible for delivering on the Government's response will also attend as available.

An MSD official can be in attendance to support you if desired.

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**Purpose of meeting/visit**      To discuss governance and initial activity of the response.  
Agenda is:

1. Governance of the response
  2. Establishment of the Oversight Group
  3. Regional hui – timing and attendance
  4. Next steps and timeframes
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**Background**      *Ko tō tātou kāinga tēnei – Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch masjidain on 15 March 2019 (the Report)* was tabled in Parliament on 8 December 2020. The report has 44 recommendations, Cabinet has agreed or agreed in principle to all of them. For your reference, Appendix One outlines all the recommendations and associated responsible Ministers and government agencies.

**Minister Sepuloni**, you are the responsible Minister for recommendations in the Report related to supporting the ongoing recovery needs of affected whanau, survivors and witnesses. This

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includes recommendations 25 and 26 (see attached table for recommendation descriptions). MSD is the lead agency supporting you to deliver these two recommendations. **NOTE: Minister Sepuloni has delegated the responsibility for Recommendations 25 and 26 to Minister Radhakrishnan.**

To support implementation of these recommendations, on 7 December Cabinet agreed to \$4.8 million of funding over three years to provide for:

- Collective Impact Board: \$1m over 2 years
- Enhanced case management and navigation service: \$3.8m over 3 years.

MSD staff are currently determining the approach to implementation including the development of the Collective Impact Board. We will report back to you in the new year with an update on progress and approach.

**Minister Radhakrishnan** you are the responsible Minister for the Social Cohesion recommendations in the Report. This includes recommendations 28, 29, 31 and 37 (see Appendix One for recommendation descriptions). MSD, in collaboration with the cross-agency Social Cohesion Oversight Group, is the lead agency supporting you to deliver on these recommendations.

The Social Cohesion Oversight Group is currently working to update their work programme to reflect the recommended approach, that includes consideration for the collaborative approach with community and other key stakeholders. We will report back to you in the new year with an update on progress and approach.

The Social Cohesion Oversight Group will also keep connected to the implementation of recommendations 32 and 36 being led by Ministers Clark and Hipkins respectively.

Minister Radhakrishnan you are also responsible for recommendations 27 and 30 as the Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) is supporting you to deliver on recommendation 27 and the Office of Ethnic Communities and the Public Service Commission are supporting you to deliver on recommendation 30.

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## Key issues

### **Item 1: Governance of the response**

Minister Little has been designated the Lead Response Minister as per recommendation 43 of the Report.

**You may want to confirm** your role and responsibilities in the overall governance of the response, including whether you will be a member of a regular joint Ministerial response group and how frequently that group will be meeting.

### **Item 2: Establishment of the Oversight Group**

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Recommendation 44 relates to the establishment of a response Oversight Advisory Group (the Oversight Group). There will be some urgency to establishing the Oversight Group. DPMC is the lead agency supporting Ministers on this recommendation. We expect Ministers will need to consider the function of the Oversight Group to help determine the appropriate form and membership of it. Depending on the functions of the Oversight Group, we expect the activities, under your respective responsibilities, led by MSD, will need to connect into the Oversight Group to seek guidance, advice and test approaches for implementation. This will particularly be the case for Social Cohesion recommendation 29.

**We recommend** members of the Oversight Advisory Group receive financial compensation for their expertise, time and contribution to Government's work to provide for an equitable approach as they will be working alongside paid government officials. You may want to raise this point in the meeting

### **Item 3: Regional Hui – Timing and Attendance**

At this stage, two regional hui in Christchurch have been confirmed for this week. These are taking place on 18 and 19 December with Muslim communities affected by the attacks. The details of the other regional hui are still being confirmed.

**You may want to confirm** at the meeting your expected role and attendance at each of the hui.

Minister Radhakrishnan, DPMC is available to brief you on the wider security environment to support you in these engagements.

In addition to the regional hui being led by Minister Little, DPMC is currently engaging with the academic community.

### **Item 4: Next Steps and Timeframes**

We expect this item will be focused on actions that need to be taken which have come out of the meeting's discussion, including next steps for making decisions regarding the Oversight Group.

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#### **Next steps**

Key milestones before the holidays include:

- post-report regional hui with Muslim communities – details, including timing TBC this week
- academic outreach – 11 and 14 December
- developing a high-level outline for establishing Implementation Oversight Advisory Group – s 9(2)(f)(iv)  
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- continued review of documents for proactive release.

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