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**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**  
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

## Meeting

**Date:** 28 January 2021      **Security Level:** IN CONFIDENCE

**For:** Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan, Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment

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## RCOI Regional Hui in Wellington

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**Meeting/visit details**      1:00pm to 6:30pm, 31 January 2021, and 6.00pm-8.00pm, 1 February 2021, level 2 (east and west), Sky Stadium, 105-147 Waterloo Quay, Wellington, 6011.

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**Expected attendees**      Hon Andrew Little, Lead coordinating Minister for the response.  
Ibrahim Omer, List MP will attend some of the events.  
Tony Lynch, Deputy Chief Executive, National Security, DPMC.  
Molly Elliott, General Manager of Social Development, Child and Youth Policy (SDCY), Ministry of Social Development (MSD) will be present at the 31 January meetings.  
**s 9(2)(a)** Principal Analyst, SDCY, MSD will attend the 1 February meeting.  
Gagau Annandale-Stone, Wellington Regional Commissioner for Social Development will also be attending some events.  
Anusha Guler, Director of the Office of Ethnic Communities (OEC)  
**s 9(2)(a)** National Manager Immigration Engagement from the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE) will also be attending.  
There may be senior representatives from New Zealand Police, the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS), and the Human Rights Commission.  
Invitations have been extended to Immigration New Zealand officials and local Members of the Parliament. There will also be case managers, victim Support, interpreters, childcare services, and police officers on site.

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**Purpose of meeting/visit**      Hon Andrew Little will open the sessions with opening remarks covering the following points:

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- Purpose of the engagement
  - Brief review of the RCOI, findings and recommendations
  - Initiatives undertaken by the Government
  - Government approach to the response and principles
  - Next steps (including establishing IOAG)

After Minister Little's introductory remarks, you will be invited to make opening remarks, outlining your role as the responsible Minister for the social cohesion work programme.

**You will be invited to make opening remarks**

You may wish to consider the following talking points:

- The social cohesion recommendations in the RCOI report are a collective package designed to achieve a significant shift in thinking over time.
- These recommendations represent an ambitious work programme aimed at initiating a societal change where we all embrace the value of our changing demographics.
- Social cohesion is beyond ethnicity. It is about embracing diversity and the benefits it brings.
- The purpose of our work on social cohesion is to build a New Zealand where all people feel recognised, valued, respected, free from prejudice and discrimination, and have the resources, skills, and knowledge to meaningfully participate in society.
- In our work on social cohesion, it is important to consider the unique context we are working in. It is crucial to recognise Te Ao Maori values, and to base our work on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This will mean working in partnership with Māori, as well as inviting and involving representatives from different communities into our work.
- COVID-19 is another key consideration in our work. Even though the pandemic has created many social and economic woes which may worsen in the coming months, we also know that it has created a spirit of friendship and solidarity, and has empowered our communities to take charge and better participate in decision-making process.
- We value all our new experiences, and what we hear from our communities. In our session today, we are keen to hear and know more of what you think about our work in the past, as well as today and tomorrow.

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**Background**

There are three separate meetings at the hui on 31 January:

- 1.00pm-2.30pm: meeting with all Muslim communities
- 3.00pm-4.30pm: meeting with Muslim women
- 5.00pm-6.30pm: meeting with Muslim youth

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The hui on 1 February is a pan ethnic/multi-faith meeting that runs from 6.00pm-8.00pm.

The purpose is to engage on the Government's response to *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)* which was tabled in Parliament on 8 December 2020, and to provide an opportunity to discuss the RCOI recommendations and Government's initiatives with Muslim communities.

The event you are attending is focused on engaging with Muslim communities and broader ethnic and faith communities across New Zealand who expressed interest in engaging with the Government on the RCOI report and response.

The purpose of the engagements is to:

- provide an opportunity to discuss the RCOI report and answer any questions on its findings and recommendations
- provide information on Government initiatives taken or underway in response to RCOI report
- understand priority areas for communities that could inform the Government's work on RCOI recommendations, including work on Implementation Oversight Advisory Group (IOAG)
- provide information and invite views on how communities can be involved in the RCOI response process moving forward, including next steps

These sessions will also provide a valuable opportunity to listen to the views and wishes of community members in attendance, and incorporate their insights into our work programmes, especially in the social cohesion work. We recognise the value of reflecting what we heard in our work with communities on social cohesion as we go forward.

Communities are invited to ask questions about the RCOI report, followed by a discussion on the Government's response to seek initial views of the communities. **s 9(2)(f)(iv)**

Other hui are planned for Auckland, Palmerston North, Hamilton, Napier, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill throughout February 2021. The details of those engagement are still to be confirmed.

We understand that DPMC, supported by OEC, will be providing a comprehensive briefing about the Wellington hui. We have liaised with them to prepare these reports.

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**Key issues****Social Cohesion Work Programme**

MSD is working on the social cohesion recommendations of the RCOI report. The recommendations taken as a package represent an ambitious programme of work designed to drive a shift in New Zealand society and the way we embrace diversity and inclusion.

**Wrap around service and Collective Impact Board**

We are progressing work on establishing the Collective Impact Board. This is led out of the Canterbury region and supported by MSD's National Office, with Viv Rickard, Deputy Chief Executive of Service Delivery, the overall lead.

The purpose of the Collective Impact Board is to enable government agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations and affected whānau to work together to agree the shape of an ongoing wrap-around service.

As it may take some time to get the Collective Impact Board in place, the team in Christchurch have started looking at immediate service improvements that can be actioned, based on what the community has already told us. These changes are not intended to limit the role of the Collective Impact Board. Once established, the Collective Impact Board will continue to develop the service, respond quickly to changing needs and influence the tasks and activities undertaken by the team.

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Advice on the Collective Impact Board process and immediate service improvements will be provided to Ministers by the end of January 2021.

**MSD's Specialised Case Management Service**

MSD's specialised Case Management Service, established to support those impacted by the attacks, remains in place. Through the Case Management Service, the families are supported to access the range of supports available from across government and the community. In addition to the support available through MSD, the case managers also work closely with:

- Immigration New Zealand, to highlight visa concerns;
- the Ministry of Education, to ensure children of families impacted are accessing education;
- Kainga Ora, so that people have a safe place to call home;
- the Canterbury District Health Board, to ensure people's physical and mental health needs are met;
- ACC, to ensure that victims are receiving rehabilitation and other entitlements.

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Currently, there are not any people registered in our Specialised Case Management Service in Wellington.

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**Next steps**

We will keep you informed about the upcoming hui in February 2021 once we have more details and information.

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