

Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

FVSV Ministers – Update on Second Action Plan

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Purpose

1. This paper provides an update on the process to develop the second Action Plan and draft paper for the 29 May meeting of Family Violence and Sexual Violence (FVSV) Ministers.

Background

2. At the previous FVSV Ministers meeting, Ministers discussed the development of Action Plan 2.0 and next steps, and work underway with the Social Wellbeing Agency.

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3. For the 29 May meeting of FVSV Ministers meeting, it is understood Ministers wish to further discuss the next Action Plan. The Business Unit has drafted the attached paper for your review, ahead of sharing with Ministers on 20 May.
4. It is recommended that the attached paper to FVSV Ministers is sent on 20 May, to allow other Ministers to commission their agencies to prepare papers ahead of the meeting.
5. It is also understood the Ministers want time to discuss their priorities for the plan.
6. To support this the Business Unit will provide you with emerging content of a plan in our Officials meeting on Tuesday 21 May. We would submit to you this emerging plan for circulation to Ministers on 23 May.

Update on action plan governance

7. To navigate through the coming months, and to produce a plan that both meets Minister's needs and unites agencies and stakeholders to drive towards a clear set of priorities, our approach to IEB governance will need to change in the short term.

IN CONFIDENCE

Approved by: Jarrod Bryce
Date: 16/05/2024

8. The Board Chair has proposed to pause full monthly IEB governance meetings and put in place a sub-group of Chief Executives to support and guide the work, and importantly, ensure the plan lands well with Ministers. This sub-group will include the Chief Executives of Social Development, Oranga Tamariki, Police, ACC and Justice.
9. The sub-group of Chief Executives will meet fortnightly to enable the Te Puna Aonui business unit to seek guidance and direction on key elements of the action plan.
10. The Te Puna Aonui Business Unit will also continue to work with DCEs to ensure the content of the plan is appropriate and reflects the most important things to progress.

Next steps

11. Officials will be available to discuss the updated approach to action plan governance and expectations ahead of FVSV Ministers, at your officials meeting on 21 May 2024.

Contact Details

12. Please contact Emma Powell on 9(2)(a) if you have any questions.

Update on the second Te Aorerekura Action Plan

Date of meeting	Wednesday 29 May 2024
From	Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for Children and for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence
To	Family Violence and Sexual Violence Ministers
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Purpose

1. Ministers have expressed an interest in working together to support the development of government action to prevent family violence and sexual violence.
2. I am now seeking agreement to the details of the scope and outline of the second Action Plan discussed at our last meeting.
3. On 23 May, I will be sharing with you emerging content for the draft plan. Having received this information, I will be asking for direction from Family Violence and Sexual Violence Ministers on their priorities for the plan. This is so that officials can return with further advice at our next meeting.
4. Development of the second Action Plan is continuing at pace and will continue to progress alongside discussions with FVSV Ministers. FVSV Ministers will continue to receive updates on the development of priorities and actions and are asked to provide direction to this work on priorities for further advice.

Update on approach to the development of the Action Plan

5. At our last meeting, I provided an update on the approach to the next Action Plan and noted the Plan must be considered within the suite of other delivery programmes underway across government.
6. Since this discussion I have reflected on how this plan can be brought closer to other work underway across government and maintain visibility of the work underway. How?
7. I intend to go to Cabinet as soon as possible to discuss my approach to this portfolio, including receiving agreement for Te Puna Aonui to continue developing the second Action Plan as the vehicle for our shared priorities. I will be sharing this draft cabinet paper in the first week of June, aiming for a Cabinet committee in the last week of

June. I then intend to return to Cabinet in September 2024 in order to publish the new Action Plan by the end of October 2024.

8. Te Puna Aonui business unit is working with your agencies on this plan. Agencies are being provided weekly updates by the Business Unit, and now that they are starting to develop content your officials will increasingly be brought in to collaborate on content.

Scope and outline of the next Action Plan

9. As agreed previously, the Action Plan will include no more than 10 actions and cover a five-year timeframe, with clear horizons for review built in. As work continues to develop quarterly delivery plans for government targets, I wish to provide a clearer outline of the second Action Plan.
10. To provide direction to the efforts of Te Puna Aonui, I wish to set priority areas for the action plan. These priority areas will provide a five-year strategic setting for the work of Te Puna Aonui. Initial actions for the plan will be agreed and then revised and updated annually, in time to support budget decisions.
11. The plan will achieve the goals of government set through the Government Targets, but with a clear line of sight the longer-term changes required to maintain progress beyond five years. It is important the actions of government to reduce family violence and sexual violence maintain alignment to the primary goal of Te Aorerekura, while also feeding into other priorities, and ensuring better public services that deliver tangible changes for people impacted by violence.
12. Through the setting of these priorities, Ministers can provide direction to the actions of Te Puna Aonui and set expectations for where energy is focussed over the next five years.

Collective priorities

13. Addressing family violence and sexual violence is complex work, requiring coordination across government, reflecting the fact that addressing violence cannot be achieved by any single Minister or agency.
14. The Interdepartmental Executive Board brings together leaders of Te Puna Aonui agencies to align government strategy, policy and investment and deliver Te Aorerekura - the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence. The interdepartmental executive board model creates a unique framing for agencies to work collectively with shared accountability.

15. I therefore propose that the collective priorities of government in relation to preventing family violence and sexual violence remain within the scope of the second Action Plan, with results and actions reported through other government plans as required.

Direction sought – Priorities for the second action plan

16. There are a number of priorities the agencies of Te Puna Aonui could be focussed on across the next five years.
17. My initial focus for this portfolio has emphasised focusing on improving what is in place now to ensure the current response system is effective; recognising that a failure in the response system undermines trust in the wider support system, meaning people experiencing or at risk of harm are less likely to seek help at a later date.
18. This work, alongside the Government Targets and the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy, give an immediate steer to Te Puna Aonui, but I remain interested any emerging issues or potential areas for future focus that other FVSV Ministers are seeing across their respective portfolios.
19. As officials draw together their first version of the next action plan, it is important ministers continue to highlight the areas within FVSV we believe require advice to inform strategic direction. This direction can provide helpful context to inform advice from officials for future meetings of this group. For example, I see this issue as good opportunity to apply social investment thinking.
20. Other areas for discussion may be informed by:
- System interactions and overlaps
 - Reprioritisation of resources and scopes of responsibility
 - Shared outcomes e.g. links between family violence and sexual violence and a range of other social issues including physical and mental health, homelessness, and crime
 - Government target delivery plans – emerging gaps and opportunities in relation to Reduced violence crime and Reduced child and youth offending.
21. Actions and priorities are continuing to be refined by officials. The current plan is being framed with a focus on impactful actions and key enablers to support delivery and prepare for future horizons, with consideration given to victims, users of violence, children, workforce and system outcomes.
22. I will circulate early work that might populate a plan by officials on 23 May, ahead of our discussion on 29 May.

Next steps

23. Te Puna Aonui Business Unit will begin targeted engagement with stakeholders in the next month, I expect this work combined with feedback on priorities and topics for further advice to support deeper discussions with FVSV at future meetings and shape the final Action Plan presented to Cabinet by October.
24. The meetings on 4 July and 1 August will be an opportunity for us to agree/provide direction to developed actions and a draft plan (respectively) before formal Ministerial consultation in mid-August on the finalised Action Plan.

Decision requested

It is recommended that FVSV Ministers:

a) Agree to the scope and outline of the second Action Plan provided in this paper.	Agree/ Not Agreed
b) Direct officials on potential priorities for further advice and discussion at future.	Agree/ Not Agreed
c) Note officials continue to develop advice on actions and priorities in consultation with myself, Te Pūkotahitanga (Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group), and communities, this will also be reflected in the focus of future advice to FVSV Ministers.	Noted
d) Note ahead of our discussion Ministers will receive a copy of the draft plan currently under development by officials.	Noted