



# Joint Venture e-Update

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Nau mai, haere mai.

Welcome to this special Budget 2021 edition of the Joint Venture e-Update.

Top of mind is last Thursday's Budget 2021 announcement of \$131.9 million for initiatives to take the next steps in breaking the cycle of family violence and sexual violence, what that means for whānau, community and the sector, and how it fits into the Government's long-term commitment to transforming the FVSV system.

We are also taking the opportunity to update you on the National Strategy and Action Plans engagement process. This is perhaps our most crucial piece of work, given that it is about New Zealanders, and especially whānau, families, individuals and communities most touched by violence and abuse. Giving feedback will assist with creating a shared understanding of how to eliminate family violence and sexual violence from Aotearoa New Zealand, and provide a mandate for action. Action Plans will ensure we prioritise the same things and move forward together.

Lastly, there have been a few changes in the Joint Venture that we want to make you aware of, as we welcome the Ministry for Women and the Ministry of Pacific Peoples as new associate members of the JV, and acknowledge the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's shift to associate member status.



***Fiona Ross***  
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## Budget 2021 – prevention, community leadership key in \$131.9m FVSV package

Budget 2021, delivered by the Government last Thursday, included a family violence and sexual violence (FVSV) sector investment of \$131.9 million over four years.

The key initiatives covered are those that will help communities to lead whānau-centred, holistic services that are focused on preventing family violence and sexual violence from happening in the first place, and helping those using violence to stop.

There are **three key elements** to this year’s Budget funding:

**First**, the FVSV package invests in community-led, whānau-centred services that provides more sustained and holistic support built around families and whānau to heal and strengthen, as well as to respond where necessary.

**Second**, the package provides on-going funding for existing multi-agency safety responses that provide a solid foundation for developing whānau-centred, integrated, community-led responses to stopping violence.

**Third**, funding is going into strengthening the overall FVSV system response through:

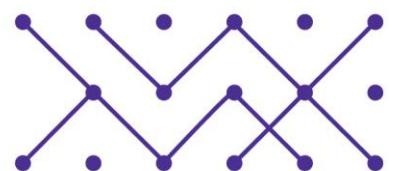
- significant, on-going funding for Māori-Crown partnership arrangements
- a research and information hub for family violence and sexual violence, and
- additional resourcing for the Joint Venture to support delivery of the National Strategy and Action Plans, which engagement began for on 12 May (*see next article*)

The Budget 2021 initiatives build on the substantial combined investment already made through Budgets 2018, 2019 and 2020 – a four-year total of over \$660 million.

In the words of Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence, Hon Marama Davidson, in announcing the FVSV package: “Together, these initiatives take important steps towards ensuring that Māori leadership, Te Ao Māori thinking and an inclusive Te Tiriti framework play a pivotal part in transforming the family violence and sexual violence system. We have truly committed to having a safer Aotearoa New Zealand for all, and especially women and our tamariki.”

Read Minister Davidson’s full Budget 2021 press release – [Prevention and community leadership key in Budget 2021 FVSV funding](#)

Also see – [Budget 2021 FVSV Summary of Initiatives](#)





## National Strategy engagement runs until 30 June

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Community-wide engagement on a new National Strategy and Action Plans to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence has begun around Aotearoa New Zealand.

Today marks the completion of the first two weeks of engagement, and more than 200 people will have attended special community-led hui to have their say – in a safe, protected environment – about what they think needs to be in the Strategy and Action Plans.

Some 100 individual online surveys have also been completed.

Engagement opened on 12 May and runs until 30 June.

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence, Marama Davidson and Māori Affairs Minister Willie Jackson launched engagement at a special event at Te Whare Waatea Marae in South Auckland on 6 May. It was time, Minister Davidson said, for a fresh approach to ending this intractable problem:

“We have had too many reports over too many years that confirm how commonplace family violence and sexual violence are, the enduring harm they cause, and describe what we need to change to address it.

“I want to bring us now into a live discussion to develop a National Strategy and Action Plans. This will provide a mandate for change and set out actions to help us move forward, together.”

Anyone who wants to contribute their views on what should be in the National Strategy is invited to send their thoughts through by:

- Filling out an [online survey](#) on Citizen Space – a safe and confidential online platform hosted by the Ministry of Justice
- Sending an email to secure inbox [submissions@violencefree.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@violencefree.govt.nz)
- Using Parliamentary freepost to send their views to Minister Davidson.

Key documents to support people wanting to make a submission, complete the online survey, or host community meetings can be found on the Joint Venture website

<http://www.violencefree.govt.nz/have-your-say/>





The Backbone Collective is hosting an independent online survey for people who identify as female who have experienced family or sexual violence, to share their feedback

<https://www.backbone.org.nz/surveys/feedback-on-the-governments-national-strategy-and-action-plans2021517>

The New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse hosted by The University of Auckland has also provided a collection of key resources and research to support people's submissions

<https://nzfvc.org.nz/national-strategy-engagement>

A large number of community hui have been organised with the support of the Joint Venture, to encourage safe participation in engagement on the National Strategy by people most impacted by family violence and sexual violence.

Read the engagement launch press release – [Government hits massive milestone in Violence Prevention & Elimination](#)

## About the Joint Venture

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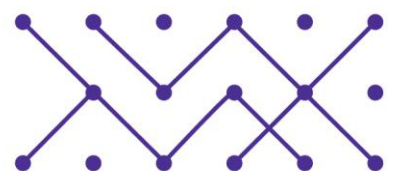
In late April, Joint Venture Chair and Public Service Commissioner Peter Hughes confirmed that the Ministry for Women and the Ministry of Pacific Peoples are now associate members of the Joint Venture.

We welcome these two key Ministries to the Joint Venture and look forward to the important and broad-ranging contributions they will no doubt make.

Mr Hughes also announced that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has shifted to being an associate member, reflecting its special status in being able to give independent advice to the Prime Minister.

Associate member status gives the JV itself strengthened links to other agencies – in this instance, two key population agencies, and an agency with direct reporting to the Prime Minister.

The Joint Venture reports to the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence, Marama Davidson.





## Full member agencies of the Joint Venture:

- Accident Compensation Corporation / Te Kaporeihana Āwhina Hunga Whare
- Ara Poutama Aotearoa / Department of Corrections
- Ministry of Education / Te Tāhuhu o Te Mātauranga
- Ministry of Health / Manatū Hauora
- Ministry of Justice / Tāhū o te Ture
- Ministry of Social Development / Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora
- New Zealand Police / Nga Pirihimana o Aotearoa
- Oranga Tamariki / Ministry for Children
- Te Puni Kōkiri / Ministry of Māori Development

## Associate member agencies of the Joint Venture:

- The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet / Te Tari O Te Pirimia Me Te Komiti Matau
- Ministry for Women / Manatū Wāhine
- Ministry of Pacific Peoples / Te Manatū mō Ngā Iwi o Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa

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