



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Direction for Oranga Tamariki

Portfolio Children

On 9 August 2021, following reference from the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that in January 2021, Cabinet noted the Minister for Children's (the Minister) intention to establish, and appoint four members to, a Ministerial Advisory Board to provide advice and assurance about Oranga Tamariki [CAB-21-MIN-0003];
- 2 **noted** that the Ministerial Advisory Board delivered its first report in July 2021, and the Minister has accepted the recommendations of the report and has directed Oranga Tamariki to develop and implement an Action Plan, as outlined in the paper under CAB-21-SUB-0302, to respond to recommendations and concerns raised;
- 3 **agreed** that the Oranga Tamariki priorities over the next two to five years are:
 - 3.1 making operational change and addressing organisational culture;
 - 3.2 building relationships and partnering to enable better wellbeing outcomes for children and whanau;
 - 3.3 enhancing the mana of social work practice;
- 4 **noted** that Oranga Tamariki and the Treasury will work closely to identify what could be reprioritised in the Oranga Tamariki baseline to fund the Action Plan;
- 5 **noted** that indicative details of what could be reprioritised from baselines and new funding allocated in Budget 2021 to implement the Action Plan will be included in the next report back to Cabinet on the implementation of Budget 2019 funding, due by 31 October 2021;
- 6 **directed** officials to report to the Minister of Finance and the Minister on the funding implications of implementing the actions in the paper attached to CAB-21-SUB-0302, including clarifying the links between these actions and initiatives funded through Budget 2019, by December 2021;
- 7 **agreed** that the Minister adjust the current terms of reference of the Ministerial Advisory Board to:
 - 7.1 establish permanent governance arrangements to support the leadership of Oranga Tamariki including the consideration of youth and disability representation;
 - 7.2 provide continued assurance on the implementation of the Action Plan;

- 8 invited the Minister to report back to Cabinet in February 2022 on:
- 8.1 the implementation of the Action Plan;
 - 8.2 options for a permanent governance board for Oranga Tamariki;
 - 8.3 the development of a workforce strategy;
 - 8.4 regional funding and decision-making.

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