



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Ministerial Report Under Section 448B of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989: Endorsement

**Portfolio**                      **Children**

On 8 June 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1        **noted** that section 448B of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 places an obligation on the Minister for Children (the Minister) to table a report in the House by 1 July 2022, setting out:
  - 1.1        whether existing legislation, government policy, and other arrangements that affect the accountability of the Minister, the chief executive, and other persons or bodies carrying out functions under this Act ensures that—
    - 1.1.1        the needs of children and young persons with whom the department is concerned are met; and
    - 1.1.2        the needs of Māori children and young persons with whom the department is concerned are met;
  - 1.2        whether any amendments to legislation, or government policies or other arrangements are necessary or desirable in order to ensure the needs of the children and young persons, or particular groups of children and young persons (referred to in 1.1.1 and 1.1.2) are met;
- 2        **noted** that there have been a number of reviews into aspects of the functioning of Oranga Tamariki over the last few years;
- 3        **noted** that, as a result of the reviews, in particular the report from the Ministerial Advisory Board *Hipokingia ki te Kahu Aroha Hipokingia ki te Katoa (Te Kahu Aroha)*, the Minister has concluded that:
  - 3.1        existing arrangements do not meet the needs of the children and young people with whom the department is concerned – in particular, the needs of tamariki and rangatahi Māori; and
  - 3.2        changes are needed to accountability settings (i.e. legislation, government policy and other arrangements);

- 4 **noted** that the report under section 448B of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 (the section 448B report), attached under SWC-22-SUB-0107, is high-level and concise, and sets out the desired direction of travel for Oranga Tamariki, and work proposed and underway to achieve that direction;
- 5 **endorsed** the section 448B report;
- 6 **noted** that the Minister intends to table the section 448B report in the House by 1 July 2022;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister to take decisions on any minor or technical changes to the section 448B report to ensure it is up to date before being tabled in the House;
- 8 **noted** that the section 448B report will be published on the Oranga Tamariki website;
- 9 **noted** that a second section 448B report will be due no later than 1 July 2025.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall

**Officials present from:**

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Office of the Chair  
Officials Committee for SWC