



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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A Framework for Cabinet Oversight of the Implementation of the Oranga Tamariki Operating Model

Portfolio Children

On 23 October 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that Oranga Tamariki was funded \$1.1 billion over four years in Budget 2019 for its new operating model, as part of its wider aspiration to make New Zealand the best place in the world for children and young people, including:
 - 1.1 support to meet the chief executive's new duties to provide a practical commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (te Tiriti o Waitangi) by ensuring a focus on and commitment to a reduction in disparities through improving outcomes for tamariki and rangatahi Māori (\$25 million);
 - 1.2 an intensive intervention service to support children and young people at risk of harm to be safe at home with their families and whānau (\$33 million);
 - 1.3 transforming the care system to improve the safety and wellbeing of children in care (\$530 million);
 - 1.4 investing to manage increased volumes of young people in the youth justice system due to raising the age of the youth justice jurisdiction, and to reduce young people's reoffending (\$212 million);
 - 1.5 a service to meet the new entitlement to a supported transition to adulthood for young people leaving statutory care or youth justice (\$139 million);
- 2 **noted** that, as a requirement of the funding referred to in paragraph one, the Minister for Children is required to report six-monthly to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee on:
 - 2.1 workforce recruitment;
 - 2.2 strategic partnership development;
 - 2.3 alignment with strategic intent;
 - 2.4 evidence of impact;

- 2.5 any other factors that enable Cabinet to retain oversight of how the five operating model initiatives (outlined in paragraph one), and the Oranga Tamariki operating model as a whole, are progressing;

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- 3 **noted** that the Minister for Children was further invited to report to Cabinet, setting out an oversight framework for these reports, including the progress information Cabinet will receive over the next four years [CAB-19-MIN-0174.28];
- 4 **noted** that the oversight framework for Cabinet will complement other Ministry-led and external accountability mechanisms by providing additional accountability for the operating model initiatives funded through Budget 2019;
- 5 **noted** that the scope of the reporting will initially be focused on the five key initiatives funded through Budget 2019;
- 6 **agreed** that the oversight framework will initially include reporting on inputs, outputs and, over time, intermediate and longer-term outcomes alongside summary information from notable pieces of research and evaluation activity where appropriate;
- 7 **agreed** that the reports will be provided six-monthly for four years starting in March 2020;
- 8 **noted** that reporting will align to the latest version of the Oranga Tamariki Outcomes Framework, and will therefore be adapted once a revised Outcomes Framework is developed through a collaborative process with key Māori experts, including Oranga Tamariki strategic partners.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Ron Mark
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Julie Anne Genter

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