

**SOCIAL  
WELLBEING  
BOARD**

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**Social Wellbeing Board  
April Dashboard**

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## Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development and Employment June 2021

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The Social Wellbeing Board is a cross-sector group of Chief Executives that oversees work seeking to achieve outcomes beyond the remit of any one agency. The Board provided the attached dashboard to the Social Wellbeing Committee on 12 May 2021 to update the Committee on the Board's work programme.

This pack contains:

1. Social Wellbeing Board April Dashboard – oral item for the Social Wellbeing Committee meeting on 12 May 2021.
2. Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee: Minute of Decision [SWC-21-MIN-0032].

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## The Board

The Social Wellbeing Board is a group of social sector Chief Executives coming together to take collective action to improve outcomes and make the biggest difference for New Zealanders. Taking a whole of sector view, the Board takes a people-centred, enduring approach to improve social wellbeing.

Public Service Commissioner (Chair)	Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Secretary for Māori Development
Secretary for Social Development	Secretary for Education	Commissioner of Inland Revenue
Secretary for Justice	Director-General of Health	Commissioner of Police
Secretary for Housing and Urban Development	Secretary for Children	Supported by the Social Wellbeing Agency

Note: the Joint Venture Board includes ACC and Corrections instead of Housing and Urban Development and Inland Revenue

## Giving effect to the Government's priorities

The Board's work programme supports the Government's focus on child poverty, mental health, and the approaches needed to enable this work. It includes Ministerial priorities like **Future of Social Sector Commissioning** and **Debt to Government**.

The Board also supports the needs of communities in regions around issues such as housing and homelessness – for instance, **the Board will travel to Rotorua in June to support regional leadership, and drive coordination and cross-agency working.**

Single agency projects

Multi-agency projects between existing groups

### Board's focus

Projects requiring a high degree of integration across agencies and sectors – with collective ownership of outcomes

### Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

A shared understanding of what is important for child and youth wellbeing, government's actions to achieve this, and a framework to align work of government and others.

On 15 March, the **Ministerial Group on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy** (the Strategy) approved its terms of reference and discussed progress on priority actions. Report backs were requested on child and youth oral health and mental health support for primary and intermediate students. The Group met again on 12 April. Discussion included progressing manifesto commitments on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. SWC considered a report on the Strategy's implementation and next steps on 14 April.

**Upcoming milestones** include the first annual report on progress in 2019/20, the Child Poverty Related Indicators report for 2019/20 and the annual Child Poverty Report to be released alongside Budget 2021.

### Oranga Tamariki Action Plan

The Action Plan sets out how Chief Executives will work together to improve the wellbeing of children and young people of interest to Oranga Tamariki. The Plan sits under the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy and must give effect to its outcomes.

The Action Plan's grounding in the Wellbeing Strategy contributes strongly to the Government's priority of *Laying the Foundations for the Future* by providing a mechanism for agencies to work together to improve wellbeing outcomes for children, youth, and their families.

A **draft Action Plan** is due to the Minister for Children in December 2021. The contents of the Action Plan will help deliver on the Minister for Children's vision for the Oranga Tamariki system.

The Minister for Children will update the Child and Youth Wellbeing Ministerial Group on the Action Plan around June 2021 (date to be confirmed), ahead of broad engagement on a new strategy for the Oranga Tamariki system expected in the second half of 2021.

### Joined Up Government in the Regions

Improving how public service works in the regions to support the wellbeing of communities.

As part of the Joined Up Government in the Regions work, 11 **Regional Public Service Leads** (RPSLs) are convening decision makers in the region to help align agencies' work with communities and are working to agree regional public service priorities. A model has been developed to promote collaborative working among agencies on complex issues. It reinforces the need for public service to put communities at the centre of its work and coordinate when engaging with regional partners and stakeholders. As each region is different, the model says that public service should engage in the way that works for its leaders and communities.

s9(2)(f)(iv)

### Transforming New Zealand's approach to mental wellbeing

Implementation of the whole-of-government response to He Ara Oranga, including delivery of the \$1.9 billion Budget 2019 cross-sector mental wellbeing package.

**Through Budget 2019**, new or enhanced mental health and addiction services have been introduced in every DHB area. As at the end of February, new primary mental health and addiction services were being delivered in 191 general practices, with over 107,554 sessions provided since July 2019. New kaupapa Māori, Pacific and youth services continue to be rolled out.

Ministry of Health is leading development, with input across agencies and stakeholders, of a whole-of-government **long-term pathway for mental wellbeing**, building on *Kia Kaha, Kia Māia, Kia Ora Aotearoa: COVID-19 Psychosocial and Mental Wellbeing Plan* and describe the 10-year vision, principles and actions to support mental wellbeing. s9(2)(f)(iv)

### Debt to Government

Cross-government work programme to reduce the impact of debt on families in hardship, and better understand government's role in exacerbating hardship.

This work is an agreed priority through the WEAG and Welfare Overhaul papers in 2019.

**Primary focus** is on reducing the generation of debt and improving recovery and relief where debt occurs.

The Minister for Child Poverty Reduction is the lead Minister for this under the Child and Youth Wellbeing Ministerial Group, supported by the Board, DCEs and a cross-agency working group. The working group is refining the work programme, **focusing on impacts of potential changes** to meet the proposed vision and outcomes.

**Next steps** include a cross-agency operational workshop to discuss how hardship is operationalised, with a goal of bringing consistency and coherence to the system. s9(2)(f)(iv)

### Resilience to Organised Crime in Communities (ROCC)

Combining social intervention with enforcement activity to address the harms and drivers of organised crime, through whānau-centred responses, initially focused in Hawke's Bay, and Tairāwhiti.

ROCC contributes to Government's focus on improving the wellbeing of New Zealanders and their families, by building community resilience to harm, reducing victimisation, and addressing the drivers of organised crime. ROCC initially focused on Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti. DCEs met with the Bay of Plenty Collective Impact Group in March, and **agreed to work together on ROCC delivery in the region**. Subsequent discussions with Regional Leads has seen further local work to establish local priorities and identify a clear and agreed focus for partnership in the Bay of Plenty.

**Police wish to acknowledge the leadership, dedication, and mana of Ministry of Social Development's East Coast Regional Commissioner Annie Aranui.**

### Future of Social Sector Commissioning

Working to improve the Government's commissioning of social services and lead a collective effort to delivering a more effective and sustainable social sector. This work is specifically aligned with the Government's wellbeing priority (*Laying the Foundations for the Future*) because of the vital role social services have in the wellbeing of New Zealanders.

**Recent progress** includes targeted engagement with the social sector and partners, which will run through to 5 May 2021. The Minister for Social Development and Employment attended the first symposium in March 2021.

**Upcoming milestones** include a non-spending announcement as part of Budget 2021, s9(2)(f)(iv)

### Place-Based Initiatives

The PBIs aim to improve outcomes for at-risk children and their whānau by shifting collective decision making and discretion to the local level. There are two PBIs: **Manaaki Tairāwhiti** and the **South Auckland Social Wellbeing Board (SASWB)**.

**Manaaki Tairāwhiti** are currently focusing on systems improvement work and working with key stakeholders to deliver the Tairāwhiti Housing Strategy and action plan.

**The SASWB** has significantly grown the relationship with their mana whenua group to support governance and Iwi/Māori representation at all levels. The concept of Te Waharoa o Taamaaki Makaurau (Gateway to Wellbeing) was introduced with the SASWB five-year strategy to include the values of tika, pono, and aroha.

MSD (as lead agency) is working to identify additional initiatives that would benefit from place-based funding support. Work is underway to engage the PBIs with national decision-makers (after engagements lined up for February were cancelled due to Alert Level 3).

### Joint Venture of the Social Wellbeing Board for Family Violence and Sexual Violence

The Joint Venture is supported by the Joint Venture Business Unit (JVBU). This section updates on the National Strategy and Action Plans to eliminate family violence and sexual violence.

Work is underway to begin **engagement for a National Strategy** and action plans. A launch event for the engagement will be held on 6 May. Engagement will run through May and June.

The Joint Venture has been working across key cohorts (tangata whenua, Pacific, rangatahi and tamariki, Seniors, Disability Community, Ethnic, Refugee and Migrant, victims and Survivors, and people who use violence) to shape community-led engagement.

**The engagement will be targeted**, with smaller, safe hui primarily lead by community leaders, without big government roadshows. People can engage in the facilitated hui, host a hui, fill out questions and free text responses on citizen space, or send videos and voicemail.



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Oral Item: Social Wellbeing Board Monthly Update

**Portfolio**                      **Social Development and Employment**

On 12 May 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1        **noted** the monthly dashboard attached under SWC-21-SUB-0032;
- 2        **noted** that going forward, Social Wellbeing Board updates will be provided to SWC on a quarterly basis.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Jan Tinetti  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan  
Hon Marama Davidson

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of the SWC Chair  
Officials Committee for SWC  
Office of the Associate Minister of Housing (Homelessness)