

# Aide-Mémoire

## Family Violence Sexual Violence Ministerial Group Meeting.

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<b>To:</b>	Hon Casey Costello, Associate Minister of Health		
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**Details of meeting:** Wednesday 29 May 2024, 12.30pm – 1.15pm  
2.1 Ministerial Meeting Room, Executive Wing, Parliament

**Purpose of meeting/proposal:** This Aide-Mémoire provides information and talking points to support you at the Family Violence Sexual Violence (FVSV) Ministerial group meeting on 29 May.

The purpose of this meeting is for Ministers to discuss and agree priority areas for the second Te Aorerekura Action Plan (Action Plan). The agenda for this meeting is attached as **Appendix A**.

The following Ministers have been invited:

- Hon. Karen Chhour (chair) – Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence, Minister for Children
- Hon. Louise Upston – Minister for Social Development, Minister for Disability Issues, Acting Minister for Women
- Hon. Casey Costello – Minister for Seniors, Associate Minister of Health (Family and Sexual Violence)
- Hon. Paul Goldsmith - Minister of Justice
- Hon. Mark Mitchell – Minister of Police, Minister of Corrections
- Hon. Melissa Lee – Minister for Ethnic Communities
- Hon. Erica Stanford – Minister for Education
- Hon. Tama Potaka – Minister for Māori Development
- Hon. Matt Doocoy – Minister for Mental Health, Minister for ACC

Suggested talking points are attached as **Appendix B**.

Robyn Shearer, Deputy Director-General of Clinical, Community and Mental Health from the Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) will attend the meeting to support you.

**Comment: Summary**

This Aide-Mémoire provides you with information on the following:

- Hon. Karen Chhour's approach to collective priorities
- updates on the second Te Aorerekura Action Plan
- updates on the draft Cabinet Paper.

**Item 1 – Ministers only time to discuss collective priorities**

*Opportunity for Ministers to discuss early work on emerging priorities and discuss where further work is needed ahead of the next FVSV Ministers meeting.*

- Hon. Karen Chhour has proposed that the second Action Plan primarily focus on actions that require collective implementation across government.
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
- The recent FVSV gaps report identifies some clear opportunities for action. The findings of this report will form an important basis for the second Action Plan. A high-level summary of this report is provided as **Appendix C**.
- Effective cross-agency collaboration and strong relationships across communities and sectors are necessary to realise the long-term shifts of Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy and Action Plan to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence (Te Aorerekura).
- This is an opportunity for you to mention priorities relating to your health portfolios are relevant to FVSV, such as elder abuse, women's health, and maternity and early years.
- Health New Zealand's (HNZ) focus for the health system in relation to FVSV include strengthening health's role in multi-agency responses and building workforce capability through the Violence Intervention Programme.
- Further details on the role of the health system in responding to and preventing FVSV have been provided to you in a previous briefing [**H2024035115**].

**Item 2 – Discuss and agree scope and outline of plan**

*Opportunity to discuss papers and talk through potential priority areas with Ministers and CEs.*

**Scope and outline of the Second Action Plan**

- Hon. Karen Chhour has shared that she wishes to set priority areas for the second Action Plan. These are intended to provide a five-year strategic setting for the work of Te Puna Aonui.
- At the previous FVSV Ministerial Group meeting on 2 May 2024, Ministers agreed that the second Action Plan will include no more than 10 actions and cover a five-year timeframe, with clear horizons for review built in.
- Initial actions for the second Action Plan will be agreed and then revised and updated annually, in time to support Budget decisions.
- The second Action Plan will act as a delivery mechanism for achieving Government Targets, whilst maintaining clear oversight of the longer-term changes required to maintain progress beyond five years.

**Potential priority areas for the Second Action Plan**

- Hon. Karen Chhour has signalled that her initial focus for this portfolio is to improve the current response system to FVSV by strengthening locally and regionally based multi-agency crisis response models already in place.
- Work on the evaluation of FVSV spend will continue in parallel to the development of the second Action Plan.
- The papers for the FVSV Ministers meeting on 29 May include an update on the second Action Plan (**Appendix D**). Six potential priority areas for inclusion, plus necessary enablers to strengthen a social investment are attached at **Appendix E**.

- s 9(2)(f)(iv)



- A strong social investment approach will need to underpin the second Action Plan. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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§ 9(2)(f)(iv)

*Ministry Comment*

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- § 9(2)(f)(iv) Many of these are well aligned with work underway to improve the health system's response to FVSV in New Zealand. Notably improving access to sexual violence support services, reducing harm to children and young people, workforce development and strengthening local responses.
- HNZ currently fund the Violence Intervention Programme and are exploring how this could potentially be expanded to build wider workforce capability (e.g. in the maternity and early years workforces).
- HNZ are also exploring opportunities to strengthen Health's role in regional and local multi-agency responses to FVSV.
- Strengthening whānau voice and exploring how decision-making and resources could be devolved to communities may help to inform more effective solutions.
- We are interested in exploring the role of Iwi Māori Partnership Boards in supporting activities related to the proposed priority areas.
- Any costs and agency resources requirements will need to be carefully considered.

**Item 3 – Next steps, including discussion on next meeting and draft Cabinet paper**

*Opportunity to discuss next steps and request specific advice.*

- Actions and priorities will continue to be refined by Te Puna Aonui agency officials. In consultation with Te Pūkotahitanga (Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group), and communities, which will be reflected in the focus of future advice to FVSV Ministers.

- s 9(2)(f)(iv)

- Hon. Karen Chhour intends to go to Cabinet as soon as possible to discuss her approach to the FVSV portfolio and seek agreement for Te Puna Aonui to continue developing the second Action Plan.

- s 9(2)(f)(iv)

- Hon Karen Chhour will be sharing the draft Cabinet paper in the first week of June for Ministerial consultation, aiming for a Cabinet committee in the last week of June.

- s 9(2)(f)(iv)



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## Appendix B: Suggested Talking Points

Talking Points for Hon Casey Costello, Associate Minister of Health

This is an opportunity for you to provide feedback on the proposed priority areas for the second Action Plan. Points you may wish to make are:

s 9(2)(g)(i)



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