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Office of the Minister of Health

Chair, Cabinet Business Committee

ADOPTING A NEW SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING THE SUICIDE PREVENTION OFFICE

Proposal

1. This paper:
 - 1.1. reports back to Cabinet with a draft Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan [CAB-19-MIN-0182 refers] and seeks Cabinet's agreement to adopt this Strategy and Action Plan, *Every Life Matters | He Tapu te Oranga o ia Tangata: Suicide Prevention Strategy 2019–2029 and Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2019–2024 for Aotearoa New Zealand (Every Life Matters)*
 - 1.2. informs Cabinet about the proposed form and functions of the new Suicide Prevention Office.

Executive Summary

2. New Zealand's suicide rates are unacceptably and persistently high. Successive governments and the communities they represent have collectively failed to achieve a meaningful reduction. Every suicide has a significant impact on the person's family and whānau, hapū, iwi, friends and community. We must work together, and differently, to make a real difference for all people living in New Zealand.
3. *He Ara Oranga: Report of the Government Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction (He Ara Oranga)* highlighted New Zealanders' strong calls for action on suicide. It recommended the urgent development of a suicide prevention strategy and implementation plan, and stronger national leadership of suicide prevention.
4. In acknowledgement of this urgent need, we prioritised putting in place a suicide prevention strategy and implementation plan to guide our efforts [CAB-18-MIN-0621]. The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) has worked at pace with a wide range of stakeholders to develop *Every Life Matters | He Tapu te Oranga o ia Tangata: Suicide Prevention Strategy 2019–2029 and Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2019–2024 for Aotearoa New Zealand (Every Life Matters)*.
5. *Every Life Matters* is a 10-year Strategy from 2019–2029, with a five-year Action Plan from 2019–2024. It outlines a clear vision – that every life matters and, by working together, we can achieve a future where there is no suicide in Aotearoa New Zealand. Achieving this vision requires us to take a new approach to suicide prevention, one that is grounded in wellbeing and that addresses the wide range of risk and protective factors associated with suicidal behaviour.

6. This wellbeing approach must be supported by key system changes and increased focus on working together across government and communities. *Every Life Matters* aims to ensure people experiencing distress have greater access to compassionate, culturally-responsive and trauma-informed responses to aid their recovery and keep them well. It includes both work needed in the short term to support populations most in need, and long-term work to achieve our vision.
7. Strong leadership is crucial to the successful implementation of *Every Life Matters*. This paper outlines the proposed form and functions of the Suicide Prevention Office, situated at a senior level within the Ministry of Health, which will provide the much needed leadership to deliver a nationally-coordinated approach to reduce New Zealand's suicide rates. Establishment of this Office is already under way with the Director of the Suicide Prevention Office soon to be appointed.
8. Subject to Cabinet's approval, *Every Life Matters* will be published as soon as possible, and implementation will commence immediately following its release.

Background

9. In 2016, 553 people died by suicide in Aotearoa New Zealand. More recent provisional data suggest the number of people dying by suicide in Aotearoa New Zealand is even higher, with 685 provisional self-inflicted deaths in 2018/19. Moreover, every year an estimated 150,000 people think about taking their own life, 50,000 make a suicide plan and 20,000 attempt to take their own life.
10. Māori, in particular, are disproportionately affected: Māori account for 20 percent of all suicides, with half of Māori deaths by suicide being people aged 15 to 24 years.
11. Activity to prevent suicide in New Zealand has been guided by the *New Zealand Suicide Prevention Strategy 2006–2016* and its two associated action plans since 2006. Since the Strategy commenced, suicide rates have remained unacceptably high. Furthermore, our youth suicide rate is among the worst in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
12. New Zealand's persistently high suicide rates were one of the catalysts for the Government Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction (the Inquiry). *He Ara Oranga* made a number of recommendations to strengthen suicide prevention efforts in Aotearoa. The Government has accepted the recommendations to urgently complete a national suicide prevention strategy and implementation plan; to establish a Suicide Prevention Office to provide stronger leadership for suicide prevention; and for more support for families and whānau bereaved by suicide.
13. The Government did not accept the recommendation to set a target of 20 percent reduction in suicide rates by 2030 because every life matters, and one death by suicide is one death too many. This reflects the overall strategy of this Government to achieve a future where there is no suicide [CAB-19-MIN-0182 refers].
14. In line with the urgent call for action in *He Ara Oranga*, we identified suicide prevention as one of our initial priorities in response to the Inquiry [CAB-18-MIN-0621 refers]. We also committed to investing \$40 million over four years to prevent suicide and support people bereaved by suicide as part of Budget 2019.

15. Cabinet invited me to report back with a draft suicide prevention strategy and implementation plan [CAB-18-MIN-0182 refers]. This paper fulfils this directive and attaches *Every Life Matters* for consideration.

Overview of *Every Life Matters*

16. *Every Life Matters* is a 10-year Strategy from 2019–2029, with a five-year Action Plan from 2019–2024. The Strategy provides a clear long-term commitment to suicide prevention with a shift of focus towards promoting wellbeing and preventing suicide through both population-based and targeted initiatives. The Action Plan identifies specific priorities for action over the short to medium term to achieve our vision. Progress on *Every Life Matters* will be monitored closely, and the Action Plan will be reviewed after five years.
17. Reducing suicide rates and addressing the complex, underlying drivers of wider wellbeing will require concerted effort by individuals, families and whānau, as well as leadership across the community supported by a coordinated, whole-of-government approach. We must also work with families and whānau, hapū, iwi, communities and wider society to support meaningful change. *Every Life Matters* reflects this way of working and mirrors the Government’s wider wellbeing approach. It promotes actions that address determinants of suicidal distress and behaviour by mitigating risk factors and improving protective factors for wellbeing.
18. *Every Life Matters* is aligned with and will contribute to the Government’s response to *He Ara Oranga* and the transformation of our approach to mental health and addiction. This Government is committed to ensuring that all New Zealanders, including those affected by suicide, can access mental wellbeing support that works for them, when and where they need it.
19. An overview of the *Every Life Matters* framework is provided in **Table One**. *Every Life Matters*:
 - 19.1. sets out a **vision** that captures this Government’s commitment to address New Zealand’s unacceptably high suicide rates
 - 19.2. prioritises two **outcomes** that will help us measure whether we are on track to achieve this vision. These are underpinned by a focus on achieving equity for all population groups
 - 19.3. outlines **focus areas** with associated actions to build a strong system that will provide a platform for change, and to support wellbeing and respond to people’s needs across the suicide prevention continuum.
20. Although the Government did not accept the recommendation to set a target of 20 percent reduction in suicide rates by 2030 [CAB-19-MIN-0182 refers], *Every Life Matters* has a strong focus on reducing suicide and monitoring and measuring progress towards our long-term vision of no suicide in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Table One: Overview of *Every Life Matters*

Vision	
We believe that every life matters and, by working together, we can achieve a future where there is no suicide.	
Whakataukī	
Tirohia te pae whānui, tuātu i te pō. Tūramarama ki te ora, whakamauā kia tīnā! See the broad horizon (beyond the darkness), hold on to life.	
Outcomes	
<i>Reduced suicide rates</i>	A reduction in the numbers and rates of suicide, self-harm and suicide attempts, for all population groups, will be an important way of measuring progress towards the vision.
<i>Wellbeing for all</i>	Supporting all population groups to achieve a healthy future, recognising that wellbeing may mean different things to different people, and that to achieve wellbeing, people will need different types of support at different times.
Focus areas	
<i>Building a strong system...</i>	
<i>Establish national leadership</i>	Establishing a Suicide Prevention Office to provide national stewardship of suicide prevention, enabling a better-coordinated response.
<i>Use evidence and collective knowledge to make a difference</i>	Improving our understanding of what works to prevent suicide by listening to people with lived experience (tāngata whaiora), collecting information and data about suicide and coordinating research on suicide.
<i>Develop workforce capacity and capability</i>	Developing a diverse suicide prevention workforce that has the skills to meet the current and future needs of all people experiencing suicidal distress.
<i>Evaluate and monitor Every Life Matters</i>	Working with researchers, Māori and people with lived experience (tāngata whaiora) to develop a monitoring framework for <i>Every Life Matters</i> , and regularly reporting on progress.
<i>...that supports wellbeing and responds to people's needs</i>	
<i>Promoting wellbeing (promotion)</i>	Promoting mental wellbeing by strengthening protective factors such as a strong sense of identity, social connections and social inclusion (eg, by providing increased wellbeing support for children and young people in places of learning).
<i>Responding to suicidal distress (prevention)</i>	Identifying early signs of suicidal distress and ensuring people experiencing distress have access to a range of compassionate, trauma-informed, culturally-safe and timely responses that support their recovery (eg, by supporting delivery of suicide prevention education programmes).
<i>Responding to suicidal behaviour (intervention)</i>	Ensuring people experiencing suicidal behaviour have access to a range of compassionate, trauma-informed, culturally-safe and timely responses that support their recovery (eg, by developing national guidelines for the management of suicide risk).
<i>Supporting individuals, whānau and communities impacted by suicide (postvention)</i>	Supporting individuals, families and whānau, and communities impacted by suicide to recover and heal, reducing their suicide risk (eg, by providing free counselling for people bereaved by suicide and reviewing the coronial investigation process).

What *Every Life Matters* will deliver in the next five years

21. The *Every Life Matters* Action Plan sets out:
 - 21.1. a commitment to continue work already underway across Government that will support the vision in *Every Life Matters*
 - 21.2. initial priorities for suicide prevention over the next five years
 - 21.3. a strong platform on which to build a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to prevent suicide over the long term.
22. The initial priorities of the *Every Life Matters* Action Plan include:
 - 22.1. targeting greater support to the most pressing needs for at-risk populations, including Māori, youth, men and people who use mental health and addiction services
 - 22.2. the suite of suicide prevention initiatives funded through Budget 2019 including tailored Māori and Pacific suicide prevention interventions,¹ enhanced follow-up support, increased access to bereavement counselling and improvements to information services for whānau and the media
 - 22.3. implementation of the Government's response to the recommendations in *He Ara Oranga* including the establishment of a Suicide Prevention Office and review of the coronial process for investigating deaths by suicide [CAB-19-MIN-0182 refers].
23. Through these initial priorities, the Action Plan will begin to embed new mind-sets and ways of working across sectors and settings that will enable changes across the broader social, economic and behavioural determinants of wellbeing and suicide. This suite of actions is aligned with the shift called for by *He Ara Oranga* and the longer-term work to transform our approach to mental health and addiction. It will support people to stay well, and will ensure that people who are at high risk of suicide or experiencing suicidal distress have access to support, where and when they need it.

Engagement on *Every Life Matters*

24. *Every Life Matters* was developed with input from a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from a range of population groups, including Māori, people with lived experience (tāngata whaiora), people bereaved by suicide, men, Pacific peoples, the Rainbow community and rural communities. Other government agencies, Crown entities, academic institutions, mental health and substance use experts, Māori health experts, and health and social sector organisations have also inputted into the development of *Every Life Matters*.

¹ The Ministry of Health is working with the Treasury to confirm the scope and criteria of the funding for Māori and Pacific initiatives to ensure strong alignment with the direction of *Every Life Matters*. These initiatives will be developed working with Māori, and with Pacific peoples.

25. This engagement process responds to the urgency voiced in *He Ara Oranga*. The voices, lessons and recommendations from the 2017 public consultation on a draft suicide prevention strategy, and the submissions to *He Ara Oranga*, have also informed the development of *Every Life Matters*.
26. *Every Life Matters* sets the direction and will focus efforts to reduce suicide in Aotearoa New Zealand. It represents the start of a shift in our approach. I expect there to be ongoing engagement with Māori, families and whānau, hapū, iwi, and communities to take the Strategy forward, and to continue to develop the actions needed to support our vision. I, therefore, propose implementation of *Every Life Matters* commences immediately following Cabinet approval and public release.

Establishing a Suicide Prevention Office

27. In May 2019, Cabinet agreed to accept recommendation 32 of *He Ara Oranga* to 'establish a suicide prevention office to provide stronger and sustained leadership on action to prevent suicide' and that 'the suicide prevention office will initially be housed within the Ministry of Health to lead the development of the suicide prevention strategy and implementation plan' [CAB-19-MIN-0182 refers].
28. *He Ara Oranga* recommended that an Office could provide stronger and sustained leadership on action to prevent suicide and serve as a repository of information; support local implementation of programmes; coordinate cross-agency activities; lead development and reviews of national suicide prevention strategies and champion their implementation; ensure robust evaluations of strategy implementation; and report on progress.
29. *He Ara Oranga* recommended that an Office could be located in the Ministry of Health, in the new Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission or elsewhere in government.
30. The initial form and functions of the Suicide Prevention Office are outlined below. As the Office will initially be situated within the Ministry of Health, the Director-General of Health is responsible for confirming the functions of the Office. The Action Plan will prioritise the establishment of this Office within the first year.

Initial form of the Suicide Prevention Office

31. The Suicide Prevention Office will initially be established as a team within the Ministry of Health's Mental Health and Addiction Directorate. It will be led at a senior level by a Director, with Māori advisory and project management support.
32. The long-term location and form of the Office will be considered as its role matures, taking into account wider system changes in response to *He Ara Oranga*, including the establishment of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission, and recommendations made by the New Zealand Health and Disability System Review.

Proposed functions of the Suicide Prevention Office

33. The Suicide Prevention Office will provide a clear locus of responsibility within central government for suicide prevention, with a focus on bringing together all those involved in suicide prevention to deliver a nationally-coordinated response.

34. The Office will complement and support the range of organisations that play important roles in preventing suicide, through:
 - 34.1. providing whole-of-government leadership and coordination of suicide prevention and implementation of *Every Life Matters*, including through honouring the special relationship between Māori and the Crown under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and promoting collaboration
 - 34.2. developing a monitoring and evaluation framework for *Every Life Matters* and reporting progress against the implementation of *Every Life Matters* and other actions to reduce suicide
 - 34.3. coordinating and disseminating suicide prevention information and research, and providing guidance on and promoting best practice
 - 34.4. funding, commissioning and monitoring the provision of suicide prevention services delivered by the health and disability system.

How the Suicide Prevention Office will fit with other organisations

35. The Suicide Prevention Office will complement and support the range of organisations that play important roles in preventing suicide.
36. I expect the Office to work collaboratively with the new Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission. The Commission will provide system-level oversight and leadership of mental wellbeing, including suicide prevention. This will involve taking an oversight role of whether government agencies and entities with responsibilities for suicide prevention, including the Suicide Prevention Office, are performing as a system, and are responsive to the needs of people with lived experience (tāngata whaiora), their families and whānau.
37. The Commission will be able to obtain information and data from the Suicide Prevention Office to support its role in monitoring the government's progress in improving mental health and wellbeing in New Zealand [CAB-19-MIN-0329.01 refers].
38. I also expect the Suicide Prevention Office to work with other organisations and roles with relevant responsibilities, including the Health and Disability Commissioner and the Children's Commissioner. These agencies will continue to provide broader system-level oversight and leadership; system performance monitoring and management; and consumer advocacy in their respective areas.
39. The Office will also work closely with the Chief Coroner, the Health Quality and Safety Commission (Suicide Mortality Review Committee) and other key sector stakeholders working to prevent suicide in New Zealand.
40. **Table Two** outlines the proposed functions of the Suicide Prevention Office in further detail. It also outlines the Cabinet-agreed functions of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission [CAB-19-MIN-0329.01 refers], to illustrate how the Suicide Prevention Office will complement these functions.

Table Two: Complementary functions of the Suicide Prevention Office and the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission

Body	Functions
<p>Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission</p>	<p><i>System-level oversight and leadership</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide system oversight, which involves taking an overview of whether government agencies and entities with responsibilities for mental wellbeing are performing as a system • Promote collaboration among key organisations and groups in the mental health and addiction sector, to improve the experiences of people with lived experience (tāngata whaiora) and their families and whānau • Work with relevant stakeholders to inform and influence policy and research that impacts on mental wellbeing • Report on and make public statements about the mental wellbeing of people in New Zealand <p><i>Monitoring and advocacy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the government’s progress in improving mental health and wellbeing in New Zealand • Provide system-level advocacy for the collective interests of people with lived experience (tāngata whaiora) of mental health and addiction issues and their families and whānau
<p>Suicide Prevention Office (within the Ministry of Health)</p>	<p><i>System leadership for suicide prevention and implementation of Every Life Matters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide whole-of-government leadership on suicide prevention through promoting collaboration and coordination between key organisations and groups working on suicide prevention (including central government agencies, local government agencies, non-government organisations and communities) • Champion and oversee the implementation of <i>Every Life Matters</i> and support key organisations and groups to deliver on the actions in the Action Plan • Lead the implementation of national-level actions in <i>Every Life Matters</i> and the development of any future suicide prevention Action Plans • Honour the special relationship between Māori and the Crown under Te Tiriti o Waitangi • Work with Māori and other relevant stakeholders to inform and influence policy and research that impacts on suicide prevention <p><i>Reporting progress on suicide prevention</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for <i>Every Life Matters</i> • Report on progress implementing <i>Every Life Matters</i> • Report on the government’s progress in reducing suicide in New Zealand more generally <p><i>Suicide prevention research dissemination and guidance on best practice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as a repository of suicide prevention research and information • Share best practice and research and provide guidance and quality assurance on suicide prevention <p><i>Funding, commissioning and monitoring of suicide prevention services</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund and commission suicide prevention services delivered by the health and disability system • Manage contracts and monitor the performance of suicide prevention services delivered by the health and disability system

Monitoring and reporting progress on suicide prevention and *Every Life Matters*

41. Monitoring our progress towards achieving our vision of reducing suicide in Aotearoa New Zealand is paramount. The Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission will provide ongoing monitoring of the government's progress in improving mental health and wellbeing in New Zealand, including preventing suicide.
42. The Suicide Prevention Office will collect and collate information on the implementation of *Every Life Matters* and report on progress of implementing *Every Life Matters* and preventing suicide in Aotearoa New Zealand. As an early action in the Action Plan, the Suicide Prevention Office will work with Māori, and with other stakeholders, to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for *Every Life Matters*.
43. I intend to provide the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee with annual updates on progress against the actions in *Every Life Matters* for the duration of the Action Plan.

Next steps

44. I propose that *Every Life Matters* is publicly released as soon as possible after Cabinet approval of the draft document and final editing. This will enable implementation to formally commence immediately following Cabinet approval and public release.
45. Ministry of Health officials have already begun work to establish a Suicide Prevention Office, including the recruitment of a Director who will report to the Deputy Director-General, Mental Health and Addiction.

Consultation

46. The Ministry of Health has prepared this paper in consultation with the Ministries of Education, Justice, Social Development, Primary Industries, Housing and Urban Development, Women, Pacific Peoples, and Business, Innovation and Employment; the Department of Corrections, the New Zealand Police, Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children, Te Puni Kōkiri the Accident Compensation Corporation, the Social Investment Agency, the State Services Commission, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Policy Advisory Group and the Child Wellbeing Unit), and the Treasury.
47. In addition, the Ministry of Health has engaged with Crown entities (including the Health Quality and Safety Commission, the Health Promotion Agency, the Office of the Health and Disability Commissioner including the Mental Health Commissioner, the Office of the Children's Commissioner, and representatives of district health boards); academic institutions; mental health and substance use experts; Māori health experts; health and social sector organisations in the development of *Every Life Matters*.
48. Representatives from a range of population groups, including Māori, people with lived experience (tāngata whaiora), people bereaved by suicide, men, Pacific peoples, the Rainbow community and rural communities, were also integral to the development of *Every Life Matters*.

Financial Implications

49. Through Budget 2019, the Government allocated funding of \$40 million over four years towards an initial suite of initiatives to prevent suicide and support people bereaved by suicide, which are included as actions in *Every Life Matters*. Implementation of these initiatives commenced on 1 July 2019.
50. The implementation of *Every Life Matters* and some of the proposed ongoing actions in the Action Plan will have financial implications. Any additional funding for implementing the direction and actions outlined in *Every Life Matters* will be sought and considered through future Budget processes.
51. Similarly, any further funding needed for the Suicide Prevention Office to carry out its proposed functions as it matures will be sought through future Budget processes.

Legislative Implications

52. This paper does not have any legislative implications.

Human Rights

53. The proposals in this paper are consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Human Rights Act 1993. *Every Life Matters* is a universal Strategy which has a particular focus on achieving equity for population groups who currently experience disproportionately higher rates of suicide.

Gender Implications

54. There are gender differences in suicide rates and the experience of suicidal distress and behaviours. The majority of people who die by suicide are males, whereas the majority of those hospitalised for intentional self-harm are female. There is also evidence of higher suicide rates among members of the Rainbow community.
55. *Every Life Matters* has a strong focus on supporting equitable outcomes, including in relation to gender equity. Actions in the Action Plan take into account the unique needs of population groups, for example to address higher rates among males. *Every Life Matters* also supports the increased responsiveness of suicide prevention services for the Rainbow community through more tailored responses.

Disability Perspective

56. *Every Life Matters* is consistent with and informed by the *New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016–2026* and international obligations, such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Publicity

57. There are strong calls for urgent action on suicide prevention and high public and sector expectations about the Strategy and Action Plan. To support transparency, build momentum and foster public engagement with its implementation, I propose to launch *Every Life Matters* as soon as possible following Cabinet approval.

Proactive Release

58. This paper will be proactively released. The public release of this paper will occur as soon as possible following Cabinet's decisions and launch of *Every Life Matters*, and will be subject to redactions as appropriate under the Official Information Act 1982.

Recommendations

The Minister of Health recommends that the Committee:

1. **note** that in May 2019, Cabinet invited this report-back [CAB-18-MIN-0182 refers]
Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan
2. **note** that *Every Life Matters | He Tapu te Oranga o ia Tangata: Suicide Prevention Strategy 2019–2029 and Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2019–2024 for Aotearoa New Zealand (Every Life Matters)* has been informed by engagement with a range of stakeholders
3. **agree** to adopt the attached draft Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan, *Every Life Matters*
4. **note** that *Every Life Matters* will be launched as soon as possible following Cabinet approval
5. **authorise** the Minister of Health to make technical and editorial changes to *Every Life Matters* prior to public release

Establishment of a Suicide Prevention Office

6. **note** that Cabinet has previously agreed to initially establish the Suicide Prevention Office as a team in the Ministry of Health [CAB-19-MIN-0182 refers]
7. **note** that the establishment of the Suicide Prevention Office is already under way
8. **note** the Director-General of Health proposes the Suicide Prevention Office will have the following functions:

Whole-of-government leadership for suicide prevention

- 8.1. provide whole-of-government leadership on suicide prevention
- 8.2. promote collaboration and coordination between key organisations and groups on suicide prevention
- 8.3. champion and oversee the implementation of *Every Life Matters* and support key organisations and groups to deliver on the actions in the Action Plan
- 8.4. lead the implementation of national-level actions outlined in *Every Life Matters* and the development of any future suicide prevention Action Plans
- 8.5. uphold the special relationship between Māori and the Crown under Te Tiriti o Waitangi

- 8.6. work with Māori and other relevant stakeholders to inform and influence policy and research that impacts on suicide prevention

Reporting on suicide prevention

- 8.7. develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for *Every Life Matters*
- 8.8. report on progress against all actions in the Action Plan
- 8.9. report on the government's progress in reducing suicide in New Zealand

Suicide prevention research dissemination and guidance on best practice

- 8.10. serve as a repository of suicide prevention research and information
- 8.11. share best practice and research and provide guidance and quality assurance on suicide prevention

Funding, commissioning and monitoring of suicide prevention services

- 8.12. fund and commission suicide prevention services delivered by the health and disability system
 - 8.13. manage contracts and monitor the performance of suicide prevention services delivered by the health and disability system
9. **invite** the Minister of Health to provide annual updates to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee on progress against the actions in *Every Life Matters* for the duration of the Action Plan.

Authorised for lodgement

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