



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Suicide Prevention Progress: Second Annual Update

Portfolio **Health**

On 28 September 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

- 1 **noted** that in September 2019, the Cabinet Business Committee invited the Minister of Health to provide annual updates to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee on progress against the actions in *He Tapu te Oranga* [CBC-19-MIN-0034];
- 2 **noted** that in April 2021, the Minister provided Cabinet with the first annual suicide prevention progress update [SWC-21-SUB-0033];
- 3 **noted** the second annual update on progress against the eight action areas in *He Tapu te Oranga* attached under SWC-22-SUB-0167;
- 4 **noted** that while it will take time to see a change in suicide rates and there is more work to do, good progress is being made to strengthen suicide prevention, which is enhanced by wider work across government to promote mental wellbeing including through implementing *Kia Manawanui* and the government's response to COVID-19;
- 5 **invited** the Minister of Health to report back to SWC by 30 June 2023 with the next annual update on suicide prevention progress, which will include:
 - 5.1 information and data on other adversely affected populations, including Asian communities, pregnant women, and Veterans;
 - 5.2 the wider government programmes that are contributing to suicide prevention.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Meka Whaitiri

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