

# 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:**

Thursday 2 May, 12pm – 1pm, Ministerial Meeting Room, Level 2, Beehive

**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 2 May. This meeting will include discussions on the delivery of the second Te Aorerekura Action Plan, and the Social Wellbeing Agency Review of Social Sector Spending. The following Ministers will be in attendance:

- Hon. Karen Chhour – Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence, Minister for Children
- Hon. Louise Upston – Minister for Social Development
- Hon. Casey Costello – Associate Minister of Health
- Hon. Paul Goldsmith - Minister of Justice
- Hon. Mark Mitchell – Minister of Police, Minister of Corrections
- Hon. Melissa Lee – Minister for Ethnic Communities
- Hon. Nicola Grigg – Minister for Women
- Hon. Erica Stanford – Minister for Education
- Hon. Tama Potaka – Minister for Māori Development
- Hon. Matt Doocey – Minister for ACC

Ministerial advisors and officials will also be present. Maree Roberts, Deputy Director-General, Strategy, Policy & Legislation, Ministry of Health, will be attending the meeting.

Talking points are attached as **Appendix 1**.

**Comment: Summary**

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

- the priorities of Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for the Prevention of FVSV
- development of FVSV targets
- development of the second Te Aorerekura Action Plan (the second Action Plan)
- health work programmes to address FVSV

**Priorities of the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence**

- Hon Karen Chhour has signalled that her overarching priority is to improve the current response system to FVSV s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
- There are four core components that contribute to delivering this priority:
  - s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
- Hon Karen Chhour has also indicated an interest in understanding the impact of FVSV s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
- Further information on Ministerial priorities relating to the development of FVSV targets and the second Action Plan is detailed below.

**Development of FVSV Targets**

- Justice Sector Ministers (JSM) have agreed to adopt two Law and Order Targets measured by the New Zealand Crime and Victims Survey (NZCVS):
  - **Reduced child and youth offending:** 15% reduction in the total number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour. Currently, there are 1,100 children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour.
  - **Reduced violent crime:** 20,000 fewer people who are victims of an assault, robbery, assault, or sexual assault. Currently, around 185,000 people, or 4.4 percent of the population, are victims of an assault, robbery of sexual assault.
- The Te Puna Aonui Business Unit (BU) have been directed by the Te Puna Aonui Interdepartmental Executive Board (the Board) in conjunction with agencies to develop s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]

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- Hon Karen Chhour has also communicated a strong interest s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- On 17 April, the Board met to discuss potential Chief Executive arrangements to oversee and drive the delivery of the Government Law and Order Targets and s 9(2)(f)(iv). The Board agreed to continue evolving thinking on these potential arrangements and agreed to stay connected.

**Agenda Item 1: Development of the Second Te Aorerekura Action Plan**

- Hon Karen Chhour has indicated her intent to develop a second Action Plan, with expectations that it covers up to ten priority areas. s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- Hon Karen Chhour is meeting with Te Pūkotahitanga, the Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group, to discuss their top priorities and how they might sit with the Action Plan. Te Pūkotahitanga was established by Cabinet to report directly to the Minister for Prevention of FVSV with independent advice on the implementation of Te Aorerekura and how FVSV can be eliminated for Māori.
- s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- The following focus areas have been identified as critical to delivering the government targets and Ministerial priorities, as well as reflecting the Board’s priorities:

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED].
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- Against this backdrop, the second Action Plan is intended to span five years, addressing calls from key stakeholders and agencies for a longer duration plan that will align with the delivery timescales for Ministerial Priorities and FVSV targets.
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. This will include understanding where our evidence base is strong and looking to understand the effectiveness and impact of current investments.
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- A fortnightly Deputy Chief Executive (DCE) Forum has been proposed to ensure that any decisions required for progression can be made in a timely manner. This was agreed to at the previous Te Puna Aonui DCE meeting on 18 April.

## **Agenda Item 2: Review of social sector spending on FVSV**

- The Minister for Social Investment has requested “rolling out a programme to evaluate areas of existing social sector spending to better understand the return New Zealanders are getting from current social sector spending” as a priority.
- The Te Puna Aonui BU and Social Wellbeing Agency have agreed that an evaluation of the FVSV spend could be used to pilot an approach that could later be expanded to other areas of government spend.
- The Te Puna Aonui BU is working closely with the Social Wellbeing Agency to work through the detail of how to evaluate Te Puna Aonui spend. A cross agency workshop has been arranged for 2 May to discuss the approach and scoping for this review.
- The project will deliver:
  - a profile of spend for FVSV
  - a report on the effectiveness of spend of each initiative and across the portfolio
  - recommendations to Ministers to improve the value to spend and improve agencies’ systems to support social investment.

- The project is intended to run over a 5–6-month period, with recommendations provided to Ministers around August.

### **Health work programmes to address FVSV**

- Health agencies will continue to support the implementation of Te Aorerekura, and wider work to address FVSV. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora has committed to progressing key initiatives funded by Health. These include:
  - Violence Intervention Programme (VIP)
  - Integrated community-led responses
  - Non-fatal strangulation and Sexual Abuse and Assault Treatment Services.
- Health New Zealand intends to review and enhance the VIP focusing on how it interfaces with kaupapa Māori, Pasifika and culturally appropriate models of care and building the capability of primary and community healthcare workforces to identify and address FVSV.
- Health New Zealand also intends to review the training delivered for VIP to ensure it is delivered in partnership with Māori and other high needs communities.
- Following the disestablishment of Te Aka Whai Ora, there is an opportunity to explore the role of Iwi-Māori Partnership Boards in the commissioning and delivery of FVSV services.
- A broader overview of the health work programmes and opportunities for improving Health's response to FVSV has been provided to you prior to the briefing Preventing and responding to family violence and sexual violence (H2024035115).



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## Appendix One: Talking Points

Talking Points for Hon Casey Costello, Associate Minister of Health

### Priorities of the Minister for the Prevention of FVSV

- I agree with the need to improve our crisis response systems, alongside focusing on preventing harm, with improved cross-agency collaboration to enable this.
- Hon Karen Chhour's priority s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED] to FVSV are well aligned to opportunities within Health.
- Health New Zealand are exploring opportunities to:
  - strengthen Health's role in regional and local multi-agency responses to FVSV – including ensuring the appropriate capability and resourcing,
  - improving initiatives to build health workforce capability to identify and respond to FVSV.

s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]

- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

### Development of the Second Te Aorerekura Action Plan

- I support the proposed approach of developing a second Action Plan with ten priority areas, s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
- I am committed to working collaboratively with this Ministerial group to develop an Action Plan that effectively addresses FVSV in Aotearoa whilst demonstrating value for money.

### Health system's role to prevent and respond to FVSV

- In February this year, I received a briefing outlining opportunities for improving Health's response to FVSV. Work is underway to strengthen the health system's response to FVSV, including a focus on building workforce capability to better identify and respond to FVSV across the sector.
- Health agencies will continue to support the implementation of Te Aorerekura, and wider work to address FVSV.
- I note that we are exploring the role of Iwi-Māori Partnership Boards in the commissioning and delivery of FV/SV services.