

Aide-Mémoire

Meeting of the Ministerial Group on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy 1 February 2024

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Details of meeting: Thursday 1 February 2024, 9:30 – 10:30am
Executive Wing, Room 7.2

Purpose of meeting: This is a meeting of the Ministerial Group on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy. It has been called by the Hon Louise Upston, Minister for Child Poverty Reduction and Minister for Social Development and Employment, who is the Minister responsible for the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy.

Comment:

- An annotated agenda is attached.
- Your office has requested that an official attend the meeting to support you. John Zonneville, Chief Clinical Advisor, Mental Health and Addiction from Manatū Hauora | the Ministry of Health will attend (although we note item 2 on the agenda to discuss Budget 2024 investments is limited to Ministers only).
- This aide-mémoire discloses all relevant information.



Kiri Richards

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AGENDA

Ministerial Group on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

Date/Time	Thursday 1 February 2024, 9:30 – 10:30am
Venue	Executive Wing, Room 7.2
Chair	Hon Louise Upston, Minister for Child Poverty Reduction and Minister for Social Development and Employment
Invited attendees	<p>Hon Nicola Willis, Minister of Finance and Minister for Social Investment</p> <p>Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Housing</p> <p>Hon Shane Reti, Minister of Health</p> <p>Hon Erica Stanford, Minister of Education</p> <p>Hon Mark Mitchell, Minister of Police</p> <p>Hon Matt Doocey, Minister for Youth and Minister for Mental Health</p> <p>Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for Children</p> <p>Apologies: Hon Paul Goldsmith, Minister of Justice</p>

Meeting purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the following items:

Item	Topic	Paper
1	Using the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy as an investment framework	Appendix 1: Using the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy as an investment framework
Ministry of Health comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy (the Strategy) has effectively painted a broad picture of what is needed for child and youth wellbeing and brought agencies together around key goals. To date, it has not provided tools for prioritising or sequencing activity. We think that having an investment framework is a good idea, and we support the concept of intervention across transition points in the life course set out in the attached paper. We consider the meeting paper is lacking some key elements required to help Ministers decide the next steps for the Strategy: for example, a description of what an investment framework is, how it would be an improvement on the current state, or how and when it would be used. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In our view, an investment framework differs from a strategy mainly through the provision of tools to prioritise activity, such as targets, the inclusion of cost benefit and other economic analyses to support costing, and a stronger focus on feasibility.• We consider an investment framework would still require principles and outcomes to guide its operation strategically. These could be either those contained in the current Strategy or new ones.• The Strategy aligns well with your priorities of increased access to mental health and addiction services, growing the mental health and addiction workforce, and strengthening the focus on prevention and early intervention.• Early intervention is essential in mental health and addiction, and the items mentioned in the A3 cover the main intervention points. However, work to support mental health and wellbeing needs to start much earlier than the transition to secondary school as shown on the A3 – there should be no gap in support between the first 2,000 days and the transition to secondary school. Other items highlighted in the A3 will also support this – for example reducing material hardship and family violence, and addressing non-attendance at school. <p><i>John Zonneville, Chief Clinical Advisor, Mental Health and Addiction, will attend this item to support you.</i></p>	

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Attachments:	
Appendix 1:	Using the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy as an investment framework
Appendix 2:	Approach to Reducing Child Poverty through Budget 2024
Appendix 3:	Background Paper: Growing Up in New Zealand longitudinal survey