

## Briefing to Incoming Minister – Hon. Poto Williams

### Joint Venture for Family Violence and Sexual Violence

**Audience:** Hon. Poto Williams, Associate Minister for Social Development

**Date:** 12/07/2019

#### Purpose

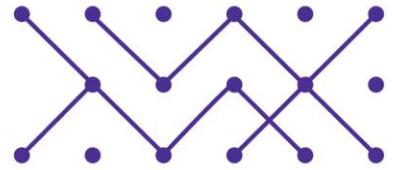
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1. This briefing provides you with information on the Joint Venture for Family Violence and Sexual Violence (Joint Venture).

#### The Joint Venture – Establishment/Purpose

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2. On 5 September 2018, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) noted that New Zealand has unacceptable rates of family violence and sexual violence which severely undermine the lifetime wellbeing of victims and their children, in particular those most marginalised and disadvantaged in our society.
3. Consequently, SWC agreed to establish a dedicated body or agent within central government that has a stewardship role for the collective response to family violence and sexual violence [SWC-18-MIN-0117 refers].
4. The dedicated agent – the Joint Venture – is collectively accountable for this response. The Joint Venture (JV) “reflects a different mindset and approach that can provide the sustained, cross-agency leadership and commitment necessary to deliver meaningful change.”
5. The Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee has overall Ministerial oversight for the Joint Venture and for the integrated, whole-of-government work programme. The Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Jan Logie MP) is the lead Minister for the Joint Venture, and is supported in this role by a Ministerial Group comprising the Justice, Social Development, Māori Development, Children and Seniors Ministers.
6. The JV brings together ten government agencies - the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Health, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Police, ACC and the Department of Corrections. The Chief Executives of these agencies are the governing body of the Joint Venture of the Social Wellbeing Board, and are supported by an independent business unit hosted by the Ministry of Justice – the Joint Venture Business Unit (JVBU).
7. An interim Te Rōpū Māori has also been established to give effect to a partnership between Māori and the Crown (and especially for wahine Māori) to transform the whole-of-government response to family violence, sexual violence and violence within whānau.
8. Te Rōpū are working in partnership with the Crown, Ministers and the Joint Venture Business Unit to develop the National Strategy and Action Plan, and inform the enduring



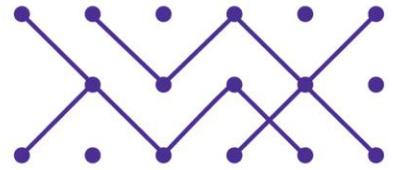
arrangements for Māori involvement in the Government's work in this area. This group meets for approximately two days per month. Te Rōpū brings together a wide range of expertise, providing Māori leadership from people who are grounded in Māori communities and have a huge breadth of experience and knowledge of FVSV issues.

9. The JVBU supports the leadership and governance of the Joint Venture by providing a focal point for cross-agency projects and coordinating action across Joint Venture agencies. The business unit will work across Joint Venture agencies to:
  - Support the Joint Venture to develop the National Strategy and Action Plan.
  - Build a learning system, with robust monitoring and evaluation to build awareness of effective interventions, to empower communities to learn from what works, to improve how government partners with communities, and to inform government priorities.
  - Lead cross-agency projects, including to strengthen and support the capability of front line workforces – in government agencies and community providers.

## Budget 2019

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10. In 2018/19, the JV led a single whole-of-government family violence and sexual violence package for Budget 2019. This comprehensive Budget package committed over \$320 million of new funding towards eliminating family violence and sexual violence in Aotearoa.
11. The budget package will deliver more support services to more New Zealanders, major campaigns aimed at stopping violence occurring and major changes to court processes to reduce the trauma victims experience.
12. The Wellbeing Budget 2019 family violence and sexual violence package comprises initiatives across five areas:
  - Increase prevention of family violence and sexual violence [\$47.8 million over 4 years]
  - Develop safe, consistent and effective responses to family violence in every community [\$84.3 million over 4 years]
  - Expanding essential specialist sexual violence services: moving towards fully funding services [\$131.1 million over 4 years]
  - Reforming the criminal justice system to better respond to victims of sexual violence. [\$37.8 million over 4 years]
  - Strengthening system leadership and supporting new ways of working [\$20.0 million over 4 years]
  - The total monetary value of the package is \$320 million (comprising new operating funding of \$311.4 million, and \$9.5 million of capital funding).
13. This will be delivered across eight portfolios: Attorney General, Corrections, Courts, Health, Justice, Oranga Tamariki, Police, and Social Development.



## Governance

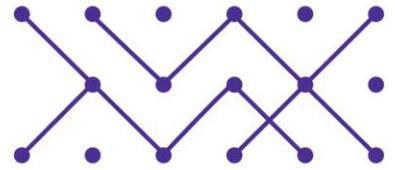
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14. The JV is led by Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Domestic and Sexual Violence Issues) Jan Logie, who is supported in her role by a JV Ministers Group including Minister Little, Minister Sepuloni, Minister Mahuta and Minister Martin. The Social Wellbeing committee maintains overall Ministerial oversight for the joint venture, reflecting the impacts of family violence and sexual violence across all portfolios.
15. The JV is also governed by a group of Chief Executives (the Joint Venture of the Social Wellbeing Board), taking collective responsibility for the whole-of-government work programme.
16. These Chief Executives are also individually accountable for their agencies' contributions to this shared initiative. In addition to governing the JV as a Board, the Chief Executive members provide collective leadership through leadership of their own departments, to ensure all elements of government's response are aligned to a common purpose.
17. The JV Deputy Chief Executives Group (DCEs) has been established by the JVBU to provide collective advice and recommendations to the JV CEs. The DCEs provide the first level of decision making on the JV work programme and resourcing.
18. The Business Change Leaders Group sits under the DCEs and supports the business unit with the JV work programme. This group provides collective advice and support to JV DCEs and raises any collective recommendations and/or concerns to the group. The Ministry of Social Development is represented at every level of the Joint Venture's governance structure.

## , The Joint Venture Work Programme

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19. The Joint Venture Business Unit, in partnership with Te Rōpū is developing a National Strategy and Action Plan on behalf of the JV, galvanising our collective efforts – across government and working with whānau Māori and communities – to reduce family violence, sexual violence and violence within whānau.
20. Taken together, the National Strategy and Action Plan will create a clear commitment to measurable impacts on wellbeing and the delivery of explicit actions, creating a framework of reporting that will allow the public to track progress towards reducing violence, and hold government to account.
  - A rolling Action Plan will drive practical action, helping each government agency and everyone to see the part they play alongside others in achieving these objectives.
21. The JV work programme has yet to be fully defined by CEs and agreed to by the Lead Minister and other JV Ministers; at this time, key deliverables for the JVBU include:
  - A process and strategy for the development and prioritisation of Budget 2020 initiatives (incl. Vote analysis)



- Monitoring the implementation of Budget 2019 initiatives
- Development of indicators to monitor the performance of the government systems for preventing and responding to family and sexual violence
- Design of Integrated Community Responses & NGO engagement
- Delivery of workforce standards and an adoption strategy
- Proposal for the enduring form of Te Rōpū
- JVBU Organisational design

## Performance Monitoring of the Joint Venture

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22. Cabinet has agreed that the Joint Venture will lead a process of collective reporting across agencies with appropriations relevant to family and sexual violence.
23. This will include Estimates hearings and annual reports for appropriations relevant to family violence and sexual violence, reported to select committees and the public. Chief Science Advisors Professor Tahu Kukutai and Professor Ian Lambie are developing performance indicators to help monitor Joint Venture performance.