



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Enhancing the Wellbeing of Tamariki and Rangatahi Māori: Setting Measurable Outcomes and Developing Strategic Partnerships

Portfolio                      Children

On 23 October 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1        **noted** that Oranga Tamariki–Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) has been focused on implementing the legislative changes made to the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 (the Act) in 2017, and on establishing its operating model;
- 2        **noted** that transformational change is needed to address historical disparities in outcomes for tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau Māori who have come to the attention of Oranga Tamariki, and section 7AA of the Act helps to enable these changes;
- 3        **noted** that Oranga Tamariki will take a two-stage approach to set measurable outcomes and develop strategic partnerships with iwi and Māori organisations (including iwi authorities) to enhance the wellbeing of tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau Māori who come to the attention of Oranga Tamariki;
- 4        **noted** that Oranga Tamariki will work with existing iwi and Māori partners, and the Māori Design Group, to plan a collaboration process with key Māori experts for developing the long-term approach to setting measurable outcomes and developing strategic partnerships;
- 5        **agreed** that in the immediate term, the revised Oranga Tamariki Outcomes Framework, attached the submission under SWC-19-SUB-0161 as Appendix C, is used to set measurable outcomes for tamariki and rangatahi Māori;
- 6        **agreed** that in the immediate term, Oranga Tamariki will be guided by the following considerations when making decisions about whether to develop a strategic partnership with an iwi or Māori organisation (including iwi authorities):
  - 6.1      which Māori communities the iwi or Māori organisation is accountable to, or mandated to represent, and how they are accountable;
  - 6.2      the potential impact the partnership may have in improving the wellbeing of tamariki and rangatahi Māori and their whānau;
  - 6.3      the potential for Oranga Tamariki to work with the iwi or Māori organisation to carry out the activities set out in section 7AA(2)(c)(i-vi) of the Act;

- 7 **noted** that officials will report to the Minister for Children before 1 July 2020 on:
- 7.1 a long-term approach to setting measurable outcomes for tamariki and rangatahi Māori who come to the attention of Oranga Tamariki;
  - 7.2 the longer-term response to developing strategic partnerships with iwi and Māori organisations;
- 8 **noted** that the Minister for Children will report back to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee after 1 July 2020 on an overview of the first iteration of the section 7AA annual report (which will cover the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020).

Vivien Meek  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Ron Mark  
Hon Tracey Martin  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Julie Anne Genter

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