



Internal Affairs aide memoire

Hon Jan Tinetti
Minister of Internal Affairs

Title: Meeting with the Library and Information Advisory Commission (LIAC) on 2 September 2021 (via Zoom)

Date: 31 August 2021

Key issues	
You are meeting with the Library and Information Advisory Commission (LIAC) from 9.45-10.15am on Thursday 2 September 2021 via Zoom.	
Action sought	Timeframe
Read prior to the meeting.	By Thursday 2 September 2021

Contact for telephone discussions (if required)

Name	Position	Direct phone line	After hours phone	Suggested 1 st contact
Rachel Esson	National Librarian	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	✓
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Rachel Esson
National Librarian Te Pouhuaki

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Purpose

1. This Aide Memoire provides you with background information for your meeting with members of the Library and Information Advisory Commission (LIAC) on Thursday 2 September 2021 via Zoom from 9.45-10.15am.

Background

2. LIAC is a statutory body established under the National Library of New Zealand (Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa) Act 2003 to provide independent advice to you.
3. The function of LIAC, as set out in the Act, is to provide advice on:
 - a) library and information issues in New Zealand, including mātauranga Māori, and access to library and information services;
 - b) the role of library and information services, including mātauranga Māori, in the cultural and economic life of New Zealand; and
 - c) any other matters requested by the Minister.

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Possible topics for discussion

13. The Commissioners are having a shortened meeting via Zoom and depending on alert levels, a further meeting to cover topics not discussed will be held later in the quarter. The Commissioners will be meeting Hoani Lambert, Deputy Chief Executive, Enterprise Partnerships, Department of Internal Affairs.

Local Government Review Panel

14. LIAC will be meeting with the Local Government Review Panel after they have met with you. LIAC will be sharing their thoughts with the panel about the essential part libraries play in the local government ecosystem, and their role in sustaining the wellbeing of communities.
15. Although the final topics to be discussed are yet to be confirmed at the time of writing, the Commissioners may discuss some of their thinking with you.

Other topics

16. The Commissioners were to receive an update on both the New Zealand Libraries Partnership and Tāhuhu Programmes. These agenda items have now been moved to the agenda for the possible later meeting.
17. The Chair may write to you to summarise any meeting discussions from both meetings and perhaps note any key items that they will discuss after their meeting with you.

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Title: **Meeting with the Library and Information Advisory Commission (LIAC) on 16 March 2022**

Date: 10 March 2022

Key issues	
You are meeting with the Library and Information Advisory Commission (LIAC) from 4.00-4.30pm on Wednesday 16 March 2022 via Zoom.	
Action sought	Timeframe
Read prior to the meeting.	By Wednesday 16 March 2022

Contact for telephone discussions (if required)

Name	Position	Direct phone line	After hours phone	Suggested 1 st contact
Rachel Esson	Te Pouhuaki National Librarian	9(2)(a)		✓
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Rachel Esson
Te Pouhuaki National Librarian

Purpose

1. This Aide Memoire provides you with background information for your meeting with members of the Library and Information Advisory Commission (LIAC) on Wednesday 16 March 2022 from 4.00-4.30pm.

Background

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8. The Commissioners are meeting with you at the end of the day, near the end of their meeting. There are many items on their agenda, and it is likely that they may raise a variety of topics with you. Further information is provided below.

Pacific Virtual Museum/ <https://digitalpasifik.org/>

9. The Commissioners, most of whom are new, will receive an introduction to the Pacific Virtual Museum from Tim Kong, Director Digital Experience, Taputukura Raea, Engagement Manager and Ulu Afaese, Content Analyst for the Pacific Virtual Museum.
10. The site is designed to make visible and accessible digitised cultural heritage of the Pacific, allowing Pacific people to see and explore items that are mostly held far away from their islands.
11. The website was designed by, with and for Pacific peoples, educators, learners and researchers. Representatives from libraries, universities, archives and museums from around and within the Pacific, as well as NGOs and those working with community groups, made up the initial co-design group.
12. The pilot project is funded until April 2022 and within that time the features of the site have been further developed, content partners have been added and the co-design group has continued to guide the delivery. A key part of the project has been to explore ways of sustainably implementing and supporting the pilot project aims beyond this date.
13. The Pacific Virtual Museum pilot project and digitalpasifik.org is supported by the Australian Government and was implemented by Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa National Library of New Zealand, in collaboration with the National Library of Australia.

New Zealand Libraries Partnership Programme

14. As you know, LIAC have been receiving regular updates from the Programme Director and the Programme Manager. They are receiving another briefing during their upcoming meeting.
15. As at 31 January 2022, 193 librarians have been employed at public libraries across Aotearoa as a direct result of NZLPP funding. A suite of sustainability initiatives have been initiated to ensure that the two-year programme can have longer term impacts so that libraries can continue to support their communities to thrive.
16. Feedback has been received from Public Libraries NZ (PLNZ), individual library managers and secondees asking for the extension of NZLPP funding to ensure libraries have ongoing support beyond the life of the formal programme. The Chief Executive of Local Government New Zealand has also written to you with a similar request. The programme has been working with your Office and responding to these as they are received.
17. The National Library is preparing to transition most of the NZLPP mahi into the hands of the sector. Since January 2022 the programme has been preparing for the wind up of most of its activity by June. The programme is confirming an approach to transition and putting in place support for public libraries post the formal programme end.
18. The National Library will continue to deliver on its NZLPP commitments to support the library sector after June 2022, which also includes ongoing support for specialist library services to schools and young people in greatest need.
19. A more detailed briefing will be provided to you later this month.

School Libraries in New Zealand

20. The President of the School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa Te Puna Whare Mātauranga a Kura (SLANZA) Sasha Eastwood-Bennitt and Glenys Bichan, an advocacy leader in the sector will provide a briefing to the Commissioners on school libraries in New Zealand.
21. Elizabeth Jones, Director, Literacy and Learning at the National Library will also be attending to provide a broader context of school libraries across Aotearoa.
22. You will be receiving a more in-depth briefing on this matter after your meeting with the Commissioners.

Development of legislation and policy

23. In her letter to you, the Chair notes that as part of the workplan for the Commission, one of the topics they are interested in is development of legislation and policy for the National Library.
24. They are to be briefed on these processes during their meeting. LIAC are keen to understand what role they can play and may discuss this with you, as they may wish to act as a 'critical friend' as well as interacting with National Library stakeholders.

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