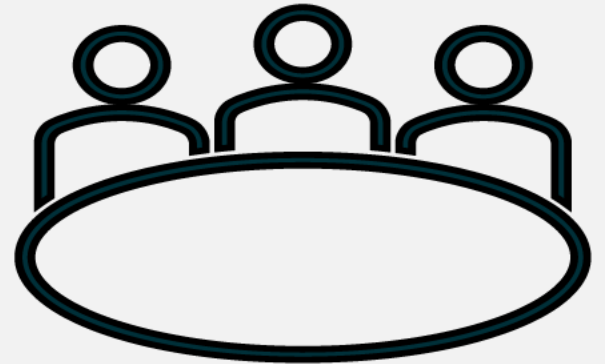


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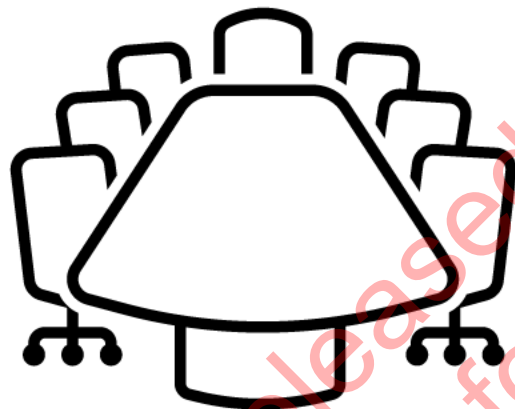
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Inaugural Meeting

21 March 2023



# Welcome and housekeeping



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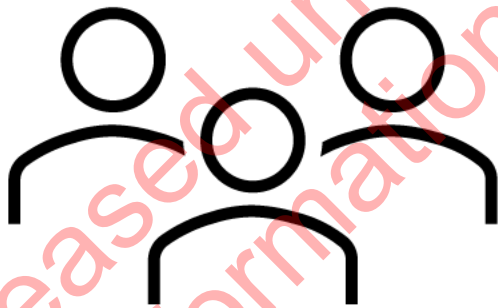
# Purpose of the Group

Provide a forum for regular dialogue between the Minister of Immigration and migrant communities about the:

- experiences and perspectives of migrant communities of the immigration system
- Government's medium-term vision and priorities for the immigration system



# Introductions



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# Immigration system priorities

## Immigration Rebalance implementation

*What?*

Implementing changes to Green List and sector agreements

Review of Green List (residence pathways)

Developing monitoring framework for Accredited Employer Work Visa

*Why?*

Attract highly skilled migrants through streamlined residence pathways

Limit growth of migrants in lower-skilled, lower-paid roles

Support increased training and recruitment of New Zealanders

## Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) Review

*What?*

Simplifying the existing points system to reflect skill based on a combination of skilled work experience, with one of either NZ professional registration, recognised tertiary qualifications, or high income

*Why?*

Align with the Immigration Rebalance

Give more certainty to migrant workers and employers

Improve processing times

## Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) Review

*What?*

Exploring options to make the RSE policy more fit-for-purpose for workers, Pacific countries and employers

*Why?*

Review of settings is overdue

Concerns have been raised over time about RSE conditions, eg Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner Saunoamaali'i Karanina Sumeo

# Immigration system priorities

## Family and Partnership Review

### *What?*

Reviewing family violence visa

Reviewing partnership requirements

Reviewing health and disability requirements

### *Why?*

Ensure family and partnership settings are fit-for-purpose

Ministry of Health is reviewing its eligibility criteria for publicly funded healthcare

## Productivity Commission Inquiry

### *What?*

Exploring how to respond to the Commission's Inquiry's recommendations that focused on ensuring New Zealand has the right immigration settings for our future, including the option of a Government Policy Statement for the immigration system

### *Why?*

Improve transparency of the Government's strategic intention for the immigration system and the path for achieving it

Uphold our obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi

## Independent Review of Detention of Asylum Seekers (Casey Review)

### *What?*

Implementing changes to processes, procedures and decision-making frameworks relating to the detention of asylum seekers

### *Why?*

Independent review by Victoria Casey KC gave recommendations for changes to align with human rights obligations

# Members' areas of interest

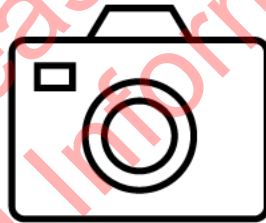
- What areas of the immigration system (covered above or otherwise) are you most interested in; why?



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# Close

- Thank you
- Group photos



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