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Dear Alex

Thank you for your email of 7 March 2018 via the FYI.org.nz website requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *All weekly briefings received in your role of minister for children, from the date of your appointment to 31 January 2018.*

There are eight documents in the scope of this request:

- Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 3 November 2017
- Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 10 November 2017
- Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 17 November 2017
- Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 24 November 2017
- Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 1 December 2017
- Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 8 December 2017
- Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 15 December 2017
- Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 26 January 2018

You can find these eight documents attached to this letter. Please note there were no updates provided to me for the weeks ending 22 and 29 December 2017, and 5, 12 and 19 January 2018, due to the Christmas and New Year break.

Some information has been withheld for the following reasons:

- To protect the privacy of natural persons, (section 9(2)(a) of the Act). The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.
- The information would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information if released, (section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act). The greater public interest is in ensuring that the commercial position can be maintained.
- The information is under active consideration (section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act). The release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.
- To protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions, (section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act). The greater public interest is in the ability of individuals to express opinions in the course of their duty.

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1	Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 3 November 2017	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv)
2	Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 10 November 2017	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i)
3	Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 17 November 2017	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv)
4	Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 24 November 2017	Released in part	9(2)(a)
5	Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 1 December 2017	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv)
6	Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 8 December 2017	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i)
7	Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 15 December 2017	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv)
8	Oranga Tamariki Update for week ending 26 January 2018	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv)

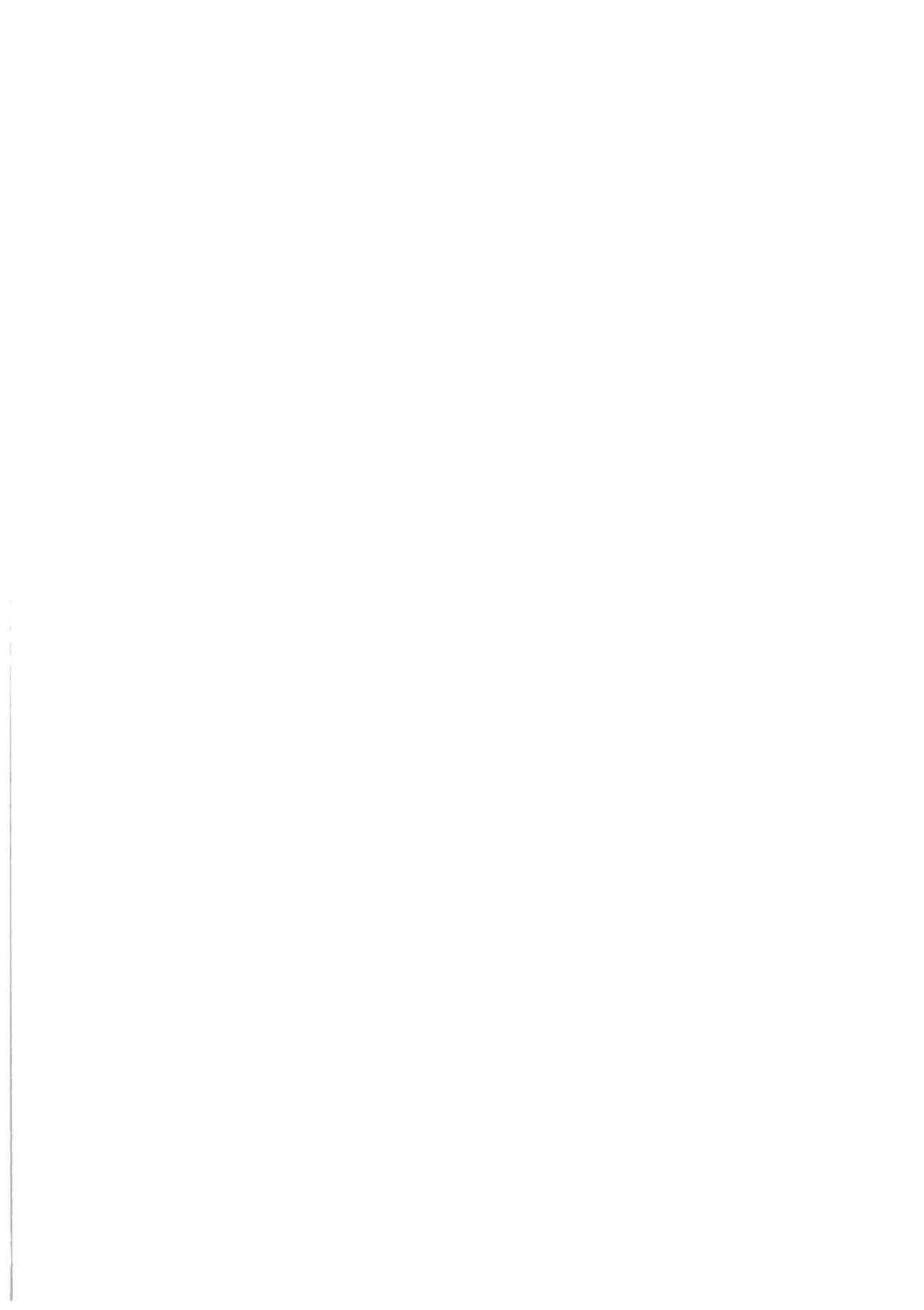
This information has been provided to me by Oranga Tamariki in my role as Minister for Children. I am also Joint Minister, with the Prime Minister, on the child wellbeing strategy. Reports on this portfolio are provided to me by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). Should you wish to request the reports, a new request will need to be made to DPMC.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision, under section 28(3) of the Act. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Hon Tracey Martin
Minister for Children



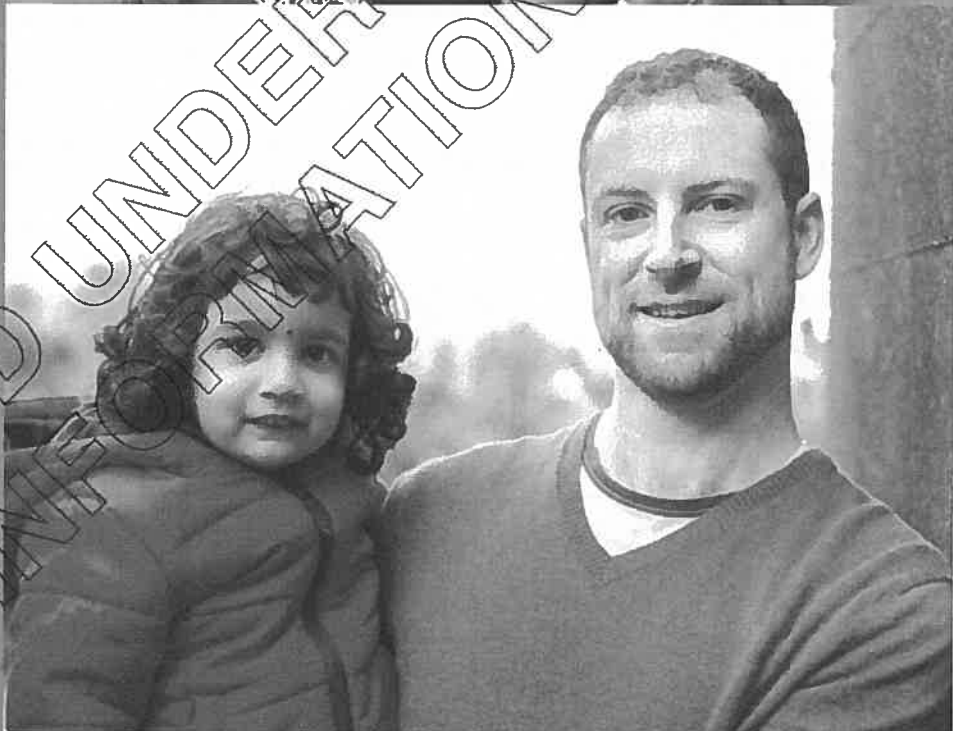
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Oranga Tamariki

ORANGA TAMARIKI UPDATE

FOR WEEK ENDING
3 November 2017

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Office of the Chief Executive,
Ministry for Vulnerable Children, Oranga Tamariki

1. Key Issues

1.1	Inquiry on Abuse in State Care
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are currently drafting two Cabinet papers with regard to this Inquiry. The papers will map out the actions that are required to have the Inquiry set up by 4 February 2018. The first paper will seek Cabinet agreement on the key questions that will need to be answered to establish a clear terms of reference – including the nature, purpose and scope of the Inquiry – and will recommend establishing a sub-group of Ministers to consider these questions and bring specific proposals back to Cabinet in December. We plan to have a draft of this paper for your review by 9 November 2017. The second paper will seek agreement on detailed terms of reference and other aspects of the Inquiry. We would like to update you on progress with this work at our Status meeting on Monday 6 November.
	<p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development</p> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-left: auto;"></div>

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1.2	Change of Name for the Ministry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further to your initial discussion with the Chief Executive on Wednesday 1 November, we would like to update you on progress with this work at our Status meeting on Monday 6 November in advance of providing you with a written briefing by Thursday 9 November.
	<p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development</p> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-left: auto;"></div>

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2. Updates

2.1	October Baseline Update (OBU)
	For action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBU provides the opportunity for the Minister of Finance and you to jointly to approve changes to the appropriations and baselines for the Ministry. These changes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve fiscally neutral or technical changes to appropriations and baselines that do not involve significant policy change. To reflect policy changes previously approved by Cabinet or Joint Ministers that affect the baseline. To confirm (after audited financial statements for the previous financial year are

	<p>available) any expense and capital transfers from that financial year and approve other changes to avoid unappropriated expenditure being incurred.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To have baselines up-to-date before the preparation of the fiscal forecasts required for the Half-Year Economic and Fiscal Update that is required by law to be published by 31 December. • The documentation and advice will be submitted to you by 10 November for your review and approval. It needs to be sent to the Minister of Finance by 15 November.
	<p>Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence, [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)</p>

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2.3	Families Package
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As you know the Government's Families Package is designed to deliver more money to families with children and reduce child poverty. • The Minister of Finance confirmed on 1 November that you are a member of the Ministerial Governance Group that he chairs along with the Ministers of Social Development, Housing and Urban Development, Revenue and Workplace Relations and Safety. • We are working with officials from other agencies to develop advice on paid parental leave and financial assistance (including Family Tax Credit, the Best Start Payment for children aged up to three years and the Winter Heating Payment). • You received the joint report to Ministers and an Aide-Memoire on Friday 3 November.
	<p>Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence, [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)</p>

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2.2	Child Poverty Reduction Work
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government's 100 day plan includes a proposal to introduce legislation to set a child poverty reduction target, and change the Public Finance Act so that progress reports on reducing child poverty are included within the Budget.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are working with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and the Ministry for Social Development to develop initial advice on this work for the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern. We will provide you with advice on any implications for your portfolio by 7 November.
	Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence, [REDACTED]

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2.4	<p>Partnership with Adventures Speciality Trust in Canterbury</p> <p><i>For information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo is a Youth Justice Residence in Christchurch for young people on remand or sentenced to a period of Supervision in Residence by the Youth Court. Four young people from Te Puna Wai have commenced the "Inspire Youth Adventure Therapy Day Programme". This eight week programme is a partnership with Adventures Speciality Trust and sees young people take part in challenges and activities across Canterbury. It has been specifically designed for young people who have offended and teaches skills that will help them live successfully in the community, including: self-reliance and independence, working effectively with others, listening and communicating, managing emotions and good decision making. The first outing saw staff and young people hike and rock climb the Port Hills. The young people thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are looking to further adventures as part of the programme. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Allan Boreham, DCE Youth Justice, [REDACTED]</p>
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2.5	<p>Upcoming Events at Te Maioha Youth Justice Residence</p> <p><i>For information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Maioha is a Youth Justice Residence in Rotorua for young people on remand or sentenced to a period of Supervision in Residence by the Youth Court. [REDACTED] <p>9(2)(a) [REDACTED] presentation to our young people at Te Maioha on</p>
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	<p>Friday. This multi-media and hip-hop presentation is centered on choices and consequences, bringing to light the dark reality of methamphetamine abuse and its effect on family, friends, education and community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] will be visiting Te Maioha from next week. [REDACTED] will be working with young people as part of the Kingslea literacy curriculum to teach creative writing skills and encourage our tamariki to tell their stories. 	<p>9(2)(a) 9(2)(a)</p>
	<p>Contact: Allan Boreham, DCE Youth Justice, [REDACTED]</p>	<p>9(2)(a)</p>

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<p>2.6</p>	<p>Auckland Pacific Island Network fono</p>	
	<p><i>For information</i></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The APIN (Auckland Pacific Island Network) held its quarterly fono for the Ministry's Auckland Pacific staff on 29 September 2017 in Waitakere. • Our Partnering for Outcomes Team invited a group of Pacific providers to hold workshops on their services at the fono. The purpose was to continue to build relationships in order to better service our vulnerable Pacific children and families. • The voices of young people were clearly heard through care experienced young people sharing their very powerful personal stories. • The day was a great success with positive comments from staff and providers, and a positive step towards more appropriate referrals and better outcomes for vulnerable Pacific children and young people. 	
	<p>Contact: Celia Patrick, DCE Partnering for Outcomes, [REDACTED]</p>	<p>9(2)(a)</p>

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3. Updates

<p>3.1</p>	<p>Te Puna Wai Update</p>
	<p><i>For information</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten young people aged 16-17 from Te Puna Wai's Waikirikiri Unit completed the "Warrior Programme" last month. The Warrior Programme employs tikanga Māori and Māori martial

	<p>arts as a non-combative touchstone of identity and unpacks ideas of false masculinity including what a “warrior” was in the traditional sense.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The course also imparts real life strategies for dealing with anger and how it is expressed and building a vocabulary that allows for the positive expression of emotion as opposed to resorting to violence and intimidation. • The young people who participated in the course generally come from violent and serious offending backgrounds. Despite some initial resistance, by the end of the weekend all of the young men were fully engaged and highly motivated. All of them have confirmed that they felt they could really relate to, learn from, and be inspired by the tutors who had themselves faced similar life challenges but who had overcome them and gone on to have very positive lives. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Allan Boreham, DCE Youth Justice Services [Redacted] 9(2)(a)</p>
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4. Leave Arrangements

[Redacted] 9(2)(a) will be on leave from Monday 6 November returning Monday 20 November. [Redacted] 9(2)(a) will be covering and can be contacted on [Redacted] 9(2)(a)

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive 9(2)(a)
[Redacted]

5. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings and Submissions

Cabinet Papers: MVCOT lead

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Business Unit
TBD	Inquiry into Abuse in State Care: Power to Act and Establish Sub-Group of Ministers	Nov	Leadership and Organisational Development
TBD	Inquiry into Abuse in State Care: Confirmation of Scope	Dec	Leadership and Organisational Development

Briefings and Submissions

Due date	Title	Business Unit
7/11/2017	Child Poverty Legislation Approach and Options	Policy, Investment and Evidence
9/11/2017	Changing the Ministry's name	Policy, Investment and Evidence and Leadership and Organisational Development
10/11/2017	October Baseline Update	Policy, Investment and Evidence

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6. Ministerial Services Information

Official Information Act Requests

The Ministry drafts responses to Official Information Act requests, written Parliamentary Questions and Correspondence that you receive as Minister for your consideration.

Each week in this OTU, we provide you with a summary of this work that has come in, and that is on hand.

New Ministerial OIAs

As at 27 October 2017, you received no new requests for official information in your capacity as Minister for Children.

Current Ministerial OIAs

Requestor	Topic	Approach	Due Date
9(2)(a)	Request for: CAB-17-MIN-066, CAB-17-MIN 0101, and the report prepared for Cabinet on developing the care standards regulations. This follows on from her previous request of 14 September 2017 for a copy of the Cabinet papers related to the establishment of the Ministry.	Currently consulting with relevant business units.	Extended to 28 November 2017.

Written Parliamentary Questions

Nil

Correspondence

As at 27 October 2017, there is no Ministerial correspondence to hand.

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FOR WEEK ENDING
10 November 2017

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1. First 100 Days Commitments

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1.1	Advice on [REDACTED] Name of the Ministry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have provided you with an aide-memoire on [REDACTED] 9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED] 9(2)(g)(i) is set out in the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 and the Vulnerable Children's Act 2014. <p>[REDACTED] 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have also provided a separate aide-memoire on the process, approach and estimated costs of changing the name of the Ministry. We would welcome discussion with you on these matters at the next Status Meeting on Monday 13 November, and further advice can be provided at your request. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence, [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)</p>

1.2	Families Package
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You attended a Ministerial Governance Group meeting on the Families Package on 5 November. Ministers made decisions on some aspects of the package, and asked for advice on outstanding issues by 10 November. We will contribute to the advice on whether eligibility for Best Start and Winter Energy Payment should be extended to OB, UCB and FCA caregivers. The next Ministerial Governance Group meeting to make decisions on the Families Package is scheduled for 14 November. We will provide advice to support your attendance at that meeting by 10 November. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence, [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)</p>

1.3	Child Poverty Reduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 3 November 2017, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) provided a report ('Child Poverty Legislation: Approach and Options'), developed by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), to the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern. This outlined initial advice in regards to introducing legislation to set child poverty reduction targets, and changing the Public Finance Act 1989 so that the Budget reports progress on reducing child poverty (as per the Government's 100 day plan). On 7 November 2017, following discussion between the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction and MSD, Treasury and DPMC officials, this report was forwarded on to you. In addition, we provided you with a briefing on the report's proposals and, in particular, potential implications for the Children's portfolio. Oranga Tamariki is providing input into further advice on the options indicated in the report. We anticipate that this will be delivered to the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction by next week. We will continue to keep you informed on progress with this work and its impacts for the Children's portfolio. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)</p>

1.4	Update on Inquiry on Abuse in State Care
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Inquiry team had an introductory meeting with you on 9 November 2017. • At that meeting, you agreed that within the 100 day timeframe, we should look to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - finalise Terms of Reference; - appoint an Inquiry head (at a minimum); and - have budget allocated. • The next immediate steps for the Inquiry team will be to commence engagement with key stakeholders on an informal basis and develop a Cabinet Paper recommending that a Ministerial sub-group is established to consider the purpose, nature and scope of the Inquiry. • On 10 November, we provided you with background information on the Historic Claims process, Never again, Human Rights Commission campaign and the Confidential Listening and Advice Service. • The team will engage with the Ministry of Social Development (and other relevant Ministries) regarding the progress of this first joint Cabinet Paper. • We will provide you and the Minister of Social Development an aide-memoire on Monday 13 November for the joint Ministers meeting between you and the Minister for Social Development on Tuesday 14 November. At this meeting, officials will discuss the draft Cabinet paper and next steps to commence work on set up activities.
	Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development

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2. Other Key Issues

2.1	Strategic Intentions and Report on Appropriations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 30 October 2017 we provided advice on the Ministry's Strategic Intentions 2017 - 2022 and Report on Appropriations 1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017. • These two documents have now been submitted to Parliament and tabled to meet statutory obligations for reporting, consistent with the Public Finance Act 1989. • We will work with you to ensure that we fully understand and respond to the new Government's priorities, which we will reflect in our operational and policy work. • Once the Government's new priorities are confirmed, we will also ensure that they are reflected in our accountability documents. In particular, we will work with you to revise our Strategic Intentions document, which will capture our medium to longer term priorities and how we intend to assess our performance. We anticipate most of this work will occur in early to mid-2018. However, we can also take a flexible approach to meet any expectations that you have. • We are available to discuss this further with you at your Status Meeting on Monday 13 November.
	Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence

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3. Updates

3.1	Care Package
	<i>For discussion</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 9 November, we provided you with a package of briefings on children and young people in care. The briefings provide information on the future vision for the Oranga Tamariki care system and the work underway to achieve this, including the development of national care standards regulations. They also provide information and data on the number of children and young people in out-of-home placements, as well as the number of caregivers providing placements for these children and young people. We are available to further discuss this with you at your Status Meeting on Monday 13 November ahead of providing you with a draft Cabinet paper on National Care Standards Regulations on 15 November.
	Contact: Trish Langridge, DCE Care Services [REDACTED]

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3.2	Budget Report
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Thursday 9 November, we presented you with the Budget 2018 Indicative Package [REDACTED] A full Budget 2018 report will be sent to you by 16 November.
	Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence [REDACTED]

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3.4	Office of the Children's Commissioner visits Puketai
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC) has a statutory role to visit all residences operated by Oranga Tamariki. These visits can be either announced or unannounced and the purpose is to assess the safety and quality of residential care services provided for young people. On Monday 6 November, OCC made an unannounced visit to the Dunedin Puketai care and protection residence to conduct this assessment. The process from here is that the OCC will write up its findings into an official report. We will be consulted and given an opportunity to comment before it is published by the OCC. We will keep your Office updated on this report.
	Contact: Trish Langridge, DCE Care Services [REDACTED]

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3.5	<p>United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child Monitoring Group</p> <p><i>For information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Children’s Commissioner, Judge Andrew Becroft, will be launching the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Monitoring Group (UMG) Report ‘Getting it Right: the Children’s Convention in Aotearoa’ (the report) at the 4th Childhood Studies Colloquium in Wellington on 13 November 2017. The report sets out the UMG and the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child’s concerns about children in New Zealand. These concerns include that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> too many children experience abuse, neglect and violence, particularly those in State care and in secure detention children are most likely to experience poverty and hardship compared to other population groups there are persistently disproportionate negative outcomes for Māori and Pacific children, and children with disabilities children rarely have a voice in decision making, and their views are often not considered when making rules or developing policies. We note that the Government has already signalled it will take action that will contribute to addressing these issues. In its report, the UMG recommends the Government take action in three areas to advance the rights of children in New Zealand. There are already initiatives either underway or planned that will address these recommendations. The report itself acknowledges the progress made since the establishment of Oranga Tamariki. We have worked with the Ministry of Social Development to provide more detailed advice on the report to your office and Minister Sepuloni’s office. This includes work already underway that addresses the UMG’s recommendations to the Government, and material to support any media inquiries. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>
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4. Leave Arrangements

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[Redacted] will be out of the country from Tuesday 14 November returning on Monday 20 November. [Redacted] will be covering and can be contacted on [Redacted] 9(2)(a)

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive [Redacted] 9(2)(a)

5. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings and Submissions

Cabinet Papers: MVCOT lead

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Business Unit
TBD	Inquiry into Abuse in State Care: Establish Sub-Group of Ministers.	Dec	Leadership and Organisational Development
TBD	Inquiry into Abuse in State Care: Key Decisions	Jan	Leadership and Organisational Development
TBD	Contingency fund drawdown	TBD	Policy, Investment and Evidence
TBD	Care Standards	TBD	Policy, Investment and Evidence

Cabinet Papers: Other agencies

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Other Ministry
TBD	Mental Health Inquiry (title to be confirmed)	Nov	Ministry of Health
TBD	Initial decisions to support making tertiary education and training affordable for all	Nov	Ministry of Education
TBD	Treasury Cabinet paper on Budget strategy and process	Nov	Treasury

Briefings and Submissions

Due Date	Title	Business Unit
13 Nov	Aide-memoire for joint Ministers meeting on the Inquiry into Abuse in State Care	Leadership and Organisational Development
15 Nov	Draft Care Standards Regulations	Policy, Investment and Evidence
16 Nov	Aide-memoire and Report on Child Poverty Reduction	Policy, Investment and Evidence
16 Nov	Budget 2018 report	Policy, Investment and Evidence

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6. Ministerial Services Information

Official Information Act Requests

As at 3 November 2017, you received two new requests for official information in your capacity as Minister for Children.

New Ministerial OIAs

Nil.

Current Ministerial OIAs

Requestor	Topic	Approach	Due Date
9(2)(a)	Request for: CAB-17-MIN-066, CAB-17-MIN 0101, and the report prepared for Cabinet on developing the care standards regulations	Currently consulting with relevant business units.	Extended until 28 November 2017
9(2)(a)	Request for BIM	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly.	1 Dec 2017
9(2)(a)	Copy of any briefings to the incoming Minister	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly.	1 Dec 2017

Written Parliamentary Questions

Nil.

Correspondence

As at 3 November 2017, the Ministry have two items of Ministerial correspondence from two individuals who have written to you about the name of the Ministry.

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7. Action Points from Officials Meeting

Meeting Date	Action Point: Please Provide	When Due / Status
01/11/17	Provide Minister with two aide me moires on changing the Ministry's name.	COMPLETED
01/11/17	Provide Minister with Senior Leaders Forum report	COMPLETED
01/11/17	Provide information on potential Site Visits	COMPLETED
01/11/17	Provide Minister's Office information on entitlements for OB/UCB and FCA where parents are incarcerated for less than 12 months	COMPLETED
01/11/17	Provide Minister's Office information on Youth Justice offending	COMPLETED
01/11/17	Inquiry into State Care draft Cabinet Paper to Minister	COMPLETED
01/11/17	Provide vision and values card and poster to the Minister	COMPLETED
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01/11/17	Provide Minister's Office with high level talking points about the most recent rate and likely reasons for this, in case of queries.	COMPLETED
01/11/17	Provide a memo outlining in more detail the drivers for this increase in Maori children and young people in care.	COMPLETED
01/11/17	Oranga Tamariki Partnership Group Memo	COMPLETED
6/11/17	Provide high level case scenarios that will be presented to the Minister.	13/11/17
6/11/17	Make amendments to the OTU status report	COMPLETED
6/11/17	Set up a further officials' meeting this week to discuss an initial draft of the first <i>Inquiry into Abuse in State Care</i> cabinet paper, and associated research.	COMPLETED
6/11/17	Set up a further officials' meeting as soon as possible to begin briefing Minister Martin on drivers for proposed Budget 2018 bids	COMPLETED
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Ministry for Vulnerable Children

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1. First 100 Days Commitments

1.1	<p>Families Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are continuing to work with the Ministry of Social Development, Inland Revenue and Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment on the Families Package. On 14 November you met with the Ministers Governance Group where decisions were made about Best Start, the Winter Energy Payment, Accommodation Supplement, consequential impacts and other matters. Following this, you will have received a joint report on Friday 17 November with further advice on the detailed design of the package. This included advice relevant to your portfolio on targeting and delivery of Best Start to OB/UCB and FCA caregivers. We also provided you with an aide-mémoire to be read alongside the report. We will work with other Ministry officials to prepare a Cabinet paper for consideration by Cabinet on Monday 27 November in order to meet the first 100 days commitments. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>
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1.2	<p>Inquiry on Abuse in State Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As agreed by you and Minister Sepuloni, we have now sent out the draft Cabinet paper (recommending that a Ministerial sub-group is established to consider the purpose, nature and scope of the Inquiry) for consultation with relevant Ministers and agencies. The paper is due to be considered at Cabinet Business Committee on 29 November before full Cabinet consideration on 4 December if approved. The Inquiry team has also commenced informal engagement with key stakeholders to discuss the scope of the Inquiry. This past week we spoke with [redacted] and [redacted]. We will continue to work with TPK on the best way of engaging Māori, and will work with your office to provide an opportunity for you to engage with Māori key stakeholders at an early stage (we will provide advice on this shortly). We are also working with your office to set time aside in relevant Ministers' diaries to progress understanding the scope of the Inquiry through the Ministerial Working Group leading up to the second Cabinet paper, and we have begun to work closely with DIA colleagues to ensure a seamless transition of work. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development</p>
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1.3	Child Poverty Reduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 14 November the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provided the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern with the following materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A report entitled 'Child Poverty Legislation: Further advice on specific matters' (prepared by the Ministry of Social Development in consultation with Oranga Tamariki, the Treasury and Statistics New Zealand). It outlines advice on options for targets, a strategy, and reporting in regards to child poverty reduction and legislation. ○ A draft Cabinet paper on legislating to drive action to reduce child poverty (which Oranga Tamariki has provided input to). • We understand that you will receive the report and draft Cabinet paper following feedback from the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction. We will then provide you with an accompanying briefing on the proposals and potential implications for the Children's portfolio.
	Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence [REDACTED]

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1.4	Name Change of the Ministry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last week we provided you with advice on the process, approach and costs of changing the Ministry's name. We agreed to provide you with further advice on the options available for the domain name. • Work is underway to understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Naming conventions administered by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and how they apply to Oranga Tamariki ○ How the public commonly refer to us and how this affects their expectation of domain names when accessing our services ○ Cultural appropriateness of abbreviations ○ Accessibility issues such as risk of misspelling. • We will provide a summary of our findings and a recommendation for the domain name to you by Thursday 23 November. We will seek your input on the preferred domain name. We will then be required to submit it for formal approval to DIA.
	Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development [REDACTED]

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2. Other Key issues

2.1	<p>Care Standards Regulations</p> <p><i>For discussion at 5pm Monday meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 15 November we provided a report and draft Cabinet paper on the proposed Care Standards Regulations for your feedback. The report also seeks your agreement to proceed with government agency consultation and consultation with the Office of the Children's Commissioner on the draft Cabinet paper and a draft Regulatory Impact Statement once your feedback is incorporated. We are meeting with you on Monday 20 November to discuss the paper. <p>Contact: Trish Langridge, DCE Care Services</p>	9(2)(a)
2.2	<p>Budget Package</p> <p><i>For discussion at 5pm Monday meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 17 November you received a report seeking to confirm your priorities for the 2018 Budget and providing you with information about each element of the proposed Budget package. We are meeting with you on Monday 20 November to discuss the paper. <p>Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>	9(2)(a)
2.3	<p>Manawatu Site Visits</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Tuesday 21 November, between 10am and 3.30pm, you will be visiting the Palmerston North based Youth Justice Residence, a remand family home and the Manawatu office. While there you will have the opportunity to meet with the young people in the youth justice system, staff working on the frontline and the leaders supporting them. Grainne Moss will also attend the site visits. We have provided your Office with an aide-memoire and run sheet. <p>Contact: Allan Boreham, DCE Youth Justice Services</p>	9(2)(a)

2.4	Erima Henare Reo Māori Development Awards
	<i>For discussion</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Erima Henare Reo Māori Development Awards are organised by the Ministry for Social Development Language Committee. The awards are named after the late Erima Henare, former head of the Māori Language Commission and father of the Minister for Whānau Ora, Peeni Henare Five staff members from Oranga Tamariki and five staff members from the Ministry for Social Development will be receiving awards at the event on Monday 20 November. You have been invited to attend this event. A run sheet, programme and a list of the award recipients have been provided to your Office. Minister Henare and Minister Sepuloni will also be in attendance.
	Contact: Grainne Moss, Chief Executive [REDACTED]

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3. Updates

3.1	Youth Justice Partnership to Benefit Māori Youth
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rongo Ātea is a kaupapa Māori youth alcohol and drug service provided by Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa Trust in Hamilton. It is the only youth residential service of its kind operating in New Zealand. A collaboration between Oranga Tamariki, Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa Trust and three Midland District Health Boards has helped to guarantee the centre's immediate future and expand its services to include Māori youth nationwide. As part of a new agreement, Rongo Ātea will provide two acute admission beds for use in aiding appropriate placement for young people in crisis. Additionally, two detox beds have been established. Rongo Atea currently provides a 10-week residential programme. However, from the start of the next financial year, a six-month programme will be added. The collaboration has been funded through the Oranga Tamariki Care Taskforce which has been established to address the immediate need for safe and stable places for children and young people requiring emergency care. Having high aspirations for Māori children and young people is a foundational building block for Oranga Tamariki. The Ministry is working closely with families, whānau, hapū and iwi via a number of initiatives to achieve the very best for tamariki Māori.
	Contact: Allan Boreham, DCE Youth Justice Services [REDACTED]

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3.2	Strengthening relationships in Wairarapa
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In early 2017 the Wairarapa site covered both the Masterton and Tararua districts. The site was found to be under significant pressures around workload, recruitment and leadership. This was impacting on the quality of social work and community engagement. • The Oranga Tamariki Regional Manager has led improvements to bring about positive change for the site. This includes splitting the site so leadership of Tararua is led from Hastings, appointing a permanent site manager, engaging with key stakeholders on the improvement plan, recruiting new staff, building staff capability and engaging with other agencies and iwi. • The performance of our Wairarapa site has improved considerably over the past four months and the team is working to build trust and restore confidence with the community. • The site team is meeting with a range of stakeholders and partners to update them on progress and work together to support good outcomes for tamariki in the Wairarapa. • The first of these was a meeting with his Honour Judge AP Walsh of the Wellington Family and Youth Court, where a number of issues were discussed and practice improvements agreed. • The Wairarapa Times-Age was also invited to spend a day in the Masterton office to better understand what Oranga Tamariki does and were invited to attend a case consult. • The visit will inform an insight piece aiming to raise awareness of some of the challenges facing young people and their whānau. This week the Wairarapa Times-Age also reported on one of our carers and the positive experience she has had being a foster parent.
	<p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Alison McDonald, DCE Services for Children and Family South [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)</p>

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4. Leave Arrangements

There is no scheduled leave for the week ending 24 November.

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive
[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

5. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings and Submissions

Cabinet Papers: Oranga Tamariki lead

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Business Unit
CBC	Inquiry into Abuse in State Care	29 Nov	Leadership and Organisational Development
CBC	Contingency fund drawdown	13 Dec	Policy, Investment and Evidence
CBC	Inquiry into Abuse in State Care: Key Decisions	Jan 2018	Leadership and Organisational Development
TBD	Care Standards	TBD	Policy, Investment and Evidence

Cabinet Papers: Other agencies

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Lead Ministry
CBC	Mental Health Inquiry (title to be confirmed)	20 Nov	Ministry of Health
Cabinet	Budget strategy and process	20 Nov	Treasury
Cabinet	Families Package	27 Nov	TBD
TBD	Initial decisions to support making tertiary education and training affordable for all	Nov	Ministry of Education

Briefings and Submissions

Due Date	Title	Business Unit
21 Nov	Joint report with MSD on the Responsibilities for the Office of the Children's Commissioner	Policy, Investment and Evidence
22 Nov	Advice on section 70A of the Social Security Act 1964	Policy, Investment and Evidence
23 Nov	Advice on Domain Name Options	Leadership and Organisational Development
23 Nov	Advice on contingency fund drawdown Cabinet paper	Policy, Investment and Evidence

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6. Ministerial Services Information

Official Information Act Requests

As at 10 November 2017, you received two new requests for official information in your capacity as Minister for Children.

New Ministerial OIAs

	Requestor	Topic	Approach	Due Date
9(2)(a)	[REDACTED]	Portfolio briefing documents provided to the Minister for Children	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly	1 Dec 2017
9(2)(a)	[REDACTED]	Briefing to the Incoming Minister document	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly	21 Nov 2017

Current Ministerial OIAs

	Requestor	Topic	Approach	Due Date
9(2)(a)	[REDACTED]	Request for: CAB-17-MIN-066, CAB-17-MIN 0101, and the report prepared for Cabinet on developing the care standards regulations. This follows on from her previous request of 14 September 2017 for a copy of the Cabinet papers related to the establishment of the Ministry	Currently consulting with relevant business units	Extended till 28 November 2017
9(2)(a)	[REDACTED]	Request for BIM	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly	1 Dec 2017
9(2)(a)	[REDACTED]	Copy of any briefings to the incoming Minister	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly	1 Dec 2017

Written Parliamentary Questions

As at 10 November 2017, two Parliamentary questions were received. These were transferred to the State Services Commission for response.

Correspondence

As at 10 November 2017, the Ministry has five pieces of Ministerial correspondence to complete. These include suggestions for the name change of the Ministry and inquiries into the historic abuse of children.

7. Action Points from Officials Meeting

Meeting Date	Action Point	When Due / Status
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13/11/17	Provide advice on Ministry domain name options	23/11/17

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1. First 100 Days Commitments

1.1	<p>Families Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oranga Tamariki has been working with the Ministry of Social Development, Inland Revenue, Treasury and the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment on the Families Package. You met with the Ministerial Governance Group on 20 November where decisions were made about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> income testing Best Start payments and ring-fencing these payments while caregivers are on a main benefit; impacts of the Winter Energy Payment scheme; and implementation costs for the Families Package. A Cabinet paper on the Families Package, submitted by the Minister of Finance, will be considered by Cabinet on Monday 27 November. This paper seeks approval to draft an omnibus bill. We provided you with an aide-mémoire and talking points on Friday 24 November, to support you in Cabinet. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>
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1.2	<p>Child Poverty Reduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following feedback from the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, work is underway to update the draft Cabinet paper on legislating to drive action to reduce child poverty. You will be provided with a version of the draft Cabinet paper next week. Alongside this, we will provide you with a briefing on the paper's proposals, including potential implications for the Children's portfolio. We expect the Cabinet paper to be finalised and lodged next week, and it is intended that draft legislation will be introduced in December 2017. We will continue to keep you informed on progress with this work and its impacts for the Children's portfolio. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>
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1.3	<p>Inquiry on Abuse in State Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Cabinet paper seeking agreement to create a Ministerial Working Group to guide decision-making on the establishment of the Inquiry was lodged on 23 November, and will be considered at Cabinet Business Committee on 29 November. If approved, the paper will go to Cabinet for agreement on 4 December. The Inquiry team is continuing informal engagement with key stakeholders. This past week we spoke with [REDACTED] On Monday 27 November we are meeting with [REDACTED] A hui is scheduled with Māori stakeholders for 4 December, and you have agreed to attend
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	<p>and listen to the key discussions on the Inquiry. Attendees will include some Oranga Tamariki Māori Design Group members and other relevant individuals, as discussed in the joint Ministers' meeting on 14 November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are working with the Oranga Tamariki Pacifica Panel to capture the views of Pacific peoples on the Inquiry. The Inquiry team has a session with the Panel at its next meeting on 29 November. You have also agreed to meet with the Panel for part of this day. In anticipation of the initial Cabinet paper being approved, Ministerial Working Group meetings have been scheduled for 11 and 18 December to discuss the substance of the second Cabinet paper. Briefing papers for the first Working Group meeting will be provided to you and Minister Sepuloni in advance of the wider Ministerial Working Group meeting. <p>Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development</p>
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1.4	Name Change of the Ministry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Friday 24 November you received options and recommendations for a new domain name for the Ministry, should the Ministry's name change. <p>Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development</p>

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2. Other Key Issues

2.1	Budget 2017 Contingency Drawdown Cabinet Paper
	<p><i>For discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 24 November you received a copy of the draft Cabinet paper on the Budget 2017 contingency drawdown together with additional information on transition support service initiatives and the Remand Option Investigation tool. We are available to discuss this with you at the Status Meeting on Monday 27 November. <p>Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>

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2.2	Understanding Harm Experienced by Children and Young People in Care During 2015/16
	<p><i>For discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 21 November we provided you a copy of the report "Understanding Harm Experienced by Children and Young People in Care During 2015/16". We have provided your office with further information on 24 November 2017. We plan to release this document next week and we are available to discuss this with you at the Status Meeting on Monday 27 November. <p>Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>

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2.3	Strategic Partnering Overview
	<i>For discussion</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 24 November we provided you with an A3 on our strategic partnering work with Non-Government Organisations (NGOs). We are available to discuss this with you at the Status Meeting on Monday 27 November.
	Contact: Celia Patrick, DCE Partnering for Outcomes [REDACTED]

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2.4	Children's Commissioner Meeting
	<i>For discussion</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 27 November you are meeting with Judge Andrew Becroft, Children's Commissioner. On 22 November we provided you and the Minister for Social Development a joint report on the Ministerial arrangements relating to the Office of the Children's Commissioner. You have also received three reports on the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT) from the Office of the Children's Commissioner. On 24 November we provided you with an aide-memoire for this meeting and we are available to discuss this with you at the Status Meeting on Monday 27 November.
	Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive [REDACTED]

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3. Updates

3.1	Caregiver Recruitment Marketing Facebook Video
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 30 November we will launch our first caregiver story via the Oranga Tamariki Facebook page. The video will be the first of three, with two further caregiver story videos planned to be released via our Facebook page in January and late February. These videos will lay the foundation for our caregiver recruitment marketing programme that will start in April of next year. The video features a caregiver called Michelle, a single woman who looks after four children, who is based in Wellington. Michelle is Māori and speaks freely about the benefit of connecting tamariki with their extended whānau, and how rewarding it is when you know your support is making a difference.
	Contact: Hoani Jeremy Lambert, Tamariki Advocate, DCE Voices of Children [REDACTED]

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3.2	VOYCE and the Ministry Partnership with Fly Buys
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We provided you with an aide-memoire on VOYCE – Whakarongo Mai on Thursday 23

	<p>November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earlier this year the group and the Ministry began discussions with Fly Buys New Zealand on potential ways to partner together. • A partnership between Fly Buys New Zealand and VOYCE – Whakarongo Mai is now live, giving the 1.6 million Fly Buys members an opportunity to use their points to buy gifts, such as sporting gear and musical instruments, for young people in care via the “Points for Purpose” gifting option.
	<p>Contact: Hoani Jeremy Lambert, Tamariki Advocate, DCE Voices of Children [REDACTED]</p>

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3.3	Ministry Staff Using the New Practice Framework
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As you know we launched the Ministry’s new practice framework at the Leader’s Forum on 7 November. • The framework, standards, and guidance material went live on our intranet site on the same day. All staff have access to this information. • Since being made available, there have been 11,714 visits to the practice framework home page. • There will be a continued strong focus on the practice standards over the next few months as we work towards embedding them into everyday practice. • This work will include further skills-based learning and development material, support and training modules for supervisors, and a monthly communication to keep staff engaged with the standards.
	<p>Contact: Paul Nixon, Chief Social Worker/Director Professional Practice [REDACTED]</p>

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3.4	Helensville Community Meeting
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives from the Orewa Site attended a Helensville Community meeting on 20 November 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to come up with initiatives to address difficult teenagers in the area as a community. • The meeting was led by Kaipara College and included representatives from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oranga Tamariki ○ Kaipara College ○ Health West (an NGO) ○ Springboard (an education sector Charitable Trust) ○ Helensville Women and Family Centre ○ New Zealand Police ○ other local NGOs. • The meeting went well and the community has come up with a draft plan that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 to 2 Oranga Tamariki social workers to work from the Helensville area to allow for immediate engagement when required ○ putting together a package for families new to the area listing the services that are available ○ working together to deal with truancy ○ more joined up information sharing between the local school and Oranga Tamariki. • Oranga Tamariki and the other attendees will now meet and finalise the plan.
	<p>Contact: Glynis Sandland, DCE Services for Children and Families North [REDACTED]</p>

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4. Leave Arrangements

There are no leave arrangements for the week ending 1 December 2017.

Contact: Grainne Moss, Chief Executive [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

5. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings and Submissions

Cabinet Papers: Oranga Tamariki lead

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Business Unit
TBD	Child Poverty Cabinet paper	27 Nov	Policy, Investment and Evidence
CBC	Inquiry into Abuse in State Care	29 Nov	Leadership and Organisational Development
CBC	Contingency fund drawdown	13 Dec	Policy, Investment and Evidence
CBC	Inquiry into Abuse in State Care: Key Decisions	Jan	Leadership and Organisational Development
TBD	Care Standards	TBD	Policy, Investment and Evidence

Cabinet Papers: Other agencies

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Lead Ministry
Cabinet	Families Package	27 Nov	Treasury
CBC	Medical cannabis for the terminally ill and patients with chronic pain: 100-Day Action Plan	29 Nov	Ministry of Health
CBC	Establishing an Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction	29 Nov	Ministry of Health
TBD	Initial decisions to support making tertiary education and training affordable for all	Nov	Ministry of Education

6. Ministerial Services Information

Official Information Act Requests

As at 17 November 2017, you received no new requests for official information in your capacity as Minister for Children.

New Ministerial OIAs

Nil.

Current Ministerial OIAs

Requestor	Topic	Approach	Due Date
9(2)(a)	Request for: CAB-17-MIN-066, CAB-17-MIN 0101, and the report prepared for Cabinet on developing the care standards regulations This follows on from her previous request of 14 September 2017 for a copy of the Cabinet papers related to the establishment of the Ministry	Minister's Office consulting with DPMS	Extended until 28 November 2017
9(2)(a)	Request for BIM	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly. Awaiting advice from SSC on publishing.	1 Dec 2017
9(2)(a)	Request for all communications related to the development of BIM	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly. Awaiting advice from SSC on publishing.	1 Dec 2017
9(2)(a)	Copy of any briefings to the incoming Minister	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly. Awaiting advice from SSC on publishing.	1 Dec 2017
9(2)(a)	Portfolio briefing documents provided to the Minister for Children	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly. Awaiting advice from SSC on publishing.	1 Dec 2017
9(2)(a)	Briefing to the Incoming Minister' document	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly. Awaiting advice from SSC on publishing.	21 Nov 2017

Written Parliamentary Questions

As at 17 November 2017, the Ministry has received one Written Parliamentary Question. The response was provided to your Office on 17 November.

Correspondence

As at 17 November 2017, the Ministry has six pieces of Ministerial correspondence to complete. These include suggestions for the name change of the Ministry and inquiries into the historic abuse of children.

7. Action Points

There are no outstanding action points.

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1. First 100 Days Commitments

1.1	<p>Child Poverty Reduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSD and DPMC have drafted a Cabinet paper – ‘Legislating to drive action to reduce child poverty’. This outlines proposals for a new Child Poverty Bill to achieve a significant and sustainable reduction in child poverty and to enhance the overall wellbeing of children. We expect that the paper will be considered by the Cabinet Business Committee on 6 December 2017. We will provide you with an aide memoire to support you at that meeting. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>
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1.2	<p>Families Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Cabinet paper on the Families Package was considered by Cabinet on Monday 27 November. Following Cabinet agreement, an omnibus bill – the Families Package (Income Tax and Benefits) Bill is being drafted for consideration at the 11 December 2017 Cabinet meeting. A significant number of legislative amendments will be required to implement the Families Package. Cabinet has agreed that you, along with the Ministers of Finance, Housing and Urban Development, Revenue, and Social Development will have delegated authority, prior to the Bill’s introduction and without further reference to Cabinet, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> approve necessary policy changes to components of the Families Package resolve any minor policy, fiscal or administrative issues consistent with the aims of the Families Package make decisions about whether and how to compensate a group of low-income working families who appear to be disadvantaged relative to what they would have received under the previous Government’s Budget 2017. A paper on opt out requirements for the Winter Energy Payment has been provided to the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Social Development and they will update joint Ministers, including yourself, on their decision and inform Cabinet when the bill is discussed on 11 December 2017 You have received a paper from other agencies for your information on compensation of a group of low-income working families who appear to be disadvantaged relative to what they would have received under the previous Government’s Budget 2017. On 1 December Oranga Tamariki officials provided advice to your office on both papers, including whether these proposals will have any implications for Orphans’ Benefit, Unsupported Child’s Benefit and Foster Care Allowance caregivers. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>
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1.3	<p>Inquiry on Abuse in State Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be taking the first Cabinet paper to Cabinet on 4 December. The Inquiry team is continuing informal engagement with key stakeholders. This past week we spoke with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Redacted] 9(2)(a) [Redacted] [Redacted] (Social Workers) [Redacted] 9(2)(a)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [REDACTED] • The inquiry team also met with the Pasifika Panel on 29 November to hear their views. • We are continuing to schedule as many meetings as possible with key stakeholders. • On 4 December you have been invited to attend and listen to the key discussions on the inquiry from Māori stakeholders. Attendees will include some of the Oranga Tamariki Māori Design Group members, some iwi chairs or their nominees, nominated individuals with subject matter expertise and Oranga Tamariki and Te Puni Kōkiri representatives. An agenda and aide memoire has been provided to you. • In anticipation of the first Cabinet paper being approved, Ministerial Working Group meetings have been scheduled for 11 and 18 December to discuss the substance of the second Cabinet paper. Briefing papers for the first Working Group meeting will be provided to you and Minister Sepuloni in advance of the wider Ministerial Working Group meeting. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development</p>	9(2)(a)
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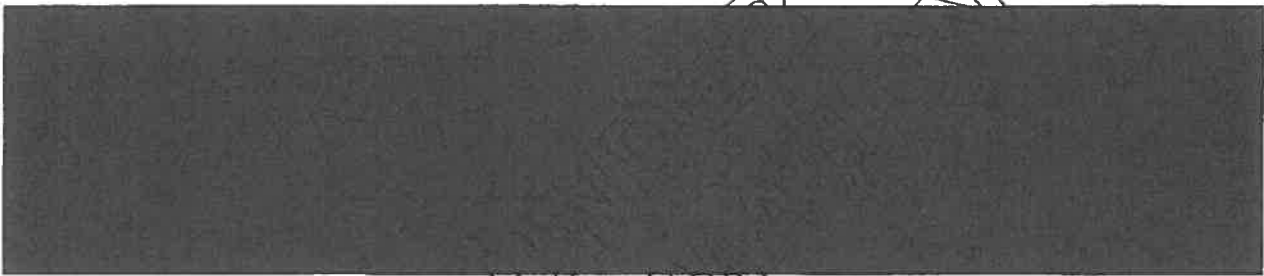
1.4	Ministry Name Change and Domain Name Change Options	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The timelines for changing the Ministry's name are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will provide you with speaking notes and draft recommendations seeking agreement to the name Oranga Tamariki, Ministry for Children for you to table at Cabinet on Monday, 11 December. This material will include estimated costs of the name change and some Q&As. ○ Once Cabinet has agreed, the State Services Commission will then need to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Council Office. ○ It is feasible to get agreement to the name change before the house rises, if you take the Order in Council directly to Cabinet on Monday, 18 December, and the Executive Council agrees immediately after. The name change could then be gazetted on 21 December, and the name change come into effect on 18 January. ○ Alternatively, you could take the Order in Council to the Cabinet Legislative Committee on 21 December, followed by Cabinet and the Executive Council in January, with the name change coming into effect 28 days later. ○ Or you could take the Order in Council to the Cabinet Legislative Committee in January, followed by Cabinet and the Executive Council, with the name change coming into effect 28 days later. • We provided you with an aide memoire about domain name options on 23 November, and are available to discuss these with you at the Status Meeting on Monday 4 December. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development</p>	9(2)(a)

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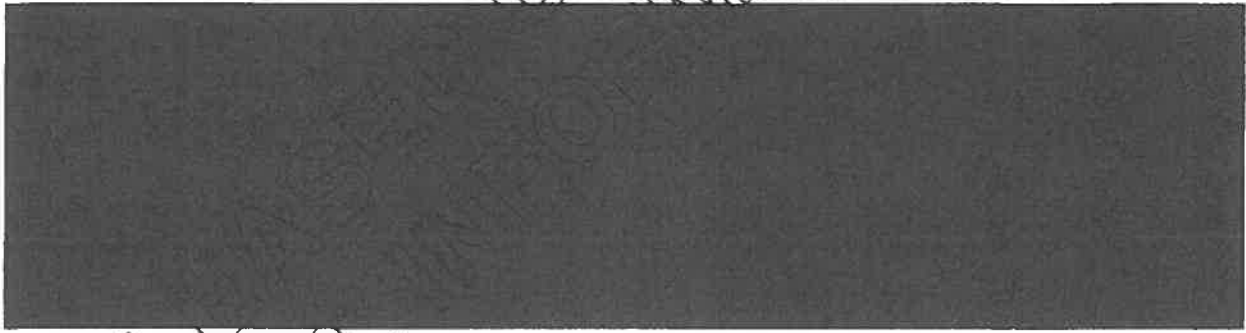
2. Other Key issues

2.1	Cross Agency Governance Mechanisms and meeting with Chair of Vulnerable Children's Board (VCB)
	<i>For discussion</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Friday 1 December, we provided you with an aide memoire on the current cross agency governance mechanisms. We also provided you with possible talking points for your meeting with the Chair of the Vulnerable Children's Board on Tuesday 5 December. We are available to discuss these papers with you at the Status Meeting on Monday 4 December.
	<p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>

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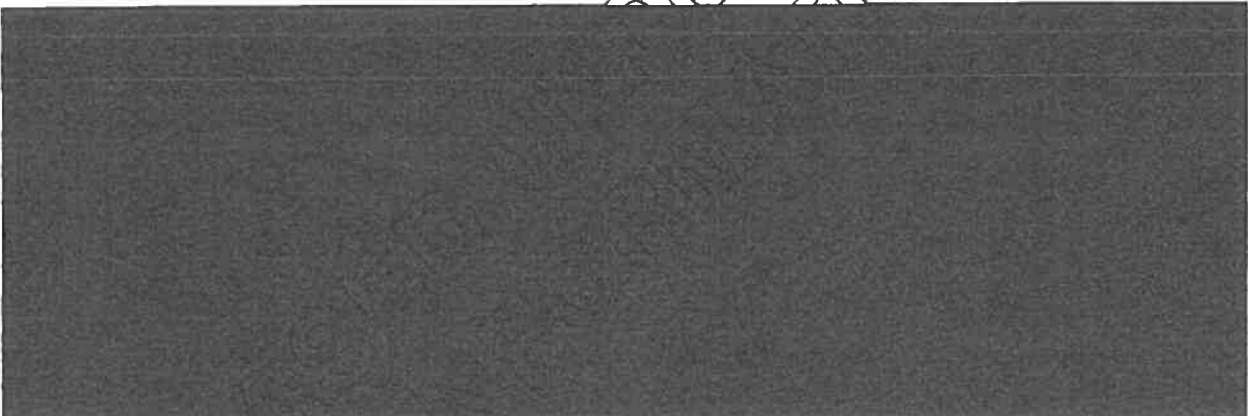
3.1	Remand Option Investigation Tool Pilot
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Budget 2017 Contingency Drawdown report provided to you on 24 November included information on the Remand Option Investigation Tool. The tool supports balanced decision making when determining a child or young person's remand status in Youth Court. We are seeking Contingency Fund drawdown funding to cover the on-going piloting,

	<p>evaluation and refinement of the tool, including the development of a digital version, informed by the findings from the paper based trials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An eight week pilot of the tool commenced on 20 November 2017 at the Manukau Youth Court. • The pilot involves the tool being used at court every morning by representatives from Police, Oranga Tamariki, health, education and the duty Youth Advocate. • On the first day of the pilot, there was one arrest – a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has an extensive care and protection history and is currently in the care of the Chief Executive (i.e. section 101 custody of the Oranga Tamariki Act). • Although police were initially opposing bail, after using the tool a recommendation of bail to home under strict bail conditions was determined and endorsed by the judge. • The tool was successful in its intent to provide comprehensive information to inform a balanced decision by the Youth Court to the remand status of this young person. • At the end of the eight week trial, the tool will be evaluated. The tool will be trialled twice more in early 2018, in Christchurch and Rotorua. <p>Contact: Allan Boreham, DCE Youth Justice Services [REDACTED]</p>
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<p>3.3</p>	<p>Residences National Speech Competition</p> <p><i>For information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 29 November our Care and Protection and Youth Justice residences held a national speech competition. This was the result of each residence holding their own 'heats' on site and choosing a winner to represent their residence at the final. • Eight young people travelled to Wellington to present their winning speeches in front of an audience and judges Allan Boreham, [REDACTED] and Hoani Lambert. • The topics the young people spoke on were: My Journey, My Hopes, My Dreams; This is my voice, Hear me roar and Where's my apology letter? They presented their speeches in a variety of ways including rap and drawing on their own cultural heritage. • The care and protection winner used Tupac Shakur as her inspiration and based her speech around a quote: 'the rose that grew from concrete'. • The [REDACTED] winner was a [REDACTED] female [REDACTED]. <p>Following her win she has sent us a letter of thanks:</p> <p><i>"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my story to people who wanted to hear it. This was an experience I will forever cherish saying my story and what has happened to me has taken a lot of weight off my shoulders and I feel I have opened up a lot of people's eyes about the life of a child growing up in the system."</i> She goes on to say she has been inspired by knowing, from the feedback she received from the care and protection children there on the day, that her story is helping them to have the right mindset and</p>
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	<p>goals to make a difference - "...thank you for helping me help people in need....and this opportunity to have our say."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry is planning to make the speech competition an annual event.
	<p>Contact: Allan Boreham, DCE Youth Justice Services [REDACTED]</p>

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4. Leave Arrangements

There is no planned leave for next week.

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive [REDACTED]

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5. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings and Submissions

Cabinet Papers: Oranga Tamariki lead

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Business Unit
Cabinet	Establishing an Inquiry into Abuse of Children in State Care	4 December 2017	Leadership and Organisational Development
Cabinet	Ministry Name Change (oral item)	11 December 2017	Leadership and Organisational Development
CBC	Budget 2017 Contingency Drawdown	13 December 2017	Policy, Investment and Evidence
CBC	Inquiry into Abuse of Children in State Care: Key Decisions	January 2018	Leadership and Organisational Development
TBD	Care Standards	TBD	Policy, Investment and Evidence

Cabinet Papers: Other agencies

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Lead Ministry
CBC	Legislating to drive action to reduce child poverty	6 December 2017	DPMC/Ministry for Social Development
Cabinet	Families Package Omnibus Bill	11 December 2017	Ministry for Social Development

CBC	A more humane and effective criminal justice system, and a safer New Zealand	13 December 2017	Ministry of Justice

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6. Ministerial Services Information

Official Information Act Requests

As at 24 November 2017, you received no new requests for official information in your capacity as Minister for Children.

Current Ministerial OIAs

Requestor	Topic	Approach	Due Date
9(2)(a)	Request for: CAB-17-MIN-066, CAB-17-MIN-0101, and the report prepared for Cabinet on developing the care standards regulations. This follows on from her previous request of 14 September 2017 for a copy of the Cabinet papers related to the establishment of the Ministry	Minister's Office consulting with DPMC.	Extended until 28 November 2017
9(2)(a)	Briefing to the Incoming Minister document	Refusal as the BIM is due to be released publicly. Awaiting advice from SSC on publishing. Extended due to consultation	15 Dec 2017

Written Parliamentary Questions

As at 24 November 2017, 28 Written Parliamentary Questions were received. The responses to these questions were provided to your Office on 28 November.

Correspondence

As at 24 November 2017, the Ministry has 14 pieces of Ministerial correspondence on hand to complete. Thirteen relate to the inquiry into the historic abuse of children while in state care, one is a request from an individual to be involved with improving the foster care system.

7. Action Points from Officials Meeting

There are no outstanding action points.

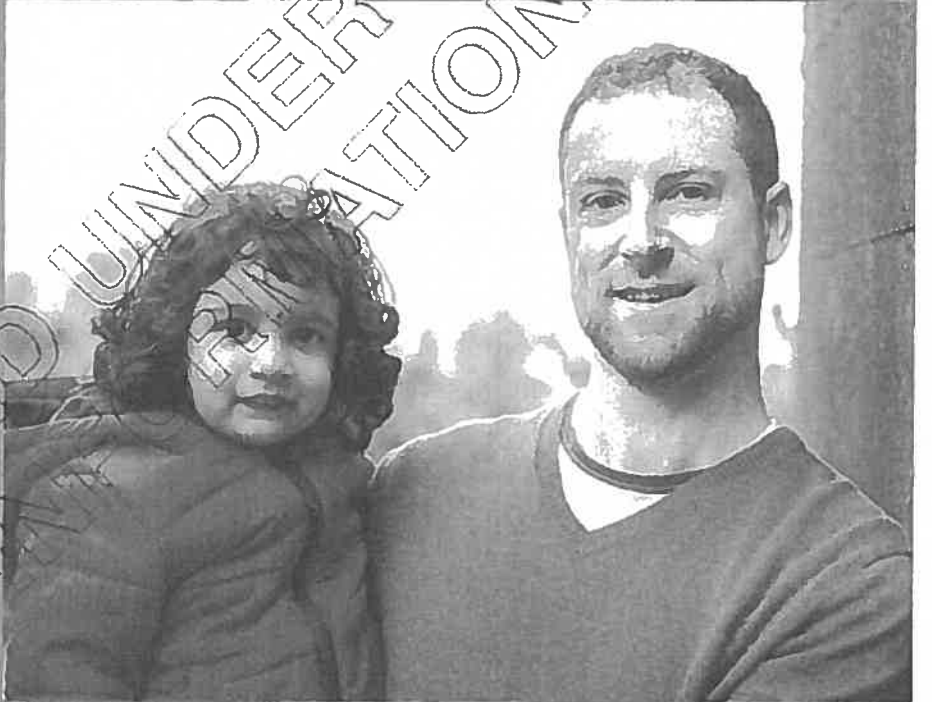
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1. First 100 Days Commitments

1.1	<p>Child Poverty Reduction and First Child Wellbeing Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Wednesday 6 December 2017, Cabinet Business Committee agreed to the recommendations outlined in the paper 'Legislating to drive action to reduce child poverty' to achieve a significant and sustainable reduction in child poverty and to enhance the overall wellbeing of children. Oranga Tamariki will continue to provide input to the Ministry for Social Development (MSD) and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) as the legislation is drafted, and will advise you, as appropriate, on implications for the Ministry and the Children's portfolio. On Thursday 7 December you met with the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction and officials to discuss the process for the development of the first Child Wellbeing Strategy (to be legislated for as part of the Child Poverty Bill). On Friday 8 December, we provided you both with a draft Cabinet paper on the process for your feedback. The proposed next steps are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Departmental consultation begins Wednesday, 13 December Ministerial consultation begins Thursday, 21 December Final draft to you and the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction on Wednesday, 17 January Cabinet Business Committee considers the paper on Wednesday, 24 January. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>
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1.2	<p>Families Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Cabinet paper on the Families Package was confirmed by Cabinet on Monday 27 November. Following Cabinet agreement, an omnibus bill – the Families Package (Income Tax and Benefits) Bill (the Bill) has been drafted. A Cabinet paper seeking agreement to the final Families Package, and agreement to lodge and pass the Bill under urgency, will be considered at the 11 December 2017 Cabinet meeting. We sent you an aide-memoire about this paper on Friday, 8 December, which highlighted the issues in the Cabinet paper that have implications for caregivers receiving Orphans' Benefit, Unsupported Child's Benefit and Foster Care Allowance. We understand announcements are to be made by you and other Ministers on Thursday 14 December. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>
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1.3	<p>Inquiry into Abuse in State Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first Cabinet paper recommending that a Ministerial sub-group is established to consider the purpose, nature and scope of the inquiry was confirmed by Cabinet on 4 December. A Ministerial Working Group will now meet on 11 and 18 December to cover the substance of the second Cabinet paper. Papers for the first Ministerial Working Group were provided to you and Minister
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Sepuloni on 7 December for wider distribution to the group. Following the meeting with you and Minister Sepuloni on 5 December, we have added further information to the section of the paper that discusses the time period that the Inquiry is tasked with considering.

- Papers for the 18 December Ministerial Working Group meeting will be provided to you and Minister Sepuloni on 12 December for your feedback. The papers will be provided to the wider Ministerial Working Group Ministers on 14 December.
- The Inquiry team completed its informal engagement with initial key stakeholders this week, meeting with:

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- 9(2)(a) [Redacted] (Advocate, Survivor)
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- The next engagement phase will be led by the Chair designate of the Inquiry and will focus on finalising the draft terms of reference. This engagement will likely commence in early February.
- A hui was held on 4 December where iwi leaders, survivors and key Māori stakeholders shared views about the setting up of the inquiry. Your attendance at this hui and at the Pasifika Panel on 29 November was positively received.

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Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development

1.4 Ministry Name Change

- On Thursday 7 December, we provided you with an aide-memoire and speaking points for your Oral item at Cabinet on Monday 11 December on the Ministry's name change.
- We are available to discuss this with you at the Status Meeting on Monday 11 December.

Contact: Paul Kissack, DCE Leadership and Organisational Development

2. Other Key issues

2.1	Clothing Allowance changes and the on-going School and Year Start Up Payment
	<i>For discussion</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Friday 8 December, we provided you with an aide memoire responded to questions from your office on funding for the Clothing Allowance and existing assistance already being provided to Orphans' Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit (OB and UCB) recipients through the School and Year Start Up Payment. We are available to discuss this issue with you at the Status Meeting on Monday 11 December.
	Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence

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2.2	Budget 2017 Contingency Drawdown Cabinet paper
	<i>For discussion</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Budget 2017 Contingency Drawdown paper has been lodged with Cabinet Office and will be considered by Cabinet Business Committee on Wednesday 13 December. We will provide you with an aide memoire, and talking points for this meeting on Tuesday 12 December. Your Office received late comments on the draft Cabinet paper from the Office of the Minister of Health indicating that the Ministry would like to engage more closely with us on some of the initiatives in the paper as they are further developed. We are following up on these comments with Ministry of Health officials. We are available to discuss these comments with you at the Status meeting on Monday.
	Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence

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2.3	Care Standards Regulations: Draft Cabinet Paper and Regulatory Impact Statement
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following initial consultation with you last month, we have consulted with government agencies and the Children's Commissioner on the draft Cabinet paper Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the proposed new Care Standards regulations. On Friday 8 December we provided you with a report updating you on the changes made to the Cabinet paper and RIS following this consultation and providing updated drafts to you for your feedback. We will incorporate any further feedback you have and provide you with a further update of the Cabinet paper and RIS for Ministerial consultation by 18 December.
	Contact: Trish Langridge, DCE Care Services

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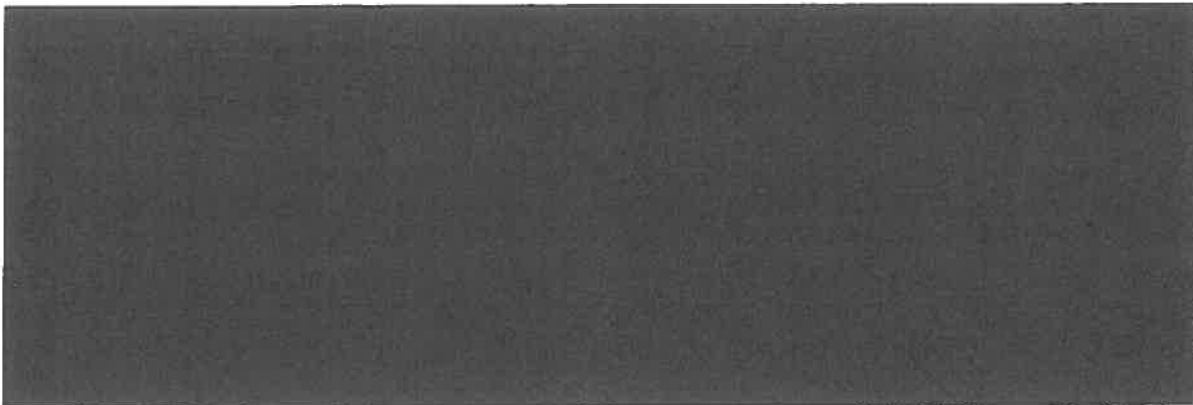
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3.3	Te Tai Tokerau Youth Justice Community Event
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Te Tai Tokerau Youth Justice team is partnering with Ngapuhi Iwi Social Services to recruit caregivers and raise awareness of child abuse and neglect. • On 30 November, we held a screening at Kohewhata Marae in Kaikohe of the recent New Zealand film <i>Waru</i> as a platform to ignite the conversations about child abuse and neglect. • Written and directed by nine Māori women, <i>Waru</i> is composed of eight short films all connected to the death of a young boy who dies at the hands of a family member. It has received critical acclaim and the directors are currently taking it to marae around the country to engage communities with the issues it raises about keeping children safe. • We invited 200 people from the community including whānau, kaumatua/kuia and kaimahi, who also participate in wananga post the screening about how we can reduce child abuse at a local level, but also bring support mokopuna across the country through extended whānau care. • Some of the directors were in attendance to lead discussions on our behalf; they are in a better position to hold those challenging conversations with whānau, hapu and iwi. • For them <i>Waru</i> demonstrates how tragic and irreversible the damage can be when we break whānau gatanga by failing to fulfil our role to the child. • Our role as Oranga Tamariki is to see how we can support whānau, hapu and iwi to step up, whether that is about providing them the opportunity to join our training, or working with community agencies to bring workshops to assist them to a better understanding of their young people and their life journey. • Caregiver recruitment resources were available for those that requested it, and kaimahi present were able to engage whānau in the work we do with our other supporting agencies.
	Contact: Allan Boreham, DCE Youth Justice Services

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3.2	Expanded Family Start Service helps a Family Keep Care of their New Daughter
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Start is an intensive early intervention home visitation programme for families with young children aged 0 – 12 months at the time of the referral, who are at risk of poor life outcomes. • Supported by the Family Services team in Oranga Tamariki, the service is delivered by a range of NGO's throughout New Zealand. Recently it has expanded to deliver services in rural South Otago, Central Otago, Upper Clutha and Queenstown Lakes. • This expansion featured in a recent newsletter from the southern Family Start provider

	(Anglican Family Care). The newsletter includes the story of Jodi who credits Family Start as playing a big part in her retaining custody of her fifth child and also Charles who found Family Start to be a 'comprehensive system of support' which helped him develop his parenting skills.
	Contact: Hoani Jeremy Lambert, DCE Tamariki Advocate/Voices for Children

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4. Leave Arrangements

9(2)(a) [redacted] will be on leave from 13 December, returning on 19 December. 9(2)(a) [redacted] will be covering 9(2)(a) [redacted] and can be contacted on 9(2)(a) [redacted]. 9(2)(a) [redacted] will be covering the Inquiry of abuse into state care work programme and can be contacted on 9(2)(a) [redacted].

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive 9(2)(a) [redacted]

5. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings and Submissions

Cabinet Papers: Oranga Tamariki lead

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Business Unit
Cabinet	Ministry Name Change (oral item)	11 December 2017	Leadership and Organisational Development
Cabinet	Families Package (Income Tax and Benefits) Bill	11 December 2017	Policy, Investment and Evidence
CBC	Budget 2017 Contingency Drawdown	13 December 2017	Policy, Investment and Evidence
Cabinet	Order in Council for Name Change	18 December 2017	Policy, Investment and Evidence
CBC	Process for Developing the First Child Wellbeing Strategy	24 January 2018	Policy, Investment and Evidence (with DPMC)
CBC	Care Standards	24 January 2018	Policy, Investment and Evidence
CBC	Inquiry into Abuse of Children in State Care: Key Decisions	January 2018	Leadership and Organisational

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Cabinet Papers: Other agencies

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Lead Ministry
Cabinet	Families Package Omnibus Bill	11 December 2017	Ministry for Social Development
CBC	A more humane and effective criminal justice system, and a safer New Zealand	13 December 2017	Ministry of Justice
Legislation Committee	Health Practitioners (Designation of Oral Health Therapy as Health Profession) Order 2017 and the Radiation Safety Amendment Regulations 2017	14 December 2017	Ministry of Health

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6. Ministerial Services Information

Official Information Act Requests

As at 1 December 2017, you received no new request for official information in your capacity as Minister for Children.

Current Ministerial OIAs

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Requestor	Topic	Approach	Due Date
	Request for CAB-17-MIN-066, CAB-17-MIN 0101, and the report prepared for Cabinet on developing the care standards regulations. This follows on from her previous request of 14 September 2017 for a copy of the Cabinet papers related to the establishment of the Ministry.	Minister's Office consulting with DPMC. Requestor has been kept updated.	Extended until 26 January 2017.
	A list of all reports, briefings, memos or aide memoires that you have received since you were sworn in as Minister for Children.	Currently being prepared.	18 Dec 2017

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Written Parliamentary Questions

As at 1 December 2017, two written Parliamentary Questions were received. The responses to these questions were provided to your Office on 30 November.

Correspondence

As at 1 December 2017, the Ministry has 19 pieces of Ministerial correspondence on hand to complete. Fifteen of those relate to the inquiry into the historic abuse of children while in state care.

7. Action Points from Officials Meeting

Meeting Date	Action Point	When Due / Status
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1. First 100 Days Commitments

1.1	Ministry Name Change
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Sector (Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children) and Ombudsmen Act (Schedule 1 Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children) orders have been drafted, following Cabinet’s agreement on 11 December to change the Ministry’s name to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children. A Cabinet paper has been drafted for consideration at the 18 December Cabinet meeting which seeks Cabinet’s authorisation to submit these orders to the Executive Council. On 15 December, we provided you with an aide memoire for this meeting and are available to discuss this with you further at the Status Meeting on 18 December. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>

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1.2	Families Package
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the announcement of the Families Package on Thursday 14 December, we provided a summary of the key changes relevant to the families we work with and a link to the Families Package Fact sheet in our online newsletter, Panui, which was sent to all staff on Thursday afternoon. National and regional managers will also communicate this information directly to key stakeholders. Next week we will be sending out the December issue of our external newsletter which goes to around 10,000 stakeholders. This will also include key information about the Families Package. The draft content of the newsletter was sent to your office on Friday 15 December. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>

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1.3	Child Poverty Reduction Bill and Child Wellbeing Strategy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oranga Tamariki will continue to provide input to MSD and DPMC officials as the Child Poverty Bill is drafted, and will advise you as appropriate on implications for the Ministry and the Children’s portfolio. Following agreement by you and the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, we have distributed a draft Cabinet paper on the process for developing the first Child Wellbeing Strategy to other agencies for consultation. Following departmental feedback, we expect that the paper will be distributed for Ministerial consultation from Thursday 21 December. We are aiming for the finalised paper to be considered by Cabinet Business Committee on Wednesday 24 January 2018. Additionally, we are attending consultation meetings on the Child Poverty Bill, to inform development of the strategy. This is expected to extend into 2018. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence</p>

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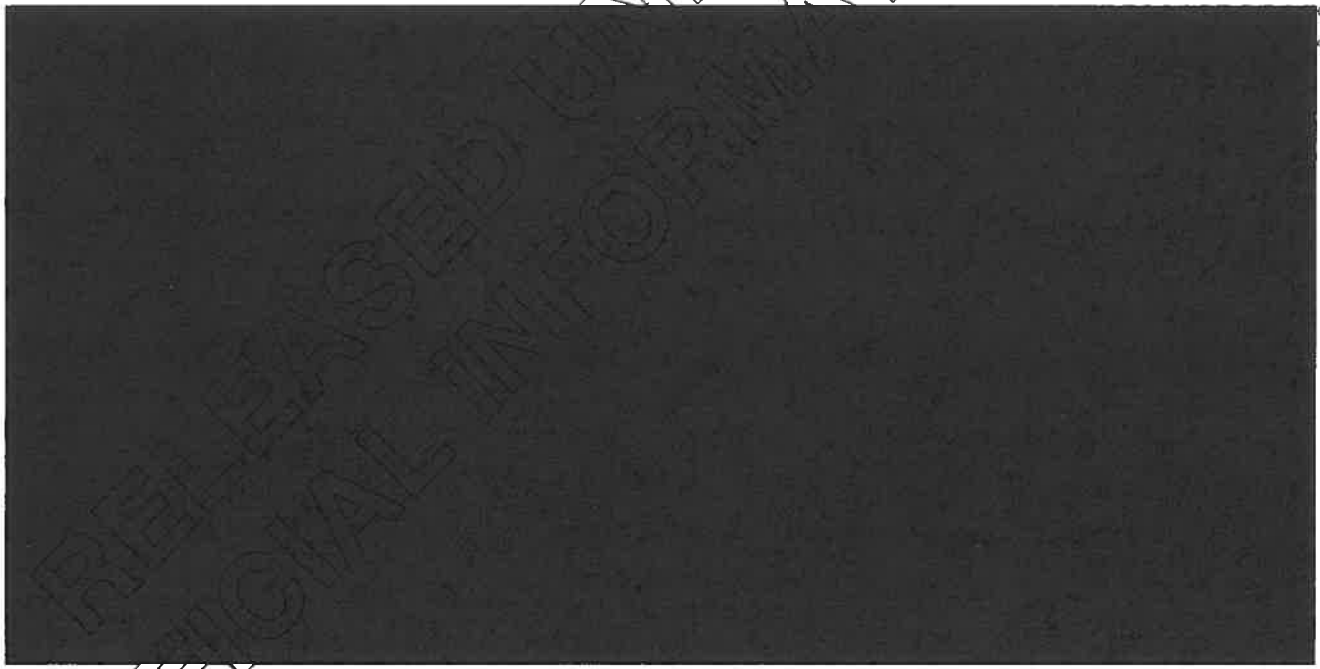
1.4	Inquiry into the Abuse in State Care
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministerial Working Group will meet for the second time on 18 December to discuss inquiry establishment questions, including the type of inquiry, reporting, appointments, structure and funding. On 15 December, a discussion paper was provided to you for wider distribution to the

	<p>Ministerial Working Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the second Ministerial Working Group meeting is due by 20 December. • The first draft of the second Cabinet paper is expected to be provided to you on 22 December for consultation. • On 15 December we also provided you with an aide memoire on the appointments process for the inquiry. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Hoani Lambert, DCE Tamariki Advocate/Voices for Children</p>
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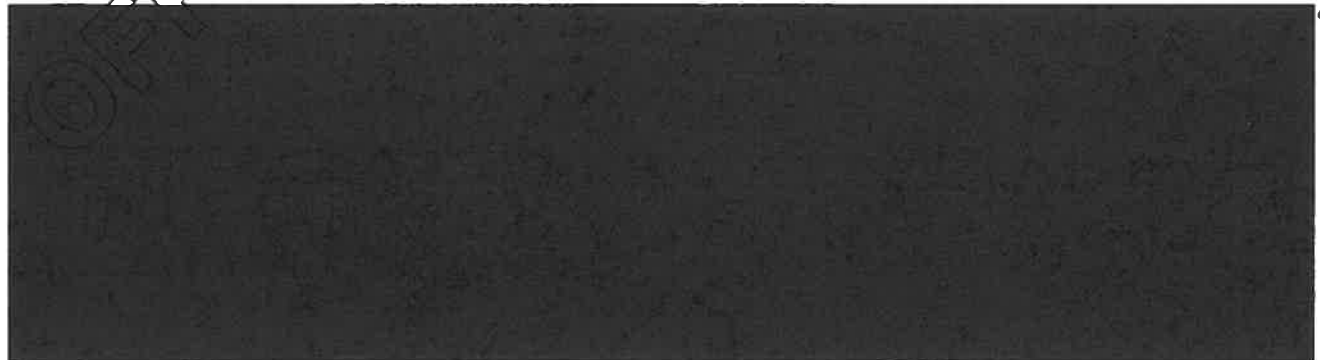
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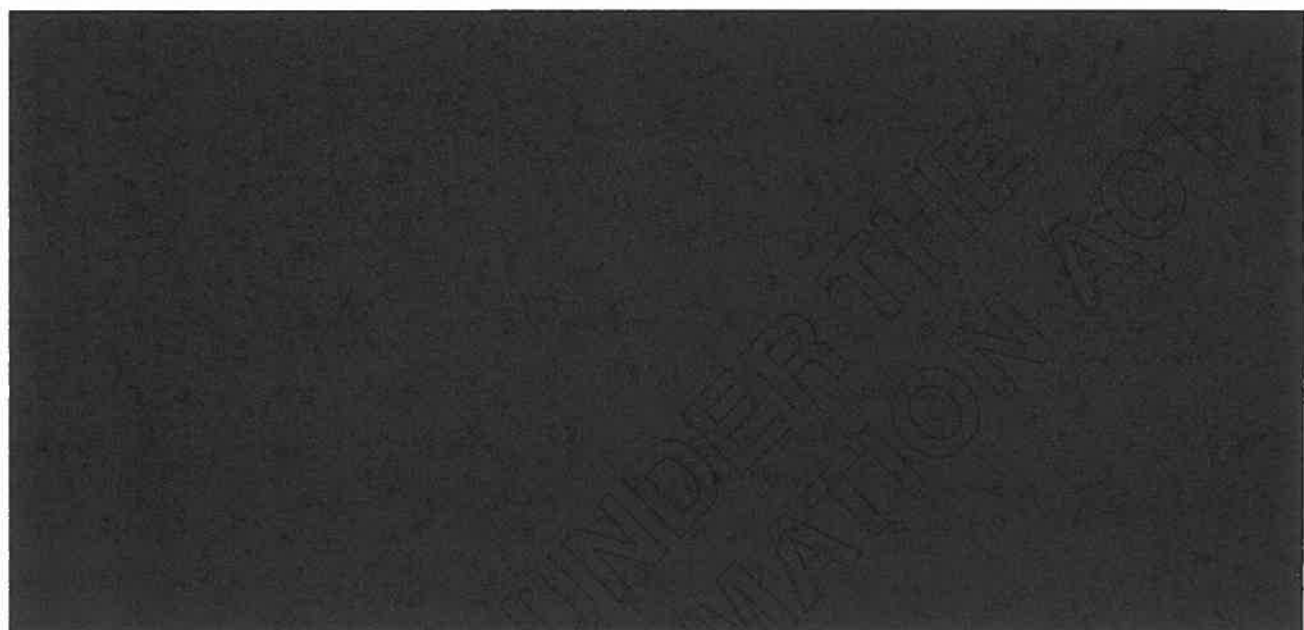
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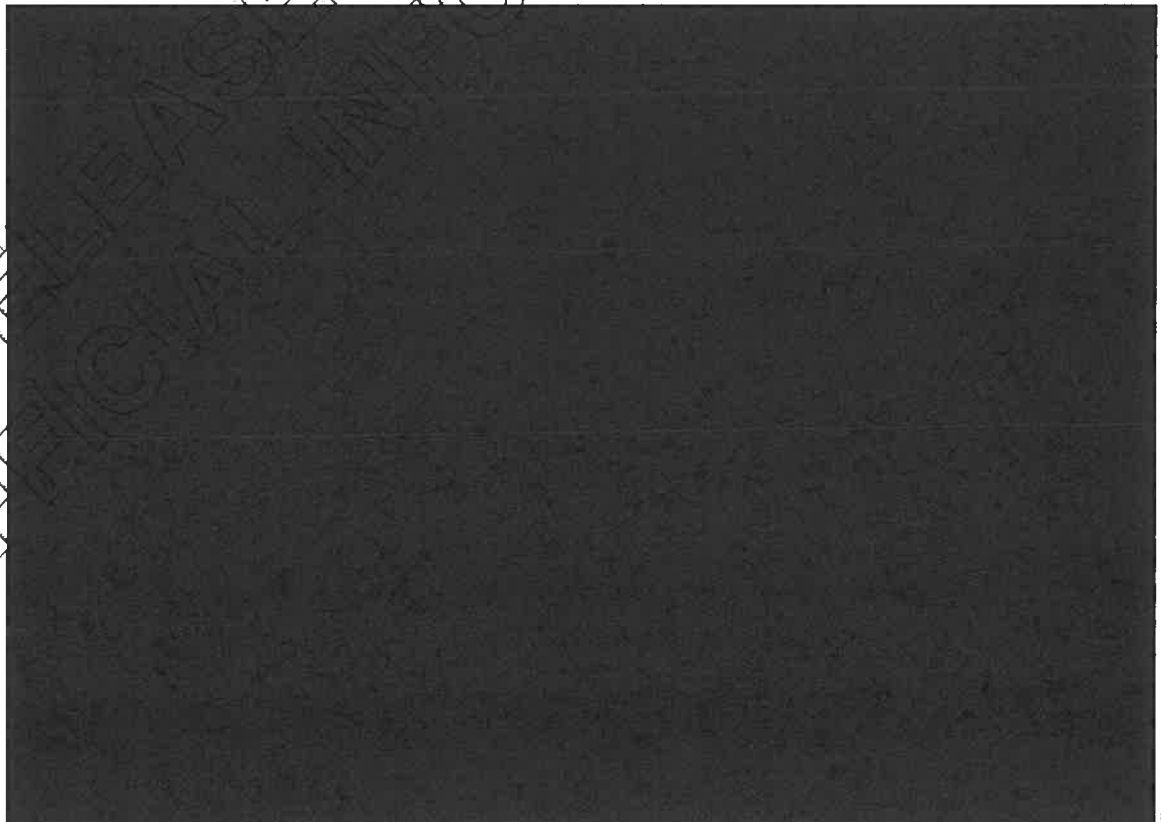
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2.4	2018 Legislation Programme
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	Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence	9(2)(a)

2.5	Budget 2017 Contingency Drawdown Cabinet Paper	
	<i>For information</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Budget 2017 Contingency Drawdown paper has been lodged with Cabinet Office and will be considered by Cabinet Business Committee on Wednesday 20 December. On Tuesday 12 December, we provided you with an aide memoire and talking points for this meeting. 	
	Contact: Jen Ritchie-Campbell, DCE Policy, Investment and Evidence	9(2)(a)

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3. Updates

3.1	Connecting Children to their Communities through Sports and Recreation	
	<i>For information</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We hosted four young people in Wellington last week for 'work ready' training. These young people have been referred to us from the Dingwall Trust as leaders who are passionate about helping children in care, and who want to pursue a career in fields such as sports science, social work and physiotherapy. Three of the young people will be working as activity coordinators in Christchurch East, Manurewa and Gisborne, working with a small selection of children in care, and their caregivers and social workers, to connect the children into sport and recreation opportunities. The young people have also been through the care system themselves, meaning they are in a unique position to be able to understand and relate to the children they will be working with. This initiative is a six-month pilot to June 2018. [REDACTED] 	9(2)(F)(iv)
	Contact: Hoani Lambert, Tamariki Advocate, DCE Voices of Children	9(2)(a)

3.2	Te Tumu Whakahaere o Te Wero, Nga Mokopuna o Ngāti Kahungunu	
	<i>For information</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Tumu Whakahaere o Te Wero (Te Wero) was formed by Ngāti Kahungunu in response to the need for a Māori viewpoint, strategy and vision for "Ngāti Kahungunu - a violence free Iwi". Te Wero is made up of a number of members from Ngāti Kahungunu, government organisations (including Oranga Tamariki), NGOs and Māori providers. 	

- Te Wero has since journeyed from addressing the issue of violence, to now encompassing the concept of whānau ora, the wellbeing of whānau across the broader spectrum including health, housing, employment, and education, and building/strengthening whānau networks of support.
- Te Wero, in collaboration with Oranga Tamariki and local NGO providers, has developed an initiative to look at providing direct services and support to pakeke (elders/grandparents) who are raising their mokopuna (grandchildren). It aims to:
 - provide a direct service to whānau to restore safety and wellbeing
 - create long-term change needed to prevent whakapapa o Ngāti Kahungunu requiring or re-entering Oranga Tamariki systems
 - assist whānau to access services to meet need, and draw upon their existing wider whānau/community resources to achieve long-term change
 - reduce service fragmentation and duplication, and address current gaps in frontline services.
- Oranga Tamariki staff in Napier site are working alongside Te Wero to identify, refer and co-monitor progress for whānau in need of the service. Oranga Tamariki, Ngāti Kahungunu, and Te Wero see this initiative as an exciting starting point to building a practical partnership to achieve long-term wellbeing outcomes for Ngāti Kahungunu whānau.

Contact: Alison McDonald, DCE Services for Children and Family South

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4. Leave Arrangements

We have provided your office with Officials leave arrangements for the Christmas period.

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive

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5. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings and Submissions

Cabinet Papers: Oranga Tamariki lead

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Business Unit
Cabinet	Order in Council for Name Change	18 December 2017	Policy, Investment and Evidence
CBC	Contingency Fund Drawdown	20 December 2017	Policy, Investment and Evidence
CBC	Process for Developing the First Child Wellbeing Strategy	24 January 2018	Policy, Investment and Evidence (with DPMC)

CBC	Inquiry into Abuse of Children in State Care: Key Decisions	24 January 2018	Leadership and Organisational Development
CBC	Care Standards	January 2018	Policy, Investment and Evidence

Cabinet Papers: Other agencies

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Lead Ministry
CBC	Mental Health Inquiry Establishment	January 2018	Ministry of Health
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6. Ministerial Services Information

Official Information Act Requests

As at 8 December 2017, you received no new request for official information in your capacity as Minister for Children.

Current Ministerial OIAs

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Requestor	Topic	Approach	Due Date
[REDACTED]	Request for CAB-17-MIN-066, CAB-17-MIN 0101, and the report prepared for Cabinet on developing the care standards regulations. This follows on from her previous request of 14 September 2017 for a copy of the Cabinet papers related to the establishment of the Ministry.	Minister's Office consulting with DPMC. Requestor has been kept updated.	Extended until 26 January 2017.
9(2)(a)	[REDACTED]	A list of all reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire that you have received since you were sworn in as Minister for Children.	Currently being prepared.

Written Parliamentary Questions

As at 8 December 2017, two written Parliamentary Questions were received. The responses to these questions were provided to your Office on 6 December.

Correspondence

As at 8 December 2017, the Ministry has 22 items of Ministerial correspondence. Fourteen of these relate to the inquiry into the historic abuse of children in state care.

7. Action Points from Officials Meeting

Meeting Date	Action Point	When Due / Status
11 December 2018	• Background aide memoire on Family Start	20/12/17

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1. First 100 Days Commitments

1.1	Ministry Name Change
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 17 January, we provided you with an aide-memoire on the implementation to date of the Ministry name change. As you are aware, the Ministry became Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children on 18 January. Over the next 12 weeks Oranga Tamariki will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll out new signage Rebrand brochures Update relevant IT systems and Change staff email addresses. We will provide you with updates as this work progresses.
	Contact: Alison McDonald, DCE, Services for Children and Family South [REDACTED]

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1.2	Child Wellbeing Strategy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 25 January, you and the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction took a paper to Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) on the Child Wellbeing Strategy. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is arranging a meeting with you and the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction early in February to discuss the engagement approach for the Child Wellbeing Strategy. Once the date is confirmed, we will provide you with advice on engagement principles to support this meeting. We are also preparing advice, based on the constructs in the Lifetime Wellbeing Model, to support the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction and yourself during the first reading of the Child Poverty Bill. Work is being done to set up a Child Wellbeing Strategy Unit, which will be staffed by secondments from across social sector government agencies. Expressions of interest close on 2 February.
	Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive [REDACTED]

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1.3	Child Poverty Reduction Bill
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 25 January, the Cabinet Legislation Committee considered a paper seeking approval to the introduction of a Child Poverty Reduction Bill. This paper was approved and following Cabinet approval, the Bill will be introduced on 31 January.
	Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive [REDACTED]

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1.4	Inquiry into the Abuse in State Care
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) is now leading work on the establishment of the Inquiry. The Oranga Tamariki Inquiry team is continuing to provide support where appropriate. A paper from you in your capacity as Minister of Internal Affairs, seeking agreement to establish the Inquiry and its purpose, scope and implementation, was considered by CBC on 25 January and is due to be considered by Cabinet on 30 January. The Cabinet paper provides two options for carrying out public consultation on the Inquiry's draft Terms of Reference. If Cabinet agrees to Option A, the paper seeks authorisation to submit an Order in Council to establish the Inquiry from 1 February. This Order has been drafted by the Parliamentary

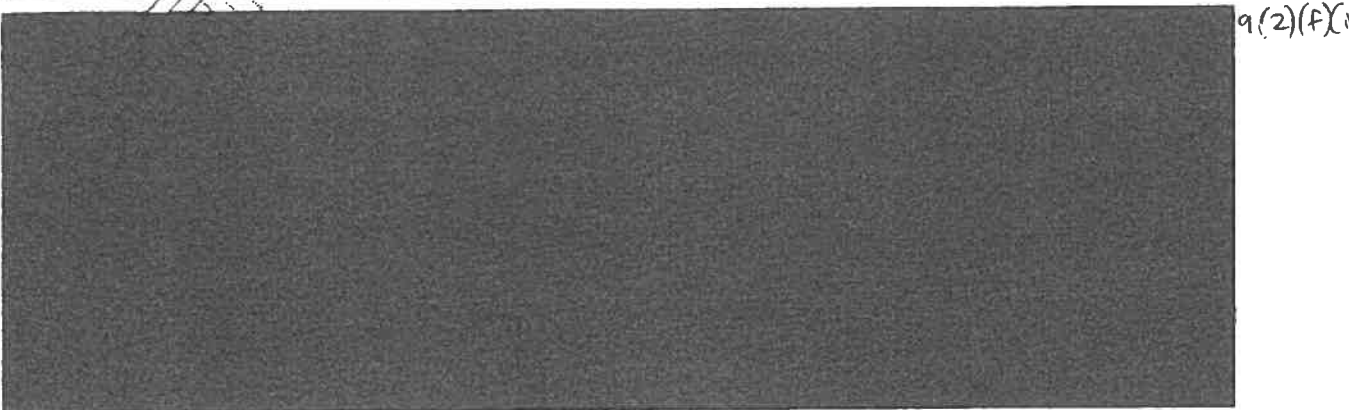
	<p>Counsel Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIA is working with you to identify an Inquiry Chair. It has been supported by the Crown Law Office as part of this process. • DIA will administer the Inquiry from 1 February. The Oranga Tamariki 100-day Inquiry team will soon be disestablished, although staff will be available to provide further information or advice, as appropriate, during the consultation on the draft Terms of Reference. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Hoani Lambert, DCE Tamariki Advocate/Voices for Children, [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)</p>
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2. Other Key Issues

2.1	Whānau Ora – Tranche Three Meeting with Hon Minister Henare
	<i>For discussion</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 25 January, we provided you with an aide-memoire for your 30 January meeting with Hon Minister Henare to discuss the Whānau Ora Tranche Three options. • We are available to discuss this further with you at the 29 January Status Meeting. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Celja Patrick, Deputy Chief Executive, Partnering for Outcomes [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)</p>

2.2	Care Standards Regulations
	<i>For information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 29 January, you will be provided with a Cabinet paper and Regulatory Impact Statement setting out the policy proposals for the Care Standards regulations for lodging with Cabinet Office. • You will be taking the Cabinet paper to CBC on 7 February. • We are available to discuss this at the 29 January Status Meeting. <p style="text-align: right;">Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)</p>



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3. Updates

3.1	Establishment of the Safety of Children in Care Expert Measurement Group
	<i>For Information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In November 2017, you received an Oranga Tamariki research report on the safety of children and young people in care. This research identified the need for a different approach to measuring and monitoring the safety of children and young people in care. Oranga Tamariki agreed to establish an expert group to propose a future official measurement approach for the safety of children and young people in care. In December 2017, the Chief Executive approved a proposed expert group comprised of key advisors and academics. Formal invitations are about to be sent to the following individuals: <div data-bbox="319 1108 1396 1512" style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 180px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> We are also in discussions with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists to identify a representative from their organisation to sit on the group. Once appointments are official, it is expected that the group will meet for the first time in February.
	Contact: Allan Boreham, DCE Youth Justice Services <div data-bbox="1220 1668 1396 1713" style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>

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3.2	Good News from Youth Justice Services
	<i>For Information</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of young people in cells for more than 24 hours over the Christmas holiday period (19 December 2017 to 8 January 2018) was ten. This was down from 15 for the previous year (20 December 2016 to 9 January 2017).

- The first 2018 Youth Court in Huntly was cancelled for the first time in 7 years, as there were no youth arrests to process. The Ministry has been working with Oranga Rangatahi in the area to integrate 24 of the most at-risk young people back into mainstream education; we believe this work can be attributed to the 7 year low.

Contact: Allan Boreham, DCE Youth Justice Services [redacted]

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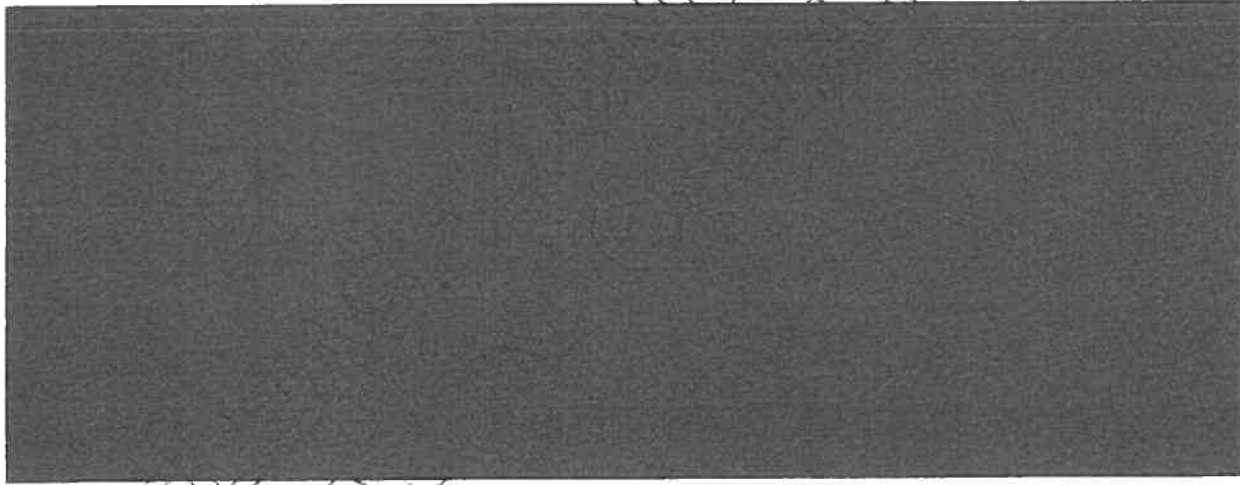
3.3 Changing Perceptions of Oranga Tamariki

For Information 9(2)(a)

- [redacted] recently received glowing feedback from a parent. The parent stated that [redacted] (for her child) worked with her to empower her and supported her to make safe decisions for her child in collaboration with other key agencies.
- [redacted] has used this feedback with her team as an example of changing a person's perception and experience of working with Oranga Tamariki. This is an excellent example of on-going improvement in social work practice that aligns with the values of Oranga Tamariki.

Contact: Alison McDonald, DCE, Services for Children and Family South [redacted]

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4. Leave Arrangements

[redacted] 9(2)(a) is on bereavement leave. [redacted] 9(2)(a)
[redacted] is covering and can be contacted on [redacted] 9(2)(a)
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Contact: Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive [redacted] 9(2)(a)

5. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings and Submissions

Cabinet Papers: Oranga Tamariki lead

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Business Unit
CBC	Care Standards Regulations	Feb 7	Care Services
TBD	Child Wellbeing Strategy Scope and Consultation	April	Child Wellbeing Strategy Unit

Cabinet Papers: Other agencies

Cabinet Committee	Title	Date to Committee	Lead Ministry
TBD	Confirming the Terms of Reference for the Inquiry	TBD	Department of Internal Affairs

6. Ministerial Services Information

Official Information Act Requests

As at 19 January, you received 3 new requests for official information in your capacity as Minister for Children.

New Ministerial OIAs

Requestor	Topic	Approach	Due Date
a(2)(a)	List of all aide memoires, cabinet papers, briefing papers and weekly reports received by the Minister in her role as Minister of Children	Currently being prepared.	13 February 2018
a(2)(a)	The number of calendar days there was an acting or temporary Minister for Children between 26 October 2017 and 17 January 2018.	Pending transfer to the Office of the Prime Minister.	15 February 2018
a(2)(a)	Request for documents regarding the inquiry in to the abuse of children in state care.	Currently assessing.	16 February 2018

Written Parliamentary Questions

As at 19 January, there have been no new written Parliamentary Questions received.

Correspondence

As at 19 January, the Ministry has 25 pieces of Ministerial correspondence on hand to complete.

