



Prime Minister

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Ref: PMO 086-2018

Dear Amanda Ashley

Re: Labour's Rainbow Policy

Thank you for your message, received on 20 April 2018. You asked:

- "1. Please confirm when the Labour Rainbow Policy (<http://www.labour.org.nz/rainbow>) be put fully into effect.*
- 2. Please provide a timeline of each aspect of the policy.*
- 3. Please provide copies of any significant reports produced by this project during the last 12 months.*
- 4. Please provide copies of meeting agendas from the last twelve months.*
- 5. Please confirm the best sources of publicly available information, including mailing lists and spokespeople etc.*
- 6. Please confirm the current details of the project organisation including staff and community reps, meeting arrangements, terms of reference, reporting requirements etc."*

I appreciate the nature of your questions, and would like to begin by assuring you of this Government's commitment to improving the lives of Rainbow New Zealanders. I must note though that this is a coalition government, and as such, government, not Labour policy, applies. I must also note that information about the policies of political parties is not official information, as defined by the Official Information Act 1982.

However, while your request about Labour's Rainbow Policy is not official information, I sincerely recognise the importance of the Policy, and would like to answer your questions as fully as possible, insofar as I am able.

The Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, remains extremely proud of Labour's Rainbow agenda. I expect Labour's Rainbow Policy to be put into effect by Ministers progressively through the course of this term of Parliament however no specific dates have been set. Labour is progressing conversations on delivering their Rainbow policies with their coalition partner New Zealand First and the Green Party, and remains aware that there is a great deal of work to do in this space.

The Prime Minister has not as yet had any specific meetings dedicated to Rainbow issues in her capacity as Prime Minister. However, I can confirm that Labour's Rainbow Caucus have met, in their capacity as Members of Parliament.

For the “best sources of publicly available information”, I would recommend <http://www.labour.org.nz/rainbow> and the Beehive website for Government announcements (<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/>).

Insofar as your request is for details about the “project organisation”, this is a query that should be addressed to the Minister with the portfolio responsibility for the particular project. For instance a request about the progress of collecting gender identity information is a matter for Hon James Shaw, as Minister of Statistics. I have not transferred your request as it relates to the progress of particular projects, as I would need you to clarify which particular project/s you wish to know about in order to ensure that your request was transferred to the relevant Minister/s. For each project you have an interest in, you may wish to write to the appropriate Minister and identify the particular project that is the subject of your queries.

Thank you again for your questions about Labour’s Rainbow Policy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Munro', written in a cursive style.

Mike Munro
Chief of Staff