



Briefing

Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

Seeking approval to establish a family violence and sexual violence Ministerial advisory group

Date 24 September 2025

Ref 2025/126083

Action sought **Timeframe**

Endorse	the attached draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation (or advise further changes if required)	24 Sep 2025
Ask	your office to lead consultation with FSVV Ministers and provide any Ministerial feedback to the Centre by 5pm on 10 October 2025 for officials to incorporate.	10 Oct 2025

Contacts for discussion (if required)

Name	Position	First
Te Pare Meihana	Director Māori & Community Partnerships, 9(2)(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Minister's office to complete

<input type="checkbox"/> Noted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by events
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to...		
<input type="checkbox"/> Seen	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	<input type="checkbox"/> Not seen by Minister

Minister's comments

Purpose

1. This briefing summarises feedback from departmental consultation on the draft Cabinet paper to establish a family violence and sexual violence Ministerial advisory group (**the advisory group**).
2. You are being asked to endorse the latest iteration of the draft Cabinet paper, which includes draft terms of reference (ref 124930; attached).

Background

3. On 15 September 2025, you instructed officials to start departmental consultation for the draft Cabinet paper seeking approval for a new advisory group (briefing 124932 refers).
4. This consultation focused on the Executive Board's member agencies and the main central government agencies. Namely the Ministry of Justice, NZ Police, Department of Corrections, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Health, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry of Education, ACC, Ministry for Women, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Social Investment Agency, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Treasury, and Public Service Commission.

Changes made during departmental consultation

5. The attached draft Cabinet paper and terms of reference reflect changes suggested during departmental feedback.
6. Agencies were broadly supportive or neutral about the proposal. Some minor changes were made. Departmental perspectives are summarised below.

Agency	Feedback provided	Changes made
Social Investment Agency	<p>Recommended increasing the frequency of meetings and for initial meetings to be held in person to build cohesion.</p> <p>Provided helpful advice based on its own recent experience establishing a Ministerial advisory board. In particular, SIA noted the need to carefully balance</p>	<p>Included suggested changes about frequency and forum of meetings.</p> <p>Noted that group dynamics will be considered when determining membership.</p>

	representation in a group of relatively small size.	
Ministry of Justice	Supported the group but was cautious about the likelihood of needing more funding to implement any recommendations.	Added to financial implications and summary of departmental feedback.
The Treasury	Recommended noting how the Centre intends to use the \$1.95 million previously used for the tangata whenua Ministerial advisory group. It also provided wording for disclaimers around the use of baseline funding and the potential need for future funding.	Added information to section about Māori-Crown funding. Used wording suggested.
Ministry for Ethnic Communities	Supportive of the proposal and pleased to see ethnic communities mentioned.	No change needed.
Ministry for Women	Supported the group and the inclusion of women and Māori women as disproportionately affected demographics.	No change needed.
Ministry of Social Development	Supportive of approach to represent communities disproportionately affected by family violence and sexual violence. The agency provided additional wording for the membership section of the Terms of Reference to align language used in other Ministerial Advisory Groups, including the Ministerial Advisory Group on Victims of Retail Crime, and the Ministerial Advisory Group on Transnational, Serious, and Organised Crime.	Wording has been updated to align.

Accident Compensation Corporation	<p>Noted the broad scope of the advisory group and would support expertise from the sexual violence sector and primary prevention being included.</p>	<p>The EOI process for the group will consider the need to ensure a broad range of perspectives, experiences and expertise are represented.</p>
Te Puna Kōkiri	<p>Supported at least two of the eight members bringing an iwi and Māori perspective to the advice and suggest seeking nominations from the Whānau Ora Iwi Leaders Forum.</p> <p>Suggested including information on how the Māori-Crown relationship appropriation will be used.</p>	<p>The EOI process for the group will consider the need to ensure a broad range of perspectives, experiences and expertise are represented.</p> <p>An additional reference has been made at paragraph 8 setting out investment in building partnerships with iwi to support stronger multi-agency responses to family violence.</p>
Whaikaha	<p>Supportive of inclusion of disabled people disproportionately impacted and overlooked by traditional responses. Suggested specific reference to expertise or lived experience of disability and the need to bring an intersectional lens. Recommended members of the Strategic Disability Reference Group as potential nominees and provide further suitable candidates from their Whaikaha Expressions of Interest Database.</p>	<p>The EOI process for the group will consider the need to ensure a broad range of perspectives, experiences and expertise are represented.</p>
Oranga Tamariki	<p>Supportive and suggested the Centre engage with the Director of the Oranga Tamariki Ministerial</p>	<p>Added to financial implications and</p>

	<p>Advisory Group. They noted, however, that the lack of separate allocated resource to support the secretariat function for the group could result in resourcing shortfall. They also raised that the proposed fees for members are relatively small, which could have implications for the appointment of candidates.</p>	summary of departmental feedback.
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Next steps

7. Please review the attached draft Cabinet paper and terms of reference. Changes made during departmental consultation have been highlighted for your attention.
8. Once you are happy with the latest iteration, officials will send you a clean copy (without highlighting) for the Office to initiate the next consultation stage. This will be targeted to FVSV Ministers.
9. Please provide any Ministerial feedback to the Centre by 5pm on 10 October 2025 for officials to incorporate into the final version.
10. The table below shows milestones and the latest timing estimates.

Milestone	Estimated date
Minister's Office to endorse version for Ministerial consultation	6 Oct 2025
Send paper for Ministerial consultation	7 Oct 2025
Officials incorporate any Ministerial feedback	14 Oct 2025
Minister and Office to do final review	15 Oct 2025
Lodge paper with Social Outcomes Committee (SOU)	23 Oct 2025
SOU considers paper (tentative)	5 Nov 2025
Officials make changes advised by SOU	11 Nov 2025
Lodge paper with Cabinet proper	13 Nov 2025
Cabinet confirms SOU's decision (tentative)	17 Nov 2025
Ministerial advisory group announced	18 Nov 2025
Targeted expressions of interest process	19 Nov 2025
Shortlisting and discussions with officials	9(2)(f)(iv)
Ministry of Justice's close-down period	

Milestone	Estimated date
Consultation with coalition Chiefs of Staff and other Ministers	9(2)(f)(iv)
Lodge paper with Appointments and Honours Committee (APH)	
APH considers appointments (tentative)	
Chair (or co-Chairs) decided	
Members receive written appointment letters	
Ministerial advisory group's first meeting	

Recommendations

Officials recommend you:

1. **endorse** the attached draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation (or advise further changes if required)

YES / NO



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Date: 24/09/2025

APPROVED / SEEN / NOT AGREED



Hon Karen Chhour
Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

Date: 6 / 10 / 2025