

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission Annual Report 2021

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The Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission Annual Report 2021

Purpose of this briefing

1. The briefing advises you on the process for tabling the Commission's Annual Report 2021.

Executive Summary

2. The Commission has completed the final process of the Annual Report 2021, with both the Commission's signatories and the auditor representative Chrissie Murray from Baker Tilly Staples Rodway Audit Limited, on the 18 November 2021.
3. The Commission recognises we have 15 working days to complete the process which includes printing hard copies, advising the Minister's office of the tabling process and notifying the Bills office.
4. We have agreed with the Ministry of Health to send this briefing and the report to the Minister's office (the Minister's office agreed on 26 November), on 8 December 2021. A timeline for tabling is attached in Appendix one.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a) **note** the report will be sent to the Bills office on the 7 December 2021
- b) **agree** to upload the Annual report 2021 onto the Commission website to comply with legislative requirements. **Yes / No**
- c) **note** the Commission intends to proactively release this briefing as part of our proactive release policy

Signed:



Karen Orsborn
Chief Executive
Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission

Hon Andrew Little
Minister of Health

Background

5. The Annual report outlines the annual financial statements, statement of performance and end-of-year performance information, the Commission is required to meet [section 156 (1)(a)(b)].
6. It provides the draft annual report to Auditor-General [section 156 (1)(b)] and the receipt from the Auditor-General as per [section 156 (2)(b)].
7. The Auditor-General representative is Chrissie Murrey from Baker Tilly Staples Rodway Audit Limited and has included their review in the Annual Report 2021.
8. The Commission is responsible for sending the Annual Report 2021 to the Minister to meet [section 150 (1)(b)] legislative requirement.

Discussion

9. The Annual Report 2021 (the report) is presented to the House [section 150(3) refers] and this is the responsibility of the Minister within 5 days of receiving the report.
10. The Commission will publish the report [section 150(4) refers] as soon as practicable but no later than ten working days of the Minister receiving the report.
11. All deliverables have been met, the impacts of COVID-19 are discussed, and the auditor has reflected the four months of activity within their opinion.
12. The Commission has highlighted its commitment to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the importance of Māori Crown relations. We agree that this will lead to improved services and outcomes for Māori.
13. Although the Commission is new to the public sector, it has acknowledged the need to build capability of our people in the revitalisation of te Reo Māori between the Crown, iwi, and Māori.
14. The Commission understands to embody the Government's good-faith and collaborative approach to Māori Crown relationships by supporting Maihi Karauna – the Crown's Māori Language Strategy¹. We are promoting and supporting the revitalisation of te reo Māori within the Commission, and this will be articulated throughout 2022 – 2023.
15. Throughout the four-month period, the Commission has published key deliverables of the Initial Commission - *Mā Te Rongo Ake - through listening and hearing*, and the *He Ara Oranga Wellbeing Outcomes Framework*. The Commission also published a report on the co-define phase of the Mental Health and Addiction Service Monitoring Framework (He Ara Āwhina).

¹ A key part of the strategy is about language planning and the target that all public service departments will have language plans in place by 2021.
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16. We have highlighted the establishment of core functions, policies, IT systems, and processes needed to ensure the Commission was a viable and independent public entity mandated to be the Kaitiaki of mental health and wellbeing for Aotearoa.

17. Consultation

18. The Ministry of Health have been consulted in the development of this report alongside key stakeholders.

19. Conclusion

20. The Commission had achieved a lot in the first few months of establishment, and it is proud to present this report to you.

21. Next steps

22. The next step for the Commission is outlined in Appendix one.

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APPENDIX ONE

Tabling process

Activity	Timeframe for completion
Print production schedule	3 December 2021
Notification to Bills office with Annual Report 2021 PDF	6 December 2021
Delivery of Annual report to the Bills office (5 hard copies) with shoulder number	7 December 2021
Briefing to the Minister	8 December 2021
Delivery of Annual report to the Minister's office library (5 copies)	8 December 2021
Tabling of the Annual Report 2021	Within five working days
Upload onto Commission website	After notification of tabling completion or within 10 working days of the Minister receiving the report.