



25 August 2025

CRO OIA 645/672

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your requests under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) received on 16 and 27 July 2025.

On 16 July 2025, you requested:

- *The role of each agency involved and the work that each agency is undertaking of this review - with regard to the functional review of the care system.*

And on 26 July 2025 you requested the following information about the functional review of the care system:

- *All commissioning and scoping documents about what the review involved and what it does not.*
- *Any discussion of time frames for the reviews completed.*

On 7 August we notified you that both requests would be responded to at the same time and no later than 25 August 2025 (unless an extension was notified).

The Crown Response Office together with the Public Service Commission is leading a functional analysis of 18 leadership and regulatory functions. These are functions that the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State care and in the Care of Faith-based institutions (the Royal Commission) recommended should be brought together in a Care Safe Agency (recommendation 41 in Whanaketia, the final report of the Royal Commission). This report can be found on the Royal Commission website here: [Whanaketia – Through pain and trauma, from darkness to light | Abuse in Care - Royal Commission of Inquiry](#).

We have interpreted your request for information related to the functional review to mean the analysis being carried out and which is referred to on page 31 of the Crown Response - available on the Crown Response website: [Crown-response-plan-digital-version.pdf](#)

To answer the first part of your request, we advise the agencies involved across this work are: The Crown Response Office, the Ministries of Health, Education, Social Development, Disabled People (Whaikaha) and Māori Development (Te Puni Kōkiri), the Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), and the Public Service Commission.

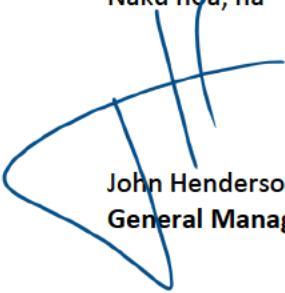
All of these agencies are represented on a working group formed to develop advice and proposals that will eventually be taken to responsible Ministers and to Cabinet for decisions later this year. The 'care delivery' agencies (Health, Education, Social Development and Oranga Tamariki) are working on any advice and initiatives that relate to their specific services, while all (including these agencies) are working collectively on any advice and initiatives that span across agencies.

In relation to part two of your request, I am withholding this information in full pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials. As referred to above, advice will be provided to responsible Ministers and to Cabinet later this year. I do not consider that in the circumstances, the withholding of information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Right of review

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available via www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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