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Tēnā koe J Heyward

Official Information Act request: Implementation of recommendations by Te Uepū Hāpai i Te Ora Safe and Effective Justice Advisory Group

Thank you for your email of 22 May 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the implementation of recommendations made by Te Uepū Hāpai i Te Ora Safe and Effective Justice Advisory Group. Specifically, you asked:

Which recommendations outlined by the Te Uepū Hāpai i Te Ora Safe and Effective Justice Advisory Group within the report "Turuki! Turuki! Transforming Our Criminal Justice System" have been implemented since its release in 2019?

Turuki! Turuki! Transforming Our Criminal Justice System (Turuki! Turuki!) was one of several reports completed as part of the Hāpaitia te Oranga Tangata Safe and Effective Justice programme (Hāpaitia te Oranga Tangata).

The engagement through Hāpaitia te Oranga Tangata resulted in a significant number of overlapping recommendations for the reform of the criminal justice sector and government services more broadly. The Government's approach is not to implement or reject individual recommendations but to use the common themes to inform criminal justice sector transformation through initiatives such as Ara Poutama Aotearoa Department of Corrections' Hōkai Rangi strategy, New Zealand Police's Reframe Strategy, and the Te Ao Marama vision for the District Court.

We can say that work is proceeding under a number of areas highlighted in Turuki! Turuki! For example, a Mana Ōrite agreement has been signed between Ināia Tonu Nei and the Justice Sector Leadership Board. You can find out more about this on the Ināia Tonu Nei website at www.inaiatonunei.nz/mana-orite-agreement.

Justice sector agencies are continuing the process of change that the Hāpaitia te Oranga Tangata programme sought to initiate through its public engagement. Agencies are progressing towards a vision for a fundamentally different and more effective criminal justice system through organisational strategies, key work programmes and through new and strengthening partnerships with iwi/Māori.

You can read about the Hāpaitia te Oranga Tangata legacy at: www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/key-initiatives/hapaitia-te-oranga-tangata/the-hapaitia-legacy/.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Gage', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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