# Independent Monitoring Mechanism Quarterly Strategic Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 21 June 2017

**Time**: 9:30am – 11:30am

**Location**: Wellington Office of the Ombudsman, Level 7, Solnet House, 70 The Terrace

Auckland Office of the Ombudsman, Forsyth Barr Tower Level 10, 55-65 Shortland Street

**Attendees**:

Human Rights Commission: Janet Anderson-Bidois (A), Paul Gibson (W), Douglas Hancock (W), Erin Gough (W),

Ombudsman: Emma Leach (Chair – W), Paul Brown (A), Simon Latimer (A), Vicki Hall (A)

Convention Coalition: Mary Schnackenberg (A), Pati Umaga (W)

Office for Disability Issues (from 11.00am): Brian Coffey (W), Paul Dickey (W), Jacinda Keith (W)

Invited guests: Rose Wall (HDC), Kevin Allan (HDC), Geoff Short (SSC)

**Apologies**: Rebekah Armstrong (HRC), Judge Andrew Becroft (OCC), Sarah Hayward (OCC), Andrew McCaw (OOTO), Nigel Ngahiwi (CC)

Agenda Items

## 1. Karakia, welcome and introductions

Emma Leach chaired the meeting, Paul Gibson opened with a Karakia.

Those attending introduced themselves. Vicki took meeting notes.

## 2. Agenda check

The agenda was agreed and confirmed.

## 3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the IMM’s previous Quarterly Meeting on 21 March 2017 were confirmed by agreement.

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All action items listed subsequent to the meeting on 21 March 2016 have been followed-up or completed, with two items added to this meeting’s action list.

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## 4. Making Disability Rights Real Report

### a. Issues identified prior to reporting

Draft Traffic Lights report discussed. Issues and points raised:

* Follow-up with relevant agencies to determine indicators/planned steps to progress recommendations. [ACTION: All to feed back to Douglas with ideas on ways to progress this.]
* Separate out the traffic light recommendations as a list of preliminary recommendations to be sent to the UN Committee. [ACTION: All to feed back to Douglas with ideas on ways to separate out the recommendations.]
* Determine the date when Committee will consider NZ’s report – current indication March 2019. HRC to advise if this is to change. IMM working to initial timeframe of October 2018.
* Project plan for themed report by end of September 2017.
* Working group meeting to be set-up [ACTION: Douglas to set up and book this meeting for mid-July.]
* Initiate a strategy/plan how to progress from red to orange to green. Emma Leach suggested having a rating for progress on the IMM’s recommendations.
* Column added to the Traffic Lights report to rate impact. [ACTION: Douglas to add column to traffic lights report, ALL to feedback on impact indicators.]
* Group to feedback to Douglas prior to working group meeting. [ACTION: All to report back with ideas/amends before July working group meeting.]

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### b/c. Propose and discuss report’s theme and how the ‘lite’ version will look/compare to the ‘omnibus’.

* Commit to three or four overarching themes. Paul Gibson noted that IMM needs to get a real sense of thematic priorities by determining from the 10-12 themes already on the table.
* Mary recommended DPO Coalition needs to work out how much time it will allocate with regard to contributing to analysis and data. Also advised appropriate funding needs to be addressed to enable engagement.
* Mary noted that awareness of the CPRD should be raised with young disabled people to ensure they can exercise their rights fully and their voices are heard, while acknowledging report would need to address diversity, ensure Māori and Pacifica communities are engaged and recognised and their voices heard, supported decision making and informed consent. How can DPOs work to ensure all these voices are in the mix?
* IMM yet to hear formally about the status of disabled led monitoring subsequent to the disbanding of the Convention Coalition. Unofficially understand this will happen at the end of June. Pati Umaga to be contact for DPO meeting early in July.
* Group to suggest possible themes eg; OOTO currently looking at detention, access to information and people with learning disabilities. [ACTION: All to feedback to Douglas on possible themes not already listed on Paper 3 before the upcoming Working Group meeting.]

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## 5. Discussion of recent/upcoming high level meetings

### a. Meeting with Chief Executives

* Emma noted satisfaction with attendance at the recent meeting. Expectations are that future meetings will be regular and based on agreed agendas. Clarify arrangements going forward and what agencies will bring to the table. [ACTION: ODI to update calendar to enable CE meetings to be set up a year in advance.]
* Pati agreed to discuss with the DPO Coalition how it will participate at meetings given its dual role of monitoring/implementation.
* Prepare agenda for next CE meeting. [ACTION: All to send possible agenda items to Paul B.]

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### b. Meeting with Ministers (likely July)

* Discussed usefulness of suggested meeting with Minister Wagner prior to a wider Ministerial Meeting. Mary suggested checking with ODI if this meeting was necessary. [Action: Emma is currently following this up with the Minister’s Office].
* Paul Gibson raised concerns regarding the loss of the previous co-ordination mechanism, and worries regarding reducing number of ministers at these meetings.

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## 6. Updates from agencies

### a. HRC

* Planning phase for Neurodisability forum, hope this discussion paper will be foundation for thematic report.
* Paul Gibson and Erin attended the tenth session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD. Erin is currently preparing a report and will distribute. [ACTION: Erin preparing report from the 10th session she attended in New York.]
* Janet alerted to the upcoming HRC report on seclusion and restraint.
* Paul Gibson discussed the issue of pre-natal screening and the need to work with screening agency here in NZ.

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### b. OOTO

* Peter Boshier to provide an oral submission to the Justice and electoral Select Committee on the OOTO’s submission on the Family and Whānau Violence Legislation Bill.
* Ongoing work in the learning disability area.

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### c. Convention Coalition

* Mary advised that CC was working to complete outstanding work before 30 June.
* DPO Coalition to decide on work to be completed and funding to enable Gemma to continue her work on the report *Participation in the Workplace.*
* Four sets of reports in progress which may be translatable into thematic reports. These have been flagged in the Malatest report.

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### d. HDC

* Rose advised work now underway on analysing the qualitative data from the recent consultation concerning Right 7(4) of the HDC Code.
* Health Passport continuing to improve mainstream health services for disabled people.
* Kevin advised monitoring mental health services will include information from DHBs and other key players in the sectors. This can feed into the omnibus report.
* HDC to be included in Working Group. [ACTION: Douglas to liaise with HDC with regard to attendance at working group meetings.]

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## 7. HRC brief on upcoming Neurodisability Workshop (26 June)

Discussed in 6a.

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## 8. Updates from ODI

### A, b, and c Update on Outcomes Framework––it’s targets and measures; High level outcomes to Cabinet; and Proposed consultation

* In progress. Key stakeholders want more engagement before indicators taken to Government and prior to consultation which will now take place next year. This extra time will be needed to ensure these are effective in progressing the NZ Disability Strategy.
* First cut of indicators show gaps/concern re. qualitative data, quality engagement vs quicker approach.
* Brian discussed expanding the Washington Questions in the Census to start to get useful qualitative data about the experiences of disabled people.
* Mary applauded the achievement in progressing the Disability Strategy to date.

### d. How agencies ODI/SSC/IMM can work together and share information and data.

* Brian noted that ‘everything’ will need to be lined up, then aligned to the DS and then determine how these relate/align to which agency.
* Geoff advised State Services Leadership Group agreed to three significant work streams:
  + State Services architecture
  + Data – standard and accessible formats
  + Diversity and inclusion – these two key areas require a ‘joined-up’ collaborative approach.
* SSC looking for opportunities and validation where progress is being made, to encourage this.
* Pati noted the need to include Pacific communities.
* Geoff stressed the need for examples of where ‘things are going well’. Public Service needs to be a role model if real change to be made.

### e. Update on meetings between IMM and Ministerial Committee

* Geoff noted forward agenda would enhance effective engagement.
* Clarify if meeting with Minister necessary prior to meeting.

### f. Update on other matters of interest from ODI

* Brian advised of progress on identification card for disabled people (and others) who do not have a driver’s licence or passport. ODI working with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) to develop.

### g. Scheduling dates for 2017 IMM Quarterly Meetings

Early October for next meeting, then early December, and March 2018. Meeting invitations will be sent out shortly. [ACTION: Meeting invites to be sent out by OOTO shortly.]

### Next meeting

* Next meeting date early October 2017.

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### Closure

Emma and Mary thanked Paul Gibson for his work as Disability Commissioner, and those at the meeting applauded Paul’s work for the disability community during his time at the Human Rights Commission.

Emma also noted Mary’s significant contribution to the IMM in recent years.

The meeting was closed with a karakia at 11.30am by Paul Gibson.

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### Action item list from IMM Quarterly Strategic Meeting (21 June 2017)

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| No. | Description | Responsible |
| 1. | **Deferred:** Discuss at next meeting how to progress uploading IMM agenda, meeting minutes and reports onto HRC National Action Plan website. | All |
| 2. | **Deferred:** Optional Protocol Fact Sheet draft prepared and distributed to the IMM Working Group by end of July. | Paul Brown |
| 3. | All to feed back to Douglas with ideas on ways to progress follow-up with relevant agencies. | All |
| 4. | All to feed back to Douglas with ideas on ways to separate out the recommendations. | All |
| 5. | Douglas Hancock to set up and book this working group meeting for mid-July. | Douglas Hancock |
| 6. | Douglas to add column to traffic lights report, ALL to feedback on impact indicators. | Douglas Hancock |
| 7. | All to report back to Douglas with ideas/amends before July working group meeting. | All |
| 8. | All to feedback to Douglas on possible themes not already listed on Paper 3 before the upcoming Working Group meeting. | All |
| 9. | ODI to update calendar to enable CE meetings to be set up a year in advance. | ODI |
| 10. | All to send possible agenda items for next CE meeting items to Paul B. | All |
| 11. | Douglas to liaise with HDC with regard to attendance at working group meetings. | Douglas Hancock / HDC |
| 12. | Next IMM meeting invites to be sent out by OOTO shortly. | Paul Brown |

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**Ends**