



14 May 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your refinement email of 15 April 2024, where you clarify that you are requesting a timeline of progress for the following draft reports:

- The proposed approach for the review of the Te Korowai Whetū Social Cohesion Measurement Framework.
- The update of the Social Cohesion Baseline Report.
- Social Cohesion Community Research Stocktake Report.
- Community Insights on Social Cohesion: A Narrative Report.

Please note that these reports were initially developed as internal resources and inputs to support the Ministry's advice on social cohesion. None of these reports have yet been finalised – they are either currently in review, in development, or yet to commence. We will consider making the finalised versions of all reports available to any external request.¹

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please see the **Appendix, Tables One to Table Four** showing progress for each draft report that you have requested information about.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

¹ This consideration was factored-in after the Ministry received external agency interest in the draft reports.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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Magnus O'Neill
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Appendix

Table One: The proposed approach for the review of the Te Korowai Whetū Social Cohesion Measurement Framework.

Question	Response
When a person was appointed to do the work	A person was appointed to do the work on 27 November 2023.
When the work was completed and submitted for review	The proposed approach for the review is currently being developed and remains in the internal consultation stage.
Projected date of publication	As it is in the development stages, we have not projected any date of publication.

Table Two: The update of the Social Cohesion Baseline Report.

Question	Response
When a person was appointed to do the work	Work on the update of the report is subject to review of the measurement framework and has not yet commenced.
When the work was completed and submitted for review	Work on the update of the report is subject to review of the measurement framework and has not yet commenced.
Projected date of publication	As work has not yet commenced, we have not projected any date of publication.

Table Three: Social Cohesion Community Research Stocktake Report.

Question	Response
When a person was appointed to do the work	Work on the report began on 26 June 2023.
When the work was completed and submitted for review	Draft report writing concluded on 28 September 2023. From 2 October 2023, subsequent work on the report has been subject to internal priorities. To prepare the report for external release, an internal review process was started on 11 March 2024.
When the work was reviewed (if it has been) and how many reviews have been carried out?	We sought review and feedback from internal stakeholders between 11 March 2024 and 30 April 2024.
Projected date of publication	We are not intending to publish this report but will release it to people who have requested it. We expect it to be ready for release before the end of June 2024.

Table Four: Community Insights on Social Cohesion: A Narrative Report.

Question	Response
When a person was appointed to do the work	Work for this report commenced on 23 July 2023.
When the work was completed and submitted for review	Draft report writing concluded on 28 September 2023. From 2 October 2023, subsequent work on the report has been subject to internal priorities. To prepare the report for external release, an internal review process was started on 11 March 2024.
When the work was reviewed (if it has been) and how many reviews have been carried out?	We sought review and feedback from internal stakeholders between 11 March 2024 and 30 April 2024.
Projected date of publication	We are not intending to publish this report but will release it to people who have requested it. We expect it to be ready for release before the end of June 2024.