

Ministry for Women Advice Cover Sheet

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Ministry for Women Quarterly Report to 31 March 2019

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Purpose

Provide you with a copy of the Ministry's quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2019, as well as introduce the Ministerial Satisfaction quarterly survey.

Action sought

From	Action sought	Suggested Deadline
Minister for Women Hon Julie Anne Genter	<p>Note the Ministry for Women's quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2019.</p> <p>Agree to provide the Ministry for Women with feedback for the quarter via the Ministerial Satisfaction Survey.</p> <p>Note that the Quarter 3 report will be published on the Ministry's website, following your sign-off.</p> <p>Note that, within three months, this briefing will be considered for release under the Ministry's proactive release policy.</p>	Friday, 3 May 2019

Resources used to prepare this advice

Work Programme	Output Plan or Ministerial Priority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Responding to ad hoc requests <input type="checkbox"/>	Other agency work (budget/governance) <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Project	N/A		
Other resources used to provide this advice	N/A		

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Quarterly Report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2019 and Ministerial Satisfaction quarterly survey

1. We have enclosed, for your information, the Ministry for Women's quarter 3 report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2019.
2. It outlines the Ministry's main achievements for quarter 3, our priority areas of work, Ministerial servicing, nominations and international reporting, and organisational development.
3. This report contains updated figures for our quarter 2 OIAs: Ministerial OIAs have increased from 3 to 5 and Ministry OIAs have increased from 1 to 5. These changes reflect the date classification of the OIAs following the Christmas/New Year break.
4. As shown on the attached A3 report, there has been a significant increase in the number of Ministry OIAs responded to (9) for quarter 3 (1 January to 31 March 2019). Following the numbers for the last three quarters (Q1: 3, Q2: 5, and Q3: 9), we expect this trend to continue.

Ministerial Satisfaction Survey

5. As part of the reporting obligations for agencies with policy advice appropriations, Ministers are required to complete this common satisfaction survey.
6. For the period ended 31 December 2018, we sought your feedback for the six months (June- December 2018), briefing number: MW 18 19-0388.
7. For the three months ended 31 March 2019, we are seeking your feedback on the quality of policy advice.
8. We intend to seek feedback on a quarterly basis.

Significant activities during Quarter 3

9. The Ministry has made notable progress on a number of key issues in the Women's portfolio during the quarter. These include:
 - supporting your attendance at the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The Ministry once again included a NGO representative on the official delegation to CSW following an agreed process with the International Women's Caucus (IWC), Hellen Swales was selected as the NGO representative.
 - working with the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) as supplementary advisors on the Equal Pay Amendment Bill. We attended select committee hearings and assisted with the preparation of the departmental report to be presented in April 2019 to the Select Committee.
 - initiating research on unpaid work. Key areas to investigate are: time use measurement, childcare support, ring-fenced parental leave for fathers, and gender budgeting.

Next steps

We will continue to work on the priorities within our work programme and provide you with a final quarterly report for the 2019/20 year, in July 2019. In July, we will also begin our formal annual reporting process, with the Ministry's Annual Report due to be presented to Parliament in October 2019.

Recommendations

The Ministry recommends that you:

1. **Note** the Ministry for Women's Quarter 3 report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2019. **Noted**
2. **Agree** to provide the Ministry for Women with feedback for the quarter via the Ministerial Satisfaction survey. **Agree / ~~disagree~~**
3. **Note** that the Quarter 3 report will be published on the Ministry's Website, following your sign-off. **Noted**
4. **Note** that within three months of the date of this briefing, it will be considered for release under the Ministry's proactive release of documents policy. **Noted**



Renee Graham
Chief Executive



Hon Julie Anne Genter
Minister for Women
Date: 8 May 2019

