

**A summary of our year: 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**

**Progress on Royal Commission priorities:**

The Royal Commission has continued to focus on delivering to our Terms of Reference and managing pressures and risks that are impacting our work programme. We wish to highlight the following achievements over the last year:

- Commissioners travelled from Northland to Bluff over the year to connect and engage with mana whenua, survivors and those that work directly with survivors. These engagements were to hear the impact of abuse in care on communities, understand their aspirations for the future, and look at models of care that are working at a local level.
- The Ūhia te Māramatanga, Disability, Deaf, and Mental Health institutional care public hearing, and the State and Faith based Institutional Response hearings were all successfully conducted over the last year.
- The Institutional Response hearings into State and Faith-based institutions were historic hearings that many survivors had waited a long time for and the hearings have provided important insights into the care systems and those agencies accountable for them.
- The completion of these hearings signalled the end of the Inquiry’s public hearing programme [redacted].
- Engagements and wānanga were held, some with a specific te ao Māori focus and perspective, ensuring that our report teams have rich evidence for content across key survivor cohorts.
- Of note, the Royal Commission partnered with Gang leaders to ensure that the voices of survivors in the gang community were [redacted].
- Alongside our community engagement programme, we released a number of key research reports and survivor-focussed products on the Commission’s website and social media platforms as a way of publicising the Inquiry’s work and generating a “national conversation” leading up to the final report. During the State Institutional Response hearing in October 2022 we released the ‘Care to Custody’ research report, the first of its kind to analyse the interagency records of more than 30,000 children and young people between 1950 and 1999. The release generated a lot of media and academic interest as a seminal piece of research.
- The Commission delivered Beautiful Children, an interim report into the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit. The publication of this case study has been long awaited by survivors who were courageous and determined in sharing their experiences at Lake Alice with the Inquiry.
- [redacted].

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**Ngā Pūrongo – reports**

- **Order of St John of God Interim Report** – this report has remained prioritised across the quarter given its 31 July deadline. Natural justice was completed during this quarter, [redacted]. The report entered production, [redacted], and the Commission will deliver the report to the Governor-General next quarter by 31 July.
- [redacted].
- **Reference Groups for Reports** - We have continued to actively engage with our report Reference groups to update members on the work programme, the drafting of the Final Report [redacted]. Some reference groups have also been involved in reviewing the Order of St John of God Interim Report [redacted].
- **Advisory Groups** - Advisory group meetings with SAGE, Te Taumata, the Royal Commission Forum, Te Ara Takatū and rangatahi were held to seek their advice and feedback on the Final Report structure and to seek feedback on specific parts of the Final Report. [redacted].
- **Beautiful Children, the Inquiry into Lake Alice** – the decision by the High Court to grant a permanent stay in court proceedings against a former Lake Alice charge nurse in late June will allow for the unredacted version of the Interim Report to be tabled in Parliament. [redacted].

**Tūhonohono me ngā hāpori – Engagement with survivors and communities**

- **Completing Survivor Accounts** – As at 30 June 2023, 99% of survivors in our CRM system, Arahiko, had submitted or were in the process of submitting their witness statement or account. This reflects the determined focus of the Commission across the year to move all registered survivors into an engagement pathway. In Quarter 4, private sessions and written accounts continued for the remaining few registered survivors as part of this focused effort.
- **Marylands and Hebron Trust survivors** - During the quarter we held hui in Christchurch with a group of survivors from Marylands and from Hebron Trust to seek input into the design imagery and themes for the Order of St John of God Interim Report, possible names for the report and to collaborate on arrangements for a survivor event which is being planned to mark the handover of the report next quarter.
- **Incarcerated whānau** - The Royal Commission has continued to engage with groups of survivors, whānau and advocates as we progress the work on our final report. Over the course of the Inquiry we have engaged with survivors within correctional facilities around Aotearoa, primarily through private sessions. This quarter the Commission worked with the support of the Corrections department to visit five prisons for group wānanga with incarcerated whānau. [redacted].



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### Indicators of effectiveness

RAG: Green: On track. Green/Amber: On track with challenges. Amber: Work not progressed as expected. Amber/Red: Items to flag for escalation. Red: Unlikely to meet deliverable

Indicators	Progress	Commentary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicator: Number of survivor registrations and wellbeing sessions this quarter</li> </ul>	<p>Progress status: <b>Green</b></p>	<p>Commentary: Private sessions and written accounts for the remaining few registered survivors have continued this quarter.</p> <p>27 survivor registrations were received. 121 private sessions were held, and 23 written accounts provided.</p> <p>Contacts with survivors from wellbeing team totalled 464. Referrals for wellbeing through Tautoko Mai totalled 116. Private Session support totalled 35 days of private sessions across the country including Zoom, Prisons and the Rainbow Hui and Order of St John of God Event.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicator: Documentary analysis undertaken</li> </ul>	<p>Progress status: <b>Amber</b></p>	<p>Commentary: During the reporting period we received 217 witness statements (1,535 overall).</p> <p>166 documents came in to be analysed bringing the total to 1,122,381. Workload is heavy and ongoing prioritisation and efficiency measures remain in place.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicator: Hearings and wānanga successfully completed within the quarter as planned</li> </ul>	<p>Progress status: <b>Green</b></p>	<p>Commentary: The wānanga schedule has continued this quarter as we conclude our information gathering phase. [Redacted]</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicator: Reports and other key deliverables completed as planned within the quarter</li> </ul>	<p>Progress status: <b>Green</b></p>	<p>Commentary: As at 30 June, the Order of St John of God Interim Report is on track for delivery to the Governor General on 31 July 2023. [Redacted]</p>
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## Financial Performance

### General commentary

The final quarter of the 2022/23 year had the Commission ending with an underspend of \$4.06m. This is due to receiving the extension of time and change to the work programme, which was then reflected in the spending profile, by reducing forecasted costs in this year and having budgeted costs in the 2023/24 year. The reduction in costs for the full year is in staffing costs and the delay to the report production.

Due to the transfer of funds from the current Non-Departmental Appropriation to the next year's Appropriations, the underspend for the 2022/23 Appropriations have reduced significantly.

A request for all underspends in the 2022/23 to be transferred to the new Departmental Operating Appropriation will be made as part of OBU.

### Departmental Expenditure: (000's)



### Non-Departmental Expenditure:

#### Commissioner Fees: (000's)



#### Legal Assistance: (000's)



#### Counselling Assistance: (000's)



- Departmental expenditure was 10% (\$4.1m) under budget due to a range of factors including close management of the budget to ensure underspend for the 2022/23 fiscal year; and a number of activities being moved to the 2023/24 year such as production and testing. Spending on controllable costs for the last quarter was close to forecast.
- Staff numbers have been reduced to match the budget for this fiscal year. Nearly all staff have moved on to have had their fixed term employment contracts extended in line with the new programme timeline.
- Commissioner fees were under by \$0.328m budget for the full year mainly due to having only four Commissioners rather than the budgeted six.
- Legal Assistance is currently \$0.06m under budget, the majority was used to complete survivor statements.
- Counselling Assistance was \$1.45m under budget YTD due to Legal Assistance completing many witness statements.