

Progress on Royal Commission priorities:

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Key Work Items

### Ngā Pūrongo – Reports

- Order of St John of God Interim Report – Final natural justice and survivor permissions processes were completed at the start of the quarter. [REDACTED] the Interim Report was prioritised and successfully met its 31 July delivery to the Governor-General.
- The resourcing impact was felt widely with the need for key staff to remain focused on the Interim Report [REDACTED] in order for natural justice processes to start early next quarter.
- Final Report – Work has continued at pace on the whole-of-report phase. [REDACTED] Focus has also been placed on resource and timeline planning for pre-production activities.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Jehovah’s Witnesses Judicial Review and preparation for the hearing next quarter has continued to put additional pressures on resourcing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Report Reference Groups – We have continued to actively engage with our Report Reference Groups to update members on the drafting of the Final Report and share and discuss content with them for their written feedback. [REDACTED]
- Advisory Groups – Regular scheduled advisory group meetings with SAGE, Te Taumata, the Royal Commission Forum, Te Ara Takatū and Rangatahi were held and their written feedback sought on specific parts of the Final Report. We also expect to undertake further, targeted engagement with these groups in the next quarter [REDACTED]
- A face-to-face wānanga was held with our Survivor Advisory Group (SAGE) members [REDACTED]

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

- Order of St John of God Interim Report survivor event: Following tabling of the Order of St John of God Interim Report, Stolen Lives, Marked Souls in Parliament, the public release of the report was marked with a hui hosted in Christchurch by the Christchurch City Council where survivors of Marylands School and Hebron Trust gathered with Commissioners, mana whenua, Christchurch Mayor Phil Mauer and other guests. This was another significant milestone for the Inquiry and it was a privilege for Royal Commission staff to meet with survivors and present them with copies of the Interim Report.
- Te Tiriti and Community engagement: [REDACTED] dates have been scheduled for hui [REDACTED] with NGOs, community groups and hapū and iwi representatives to [REDACTED]
- The Royal Commission has made commitments to different groups that we have engaged with [REDACTED] We will be revisiting the haere regions of Ōtepōti, Tairāwhiti and Te Tai Tokerau [REDACTED] as part of closing the loop on this engagement.
- [REDACTED]
- Survivor Support - Consents, Wellbeing and Contact Centre - The consents process remained a key focus, with efforts predominantly focused on pre-Natural Justice consents and confirming the volume of survivors who will need to be contacted in this phase.
- Enquiries from survivors this quarter have primarily related to wellbeing, the Survivor Experience Service and responses to our Order of St John of God Interim Report release, as anticipated.

### Ngā wānanga

- Rangatahi – Te Rōpu Kaitiaki mō ngā teina e haere ake nei – the Rangatahi Reference group – formally presented their hopes for the future of care to the Royal Commission at a hui during the quarter.
- Over three wānanga and several informal meetings, members of Te Rōpu prepared documents to submit to the Royal Commission. These included a position statement titled Korowai Aroha, an open letter from the group acknowledging who they are, the journey they have been on, and a dedication to survivors past and present. Members also shared 25 key messages that were important to the group for the Royal Commission to consider.
- The Royal Commission has been working in partnership with VOYCE Whakarongo Mai to make sure the voices of care experienced rangatahi inform the Commission’s recommendations for the future.



## 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**

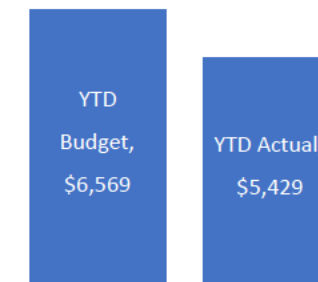
Indicators	Progress	Commentary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicator: Hearings and wānanga successfully completed within the quarter as planned</li> </ul>	Progress status: <b>Amber</b>	Commentary: [REDACTED] e are scheduled to hold targeted wānanga with key survivor and stakeholder groups [REDACTED]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicator: Reports and other key deliverables completed as planned within the quarter</li> </ul>	Progress status: <b>Green</b>	Commentary: The Order of St John of God Interim Report was successfully delivered to the Governor General on 31 July 2023. Tracking to deliver draft recommendations to the Minister by 30 November 2023.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[REDACTED]</li> </ul>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[REDACTED]</li> </ul>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

## Financial Performance

The first quarter of the 2023/24 year saw the Commission with an underspend of \$1.140m in Departmental costs and \$0.189m in the Non-Departmental costs. It should be noted that the Commission will only operate during the first three quarters of this financial year as it is scheduled to end on 28 March 2024.

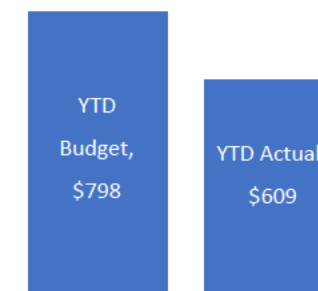
A request for all underspends in the 2022/23 to be transferred to the new Departmental Operating Appropriation will be being made as part of OBU. We are still waiting on the confirmation of the underspend from the 2022/23 year into the current year.

### Departmental Expenditure: (000's)



- Departmental expenditure is currently underspent by \$1.1m or 17%. This is due to staff reductions and reduced Counsel Assist costs.
- We are reprioritising the underspend into areas that will assist in the production of the final report.

### Non Departmental: (000's)



- For the 2023/24 year, Non-Departmental costs have been combined into one appropriation. This appropriation is currently under budget by \$0.189m or 23%. A large portion of this underspend is due to now only having three Commissioners from August and a reduction in survivor requested counselling, which is linked to when reports are released.
- While the appropriations have been combined, we continue to monitor them at the previous levels.