

Progress on Royal Commission priorities:

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Key Work Items

Ngā Pūrongo – Reports

- Final Report – [redacted] On 25 March 2024 Cabinet granted the Inquiry a small extension to complete current legal and natural justice processes.
- [redacted]
- [redacted] the first round of natural justice and the 1600 A4 pages of feedback received [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- A fixture date of 21 March 2024 was set down for the Court of Appeal to hear the Jehovah’s Witnesses’ review of the High Court’s decision to decline their judicial review decision [redacted]. The Court of Appeal’s decision to dismiss the appeal was received on 24 April 2024, [redacted]
- Reference Groups for Reports - Reference Group members participated in discussions on Final Report progress and will be engaged to review content where applicable.
- Advisory Groups - Regular Advisory Group meetings with SAGE, Te Taumata, the Royal Commission Forum and Te Ara Takatū were held [redacted]
- [redacted]
- Personnel – Executive Director Helen Potiki finished with the Inquiry at the beginning of March. Benesia Smith, who had been in the role of Associate Executive Director – Operations, has stepped in to fulfil the Executive Director position until the Inquiry’s close.

Tūhonohono me ngā hāpori – Engagement with survivors and communities

- Following the extension announcement, Te Roopu Toiora, a group of survivors formed during the Inquiry whose kaupapa is focused on empowering survivors of abuse and neglect in care to share their narratives, raise awareness, bring healing, build resilience, and have strength of voice, have rescheduled their arts-based events and exhibitions to take place mid-year.

Whakawhiti kōrero - Communications

- The Inquiry worked with TVNZ’s Sunday programme on its interest in the abuse in care kaupapa. In March, TVNZ ran a video and online piece where a 64-year-old survivor and an 18-year-old survivor both share their experiences. These and other proactive profile pieces are helping to warm up and bring awareness to the public arena of what our Final Report will describe in detail.
- The Inquiry’s extension generated a small amount of news coverage from RNZ, TVNZ and Stuff. The Stuff article gave survivors’ perspective on what a delay means.

Decommissioning

- Drafting of the Inquiry’s Final Minute is underway [redacted]
- Preparations are also underway with DIA property for the Inquiry’s exit of its current office space in Wellington, including the advance removal of equipment not in use to enable a faster and smoother exit at the conclusion of the Inquiry.

Risks and Issues

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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"> Indicator: Hearings and wānanga successfully completed within the quarter as planned 	Progress status: n/a	Commentary: The Inquiry has completed this phase of engagement and no wānanga were undertaken in this quarter.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicator: Reports and other key deliverables completed as planned within the quarter 	Progress status: Amber	Commentary: The deliverables for the third quarter outside of the Final Report [Redacted] These have been reforecast to align with the 26 June 2024 delivery of the Final [Redacted]
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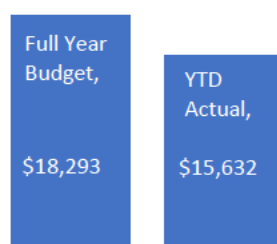
Financial Performance - January to April 2024

At the close of April 2024, the Inquiry had funding remaining of \$2.911m in Departmental and \$0.781m in Non-Departmental.

An additional \$0.900m is reflected in the remaining YTD funding and will take effect at March Baseline Update. Non-Departmental has had a reduction of \$0.100m which has been transferred to the 2024/25 year to cover support for survivors in the new year; this is also reflected in the remaining funding figures.

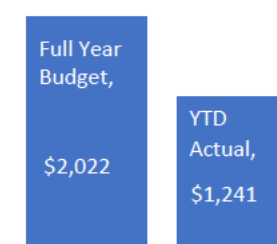
While there will be an underspend in the non-departmental funding, this can only be spent on survivor counselling/hauora initiatives and Commissioner fees. The appropriation prevents us from spending this funding on the production of the report.

Departmental Expenditure: (000's)



- Departmental expenditure was \$2.911m under budget due to delays in report production and reductions in staff costs.
- The remaining time and budget means that the Commission is working within a high-cost pressure environment and priorities of costs will be required.

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 \$0.781m. A large portion of this underspend is due to only having three Commissioners from August 2023 and a reduction in survivor- requested counselling which is linked to when reports are released or there is engagement with survivors.