

Quarterly Report on the second Te Aorerekura Action Plan: Q1 2025/26

To:	Family Violence Sexual Violence (FVSV) Ministerial Group		
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Action Sought

Note the progress made delivering Te Aorerekura Action Plan during the July – September 2025 quarter.	NOTED
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Purpose

1. To provide an update on progress towards delivering Te Aorerekura Action Plan (Action Plan) during the period July to September 2025 (Q1 2025/26).
2. To identify key features of the attached Quarterly Report (Appendix 1), including:
 - Delivery highlights of the quarter, and emerging risks and challenges.
 - Work to support continued progress moving forward.
 - Key activities contributing to Target 4.
 - Indicators of long-term change drawn from the New Zealand Crime and Victims Survey (NZCVS).
3. To signal future monitoring through Te Aorerekura Outcomes and Measurement Framework.

Delivery under Te Aorerekura Action Plan

4. Delivery across the Action Plan's three priority areas continued steadily over the July to September 2025 quarter, reflecting strong cross-agency collaboration and growing alignment between shared priorities. The overall portfolio performance is assessed as Amber/Green, indicating ongoing progress alongside some emerging challenges.
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Detailed Business Case completed formal agency and Ministerial consultation this quarter, receiving positive indications of support and constructive feedback from 17 agencies to further strengthen the investment case.

6. Through this refinement, the Interdepartmental Executive Board (IEB) has re-evaluated the delivery pathway and agreed to pursue full implementation of the TOM, including Project Whetū, through a comprehensive prototype in selected locations by June 2026. Re-planning to enable this approach is underway.
7. The Quarterly Report (Appendix 1) provides further detail of progress across the priority focus areas and the nine remaining milestones to deliver in the next quarter.

Progress since the end of the Quarter (30 September 2025)

Keeping People Safe

8. Work has continued through October 2025, to support the accelerated pathway for implementing the TOM, including Project Whetū. This includes exploring how to take advantage of a potential prototype of the technology to accompany the non-tech elements. Replanning is underway, with a Cabinet Paper to Joint Ministers likely to replace the presentation of a business case.

Investing and Commissioning Well

9. Following the work to gather and produce the draft Phase 1 of the Baseline Review Insights Report, this was presented to the IEB in October. This provides tangible visibility into the FVSV system, with a final report going to the IEB in November 2025. These insights will support a more deliberate approach to investment and commissioning, reinforcing the need to work in partnership with the Social Investment Agency (SIA).

Stopping Violence

10. The Stopping Violence priority has continued progressing the final two milestones, both are on track for delivery by December 2025. One deliverable is the current-to-future state report for people who use violence. This report will make recommendations that should in part inform the future work programme for Stopping Violence.

Action Plan and Target Four

11. Several key activities under the Keeping People Safe priority focus area of the Action Plan are a key contributor to Target 4 – Reduction in Violent Crime. During the last quarter, the following initiatives advanced this work:
 - Completion of a further three System Improvement Plans (SIPs) with localities, bringing the total to six completed and the remainder on track for completion by December 2025.
 - Expansion of Safety Programmes across five Auckland district courts, improving access to support for victims engaged in criminal proceedings.
 - Rollout of rehabilitation services for both offence- and non-offence-focused interventions, extending availability to prisoners on remand across multiple sites.

Monitoring Impact

12. An interim dashboard is being developed to track delivery and local impact of multi-agency responses in sites while the TOM is still in development. The dashboard will provide visibility of operational progress and emerging trends in service demand and outcomes, supporting the IEB to understand where system changes are making a measurable difference.
13. As committed in the previous report, baseline indicators of long-term change have been updated using data from the NZCVS on family- and sexual-violence victimisation. For consistency with Target 4 reporting, October 2023 has been selected as the baseline for comparison. The data shows:
 - A nine percent increase in victims of an offence where the perpetrator was a family member.
 - An eight percent decrease in victims of violent offences by a family member (assault, robbery, or sexual assault).
 - A three percent increase in victims of sexual violence.
14. Annual data indicates no statistically significant change in the number of victims of family offences, violent family offences, or sexual assault from 2018 to 2024. This suggests further data collection is needed to confirm whether quarterly movements reflect genuine long-term change. Work will continue to refine how long-term change is measured and interpreted over time.

Outcomes Reporting

15. Progress under Te Aorerekura is measured through the Outcomes and Measurement Framework (OMF), which captures both system-level shifts and the specific changes attributable to the Action Plan. The Action Plan three priority focus areas (Investing and Commissioning Well, Keeping People Safe, and Stopping Violence) align with 20 short-term outcomes from the OMF.
16. Reporting for these outcomes will be incorporated annually into Action Plan reporting, and into the full OMF report. The first OMF report, published in December 2024, established a baseline view of progress and identified areas for further development. The next comprehensive OMF report will be submitted to the IEB in March 2026.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Te Aorerekura Action Plan – Quarterly Report (Q1 JUL – SEPT 25)