

Briefing

Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

Appointments to the Family Violence and Sexual Violence Expert Ministerial Advisory Group

Date 6 May 2026

Ref 2026/131027b

Action sought

Timeframe

Authorise

the attached draft Cabinet paper (ref 130960) for lodgement

9am 7 May 2026

Contacts for discussion

Name	Position	First
Pheona Hurley	Manager, Office of the Chief Executive, 9(2)(a)	☒
Liz Tanielu	Chief Advisor, Partnerships, 9(2)(a)	

Minister's office to complete

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| ☐ Noted | ☐ Approved | ☐ Overtaken by events |
| ☐ Referred to... | | |
| ☐ Seen | ☐ Withdrawn | ☐ Not seen by Minister |

Minister's comments

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Purpose

1. This briefing asks you to authorise lodgement of the attached paper with Cabinet's Appointments and Honours (APH) Committee in the first instance, and with Cabinet proper in the second instance.
2. This process will finalise appointments to the new Family Violence and Sexual Violence Ministerial Advisory Group (the advisory group).

Background

3. On 24 October 2025, Cabinet endorsed your proposal to establish a new advisory group [refer CAB-25-MIN-0378 and SOU-25-MIN-0147]. The Centre for Family Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention (the Centre) received 86 expressions of interest between 10 November 2025 and 16 January 2026.
4. You then shortlisted 19 candidates for interview (ref 2026/129159 and 2026/130068). The independent interview panel made ten recommendations for you to consider (ref 2026/124933).
5. After considering those recommendations, you are proposing to appoint:
 - a) 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i)
 - b) Debra 'Debbs' MURRAY (Deputy Chair and Member)
 - c) Matthew 'Matt' BROWN (Member)
 - d) Peter Anthony 'Tony' CHAMBERLAIN (Member)
 - e) Caroline HEREWINI (Member)
 - f) Patricia 'Trish' MCMURTIE (Member)
 - g) Chystal 'Chrystal' WALKER (Member).
6. These members advisory group will provide you with high-quality, independent advice that will include policy, strategy and legislative responses to family violence and sexual violence. Advice will inform Ministerial decision-making and help build systems that support prevention, elimination, response and healing.

Ministerial consultation

7. The draft paper for APH was circulated amongst your Ministerial colleagues. This included all members of APH. No feedback was received.

Next steps

8. The table below shows key milestones to have the advisory group meeting by the end of May 2026. Officials are available to discuss any aspects of this process should you wish.

Milestone	Date
Lodge paper with Cabinet's APH Committee	7 May 2026 (by 10am)
APH considers the paper	12 May 2026
Cabinet confirms APH's decision	18 May 2026
Letters of appointment sent to successful appointees	19 May 2026
Advisory group announced / terms of appointment officially start	20 May 2026
Advisory group meets for first time	27-28 May 2026

Recommendations

We recommend you:

1. Authorise the attached draft Cabinet paper (ref 130960) for lodgement	YES/NO
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Cam Sherley

Acting Chief Executive, the Centre for Family Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention

Date: 6/05/2026

APPROVED / SEEN / NOT AGREED

Hon Karen Chhour

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

Date: / / 2026

Appendix 1: Final APH paper for lodgement
