
The Children's Convention Monitoring Group (CMG)

The CMG was formed in February 2011 to monitor how the Children's Convention (the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child) is being progressed in New Zealand.

View our Terms of Reference:

<http://www.occ.org.nz/assets/Uploads/CMG-TOR-adopted-May-2017.pdf>

CMG members:

Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa

Save the Children NZ

UNICEF NZ

Human Rights Commission

Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC)

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QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S CONVENTION MONITORING GROUP (CMG), April-June 2018**Engagement with Officials on Government coordination of the Children's Convention**

The OCC has continued to meet regularly with MSD on behalf of the CMG (three times this quarter). Other meetings of note in this period included a meeting with the Minister for Children, Tracey Martin about the recommendations in the CMG '*Building Blocks*' report (see below) and a meeting with officials from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment about planned updates to health and safety regulations which relate to the safety of children and young people who work. The CMG also met with the MSD team leading the Children's Independent Oversight Review in June about the role of the OCC in convening the CMG and made a written submission.

Engagement with Officials on Government work programme for children

Another item was added to the proposed cross-agency Government Children's Convention work programme in May. This means the Cabinet sign off process is now scheduled for the July-September quarter.

Child Impact Assessment (CIA)

The CMG has continued to promote the CIA to government officials when presented with the opportunity to do so.

CMG Public Reporting

The second public report in the Getting it Right series '*Getting it Right: Building Blocks - Building the foundations for implementing -the Children's Convention in Aotearoa,*' focused on the General Measures of Implementation was released on April 11th 2018.

25th Anniversary of the ratification of the Children's Convention in New Zealand

The Prime Minister and Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, Jacinda Ardern; the Minister for Children, Tracey Martin; and the Minister for Social Development, Carmel Sepuloni, hosted an event at Parliament on the 11th April to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ratification of the Children's Convention in New Zealand. The Children's Commissioner spoke at the event and launched the CMG '*Building Blocks*' report, calling on the Government to address the recommendations in the report.