
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

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QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S CONVENTION MONITORING GROUP (CMG), January-March 2018**Engagement with Officials on Government coordination of Convention**

The CMG have continued to meet regularly with MSD (twice this quarter). The CMG met with what is now called the Children's Convention DCE Group on 29th March 2018 and signed a refreshed Terms of Engagement which will be published on the MSD and OCC websites in Quarter two.

Engagement with Officials on Government work programme for children

The CMG provided advice to MSD on an update to the existing cross-agency Government Children's Convention work programme in March. The proposed workplan has been provided to the Minister for Children and when agreed will then go to Cabinet for approval.

Child Impact Assessment (CIA)

The CMG provided advice to MSD on the development of a CIA tool which has been updated and is currently being tested by government agencies. The updated CIA tool can be found here: <http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/resources/child-impact-assessment.html>

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*,' is focused on the General Measures of Implementation and will be released on April 11th 2018.

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

The Minister for Children is hosting 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 will speak at the event. He will speak about the CMG report and the recommendations made in it.

Universal Periodic Review and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Review.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade held public consultation sessions in February and March to seek views on current human rights issues in New Zealand and to inform the Government's national report for New Zealand's 3rd Universal Periodic Review in 2019. On 14th February CMG members attended the Wellington consultation and raised children's rights issues. The Human Rights Commission and ACYA contributed to the fourth periodic review of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in March and raised children's rights issues.