

**Subject:** RE: Our original OIA 2024/01: GDS Index– confirming joint strategies (Te Aorerekura: National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence)

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Mōrena Wendy,

Thank you for your email.

I understand how you might have received slightly conflicting information, as this isn't a straightforward scenario.

The Executive Board for the Elimination of Family and Sexual Violence is tasked with providing whole-of-government strategy, policy, and budgeting advice to Ministers on eliminating family violence and sexual violence, including future iterations of the National Strategy. It is also tasked with monitoring, supporting, and coordinating implementation of the National Strategy, and other priority and cross-agency initiatives.

Whilst the Board is responsible setting its priorities and strategic direction, it remains the responsibility of individual agencies to deliver on those priorities.

As you have noted, the Public Service Act allows for IEBs to be established. An Order in Council is used to establish what agencies fall within the Board's mandate; however, it is for the Public Service Commissioner to appoint Board Members.

Below is the list of organisations on the Board (the Public Service Commission are not represented on the Board):

- Department of Corrections
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Māori Development—Te Puni Kōkiri
- Ministry of Social Development
- Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children
- New Zealand Police.

In addition, and as Independent Advisor, the CE of ACC is appointed to the Board.

There are also a handful of associate members – however they are not part of the Board (rather treated as close stakeholders).

I would suggest it is more accurate to say that the Strategy is held by the Board (the Executive Board for the Elimination of Family and Sexual Violence), with the eight agencies (listed above) having collaboration and implementation obligations.

I hope this is helpful.

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