

Briefing Note: Kotahi Te Whakaaro

To:	Hon Jo Luxton, Associate Minister of Education		
Cc:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of Briefing Note:

This briefing note provides information to support the visit of Hon Jo Luxton, Associate Minister of Education to Kotahi Te Whakaaro

Kotahi Te Whakaaro is an urgent and co-ordinated multi-agency response with whānau to prevent further harm for all rangatahi under 17 years of age who are involved in dangerous and escalating behaviours and living in Counties Manukau.

This Briefing Note identifies key people, outlines the visit itinerary, and gives further information about the service.

Kotahi Te Whakaaro

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Key People - Ministry of Education

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Background

1. Kotahi Te Whakaaro Overview

The South Auckland Social Wellbeing Board (SASWB) supported the development of a Proof of Concept for a whānau-centric, holistic response to address wellbeing requirements, safety concerns and immediate needs of tamariki (and their whanau) who have been involved in fleeing driving and ram raids.

2. Who are involved in Kotahi Te Whakaaro?

Collectively, government agencies namely, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Development, Oranga Tamariki, New Zealand Police, Kāinga Ora, Te Whatu Ora, Reconnect family services, Genesis Youth Trust, and Department of Corrections.

3. How does it work?

Police review cases that occurred in the last 24 hours and send information to all agencies at 7:30am. At 10 am the team meet with existing agencies to collaborate. One plan will be created and decided on who will be best to engage initially with the whanau. The initial visit will identify support that are needed and identify the resources to provide.

4. Summary of Data (1 year review, 1 May 2022 – 30 April 2023)

- A total of 163 tamariki along with 426 siblings and their whānau.
- Rangatahi involved identified as 99 are Māori, 31 are Pacific, 18 are both Māori and Pacific, 7 are Māori and Pākehā, 7 are Pākehā and 1 not specified.
- 89% have been exposed to family harm
- 52% were known to police and 48% were unknown to police
- 78% did not re-offend after supported through Kotahi.

5. Education Profile

- 21% were not enrolled in school upon entry to Kotahi Te Whakaaro
- 56% of tamariki who were not enrolled in school upon entry are now re-enrolled back into school
- 64% enrolled four or more times across schools
- 17% identified as having Learning Difficulties in the system

Key Risks and Benefits

6. There are no known risks of issues related to Kotahi Te Whakaaro.

Proactive Release

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Annex 1: Run Sheet

Time	Activity	Other details
10:00am	Associate Minister Luxton arrives and is greeted by Director for the South Auckland Social Wellbeing Board (SASWB) & Ministry representative (Nitasha Jugernath) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation from the Kotahi Te Whakaaro team	Other attendees include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kotahi Te Whakaaro representatives• Education, Police & OT (Oranga Tamariki)
10:40am	Discuss an overnight occurrence (if the minister wishes to see how the cross-agency operates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rest of the Kotahi Te Whakaaro team join the discussion.
11:00am	Questions & Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representatives from SASWB & Kotahi Te Whakaaro