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Crown Response to the  
Abuse in Care Inquiry:  
Pānui / Newsletter



   
  
May 2023

# About this pānui / newsletter



This Easy Read pānui / newsletter is from the Crown Response Unit called the **CRU** for short.

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Description automatically generatedThe **CRU** is a group of people who work for the government who look after:

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Description automatically generatedcontact between the Government and the **Royal Commission of Inquiry – Abuse in Care**

the Government **response** to what the Royal Commission finds out.

The **Royal Commission of Inquiry – Abuse in Care** is explained in the on **pages 5 to 7** of this document.

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The **response** is what the Government will do because of what the Royal Commission finds out.

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This Pānui / newsletter is from May 2023.

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**www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/mo-matou-about-us/karere-news/**

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Description automatically generatedSome of the information in this pānui / newsletter may upset people when they read it.

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This information is not meant to upset anyone.

A picture containing wall, indoor, person

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If you are worried or concerned after reading this you can talk about it with:

your family / friends

* Diagram

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# What is the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care?

The **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** is looking into abuse that happened to people

**in care**.

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In this document being **in care** means that the Government or a **faith-based institution** were in charge of your care.

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**Faith-based institution**s are run by religious groups like churches.

**Abuse** can be:

* **physical** – a person kicking or hitting you
* Two people sitting at a table

  Description automatically generated with low confidence**sexual** – when someone does sexual things to you that you do not want them to like:
* A black and white drawing of a person and person sitting at a table

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* kissing you
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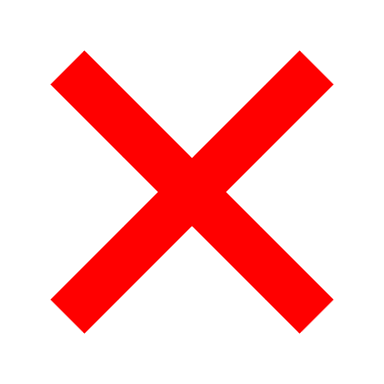
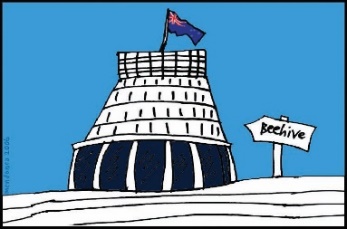
  Description automatically generatedmaking you have sex with them – this is called rape
* **emotional** – yelling or saying things to you that are not nice

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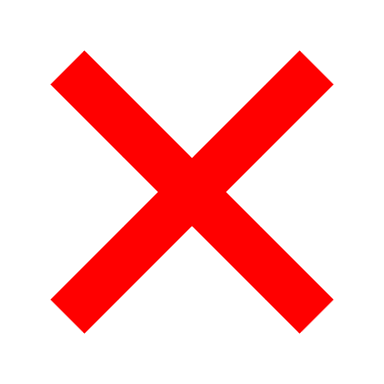
* **neglect** – not giving you the things or care you need.

The Royal Commission is **not** part of the Government.





The Government cannot tell the Royal Commission what to do.



The Royal Commission is not part of any faith-basedorganisations like churches.



The Royal Commission calls people who have been through abuse in care **survivors.**

# Update on Redress Groups

**Redress** means someone:

agrees that something bad has happened

does something to try to:

* put things right
* make up for any harm that has been done.

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Redress can be things like:

saying sorry

giving money as a way of saying sorry

giving other kinds of support like counselling.

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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceThe Minister for the Public Service is the person in the Government who is responsible for the CRU.

A person in a suit and tie

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The Minister for the Public Service is Andrew Little.

Andrew Little has chosen:

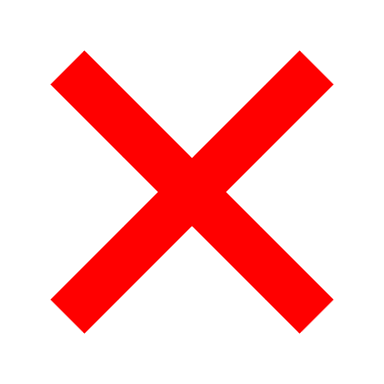
10 people to be in the Design Redress Group

16 people to be in the Advisory Redress Group.

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Description automatically generatedYou can read more about what these groups do on the Crown Response **website**:

**https://tinyurl.com/CRUResources**



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## A picture containing clothing, person, footwear, trousers Description automatically generatedDesign Group Co-Chairs

The Minister for the Public Service chose 2 people to **co-Chair** the Design Group.



The job of the **Chair** is to lead the group to make sure redress works well.

When a group has 2 Chairs they are called **co-Chairs**.



The Design Group co-Chairs are:

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Description automatically generatedDr Annabel Ahuriri-Driscoll

Ruth Jones.

## Design Group members

The Design Group members are:

Dr Filipo Katavake-McGrath

Māhera Maihi

Tyrone Marks

Te Pare Meihana

Paora Moyle

Bernie O’Donnell

Dr Michael Roguski

Tupua Urlich

Keith Wiffin

Dr Steve Winter.

## Advisory Group members

The Advisory Group members are:

Kararaina Beckett

David Crichton

Dr Alison Green

Joanna Ilolahia

Toni Jarvis

Bianca Johanson

Denise Messiter

Heidi Nayak.

There are more names of Advisory Group members on the next page.

More Advisory Group members are:

Sevia Nua

Fleur Ramsay

Paora Sweeney

Frances Tagaloa

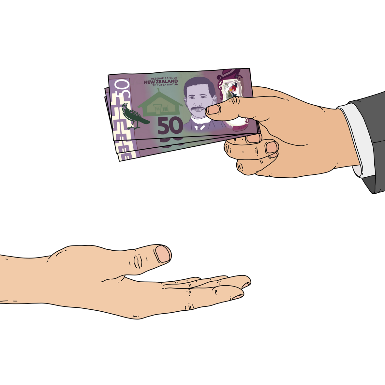
Jacinda Thompson

Jenni Tupu

Emma West

Matthew Whiting.

# Rapid Payments



**Rapid Payments** is money that is given to survivors more quickly as part of redress.

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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceThe Government has made more money available to help the Ministry of Social Development carry on with redress.



The Ministry is still making rapid payments to survivors who are  
old / ill.

The Ministry is starting to work on redress for survivors cared for by a government agency called Child, Youth and Family in the past.



This includes redress for survivors from when Child, Youth and Family had other names.



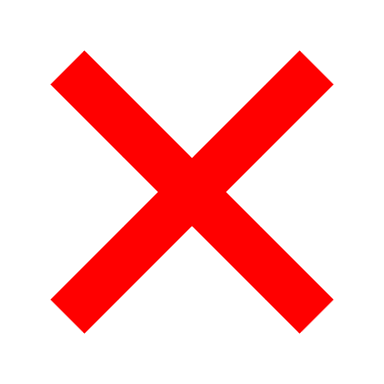
Child, Youth and Family is called Oranga Tamariki now.

## More information about Rapid Payments

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Description automatically generatedYou can download a fact sheet to get more information about Rapid Payments:

**https://tinyurl.com/muxyufz9**



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You can also phone the Ministry of Social Development for more information about Rapid Payments:

**Phone: 0800 631 127**



This phone call will not cost you any money.

You can also use the New Zealand Relay Service to call the Ministry of Social Development if you are:

* Deaf / hearing impaired
* deafblind
* find it hard to speak.

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**https://www.nzrelay.co.nz**

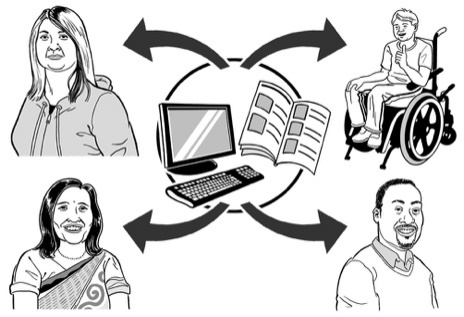
# Survivor Experience Service

From July 2023 a new Survivor Experience Service will give survivors a different way to share what happened to them.

This service will replace the Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry:

new survivor registration service

private sessions services.



The CRU will tell everyone more about the new Survivor Experience Service soon.

# Access to records for survivors



**Records** are things that people write down about another person.

Sometimes records have parts covered up or taken out so that no one can read them.



Some records have more information covered up or taken out than others.



The Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry redress report said this was not good enough.

To help agencies to know what to do the CRU has made new guidelines for agencies.

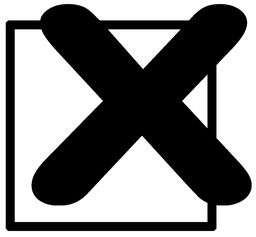
The guidelines are called **Shared Redaction Guidance**.



**Redaction** means putting a black line over something in a record so that no one can read it.



The **Shared Redaction Guidance** says what things agencies:

may take out of a record

must not take out of a record.

A logo for a children's ministry

Description automatically generated with low confidenceThe agencies in the following list say they will use the Shared Redaction Guidance:

Oranga Tamariki

Ministry of Social Development – Historic Claims Unit

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Ministry of Health

Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People

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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceMethodist Church Archives of New Zealand.

A person reading a book

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[**www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/mo-matou-about-us/alternate-formats/**](https://www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/mo-matou-about-us/alternate-formats/)

# Funding update

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The Government has made money available for redress work.



You can find out more about how much money there is for different parts of the work on the CRU **website**:

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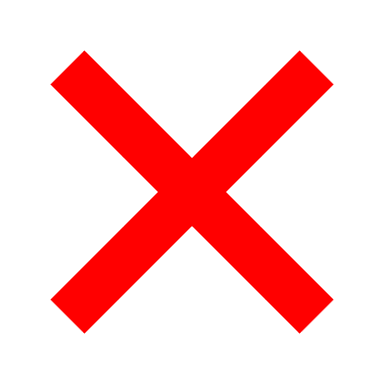
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**https://tinyurl.com/CRUfunding**

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# Where to find more information

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If you want to contact CRU about the new redress system you can:

send an email to:

**contact@abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz**

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**www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz**

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