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Subject: FW: Minister's letter: Wai 3327 (Inquiry into Te Reo Māori)
Attachments: Letter from the Minister for the Public Service.pdf; Wai 3327 Brief of Evidence-H Baggott.pdf

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Kia ora koutou

Here is the letter from the Minister for the Public Service that I mentioned at this morning's Advance when I briefed you on the Waitangi Tribunal's inquiry into te reo Māori in the public sector. I also attach my brief of evidence, which provides context for the inquiry and an overview of the deliberate and meaningful efforts led by PSLT to lift the capability of the Public Service including Te Reo Māori.

Please note in particular, if your Minister wishes to discuss agency names, the expectation is that advice must consider obligations to protect and promote te reo Māori, and to seek advice from the Attorney-General, Crown Law and Te Kawa Mataaho as appropriate. Ministers can consider coalition commitments on a case by case basis, but there is no intention to issue a directive across the Public Service relating to names or communication used by departments.

In the absence of any specific direction from your Minister, the best guidance to consider if you are updating or changing logos or signage is the guidelines developed by TPK in 2016. [Māori-English Bilingual Signage \(tpk.govt.nz\)](https://tpk.govt.nz). These guidelines have broad application across the public sector and may also be useful for Crown entities that you monitor.

The draft Government Workforce Policy Statement has a revised provision regarding allowances for te reo Māori, which seeks to elevate the importance of Te Reo Māori in the workplace and includes an affirmation of our obligations to actively promote and protect Te Reo Māori. This is still undergoing consultation and will go to Cabinet in due course.

Ngā mihi nui

Heather

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