

# Open Government Partnership New Zealand

## National Action Plan 2018-2020

Progress report for: July – Sept 2019

### Commitment 1: Engagement with Parliament

**Lead agency:** Office of the Clerk

**Objective:** To improve public understanding of how Parliament works and engage a greater number of people with its work.

**Ambition:** People will be able to access information about how Parliament works more easily and more people will engage with Parliament and have their say.

**OGP values:** Transparency, Public Participation, Technology and Innovation

Milestones		Progress
1	Expand the use of Parliament TV to provide information about Parliament, in addition to coverage of the House, to show New Zealanders that Parliament is relevant to them. Content will be reviewed annually and viewer numbers will be monitored quarterly. <i>Start/End dates: June 2018/June 2020</i>	
2	Make Parliament more interactive by holding three public events every year, focused on engaging people with Parliament, to raise awareness that Parliament is for everyone. <i>Start/End dates: December 2018/December 2019</i>	
3	Develop and publish content showing 'real people' start petitions and make submissions to select committees, and make the options for having your say transparent and easy to understand to show people how to participate in the democratic process. <i>Start/End dates: June 2018/June 2020</i>	
4	Develop and enhance a 360° Virtual Reality Tour of Parliament to raise children, young people's and all New Zealanders' awareness of what Parliament does by making it more accessible and interesting to inspire future voters <i>Start/End dates: June 2018/October 2018</i>	

Progress key:



some delays



underway



completed

### WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- Work has been completed on a suite of new programmes for Parliament TV. The 20 one-hour episodes explore New Zealand's parliamentary and political history, and will launch in October 2019.
- In July Parliament hosted Youth Parliament 2019.
- Speakers Outreach programme was run twice in September, in Hamilton and Wairarapa.

## HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- In September Parliament was awarded a Platinum rating for Accessibility, one of three organisations to have attained this.
- For the first time Youth Parliament was broadcast live, and video made available for on demand viewing. Sign language translation was provided in the chamber for one of the Youth MPs, and unisex bathrooms were provided around the Parliamentary precinct.

## HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- New Zealand Sign Language interpretation was provided on Parliament TV for the first reading of the Abortion Legislation Bill and the Committee of the Whole stage of the End of Life Choice Bill.
- Content was published relating to the third reading of the Ngāti Rangi Claims Settlement Bill.
- The online app allowing people to take a virtual tour of Parliament was promoted, emphasising that Parliament is everyone's place and this is one way to explore it, even if you are too busy or unable to get to the physical building.
- A ceremony was held for the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the New Zealand Wars. The ceremony was live streamed and subsequently made available as video on demand.
- Select committee staff travelled to Auckland to speak to members of UN Youth about the select committee process.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- Launch of new PTV content in October.
- Developing content showing young people being involved with Parliament, particularly through the petitioning process.
- Planning for next public event to be held before the end of the year.
- Research to understand how people use the Parliamentary Journal.

## LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- Speaker's outreach programme:  
<https://www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn/speakers-outreach-programme/parliament-visits-hamilton-september-2019/>  
<https://www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn/speakers-outreach-programme/parliament-in-the-wairarapa-september-2019/>

- Youth Parliament 2019  
<https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/youth-parliament/>
- Parliament's Platinum rating for accessibility  
<https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/parliament-s-platinum-rating-for-accessibility/>
- Visit Our Place at Your Place  
<https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/visit-our-place-at-your-place/>
- I huraina ki Te Whare Pāremata he tohu whakamaumahara ki ngā Pakanga o Aotearoa / Plaque to commemorate New Zealand Wars unveiled at Parliament  
<https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/i-huraina-ki-te-whare-p%C4%81remata-he-tohu-whakamaumahara-ki-ng%C4%81-pakanga-o-aotearoa-plaque-to-commemorate-new-zealand-wars-unveiled-at-parliament/>
- New Zealand Model Parliament 2019  
[https://www.facebook.com/pg/unyouthnz/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=2558702940857644&\\_tn=-UC-R](https://www.facebook.com/pg/unyouthnz/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2558702940857644&_tn=-UC-R)
- Parliament TV Video on Demand  
<https://www.parliament.nz/en/watch-parliament/ondemand>
- When Ngāti Rangi came to Parliament  
<https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/when-ng%C4%81ti-rangi-came-to-parliament/>