

# Open Government Partnership New Zealand

## National Action Plan 2018-2020

Progress report for: 1 July to 30 September 2019

### Commitment 2: Youth Parliament

**Lead agency:** Ministry of Youth Development

**Objective:** To improve understanding among young people of how Parliament works and to highlight topics that matter to young people the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) will work with the Office of the Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives to deliver an enhanced Youth Parliament 2019.

**Ambition:** Through delivering the six-month Youth Parliament 2019 programme, MYD aims to fulfil the five Youth Parliament objectives:

- replicate the Parliamentary process
- involve as many young people as possible (before and after the event)
- maximise the educational opportunities of the event
- enhance Parliamentary public relations
- make known the views expressed to appropriate policy agencies.

To allow young people the opportunity to shape what is discussed at the two-day event the young people selected to be Youth MPs will submit potential topics for Youth Parliament select committee hearings, and potential topics for a mock bill.

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

Milestones		Progress
1	Widely promote the opportunity to submit to the ten planned Youth Parliament select committee hearings ahead of the July 2019 Youth Parliament event to a diverse range of young people. <i>Start/End dates: April 2019-June 2019</i>	
2	Explore (with the Ministry of Education) how footage of Youth MPs speaking in the debating chamber of the New Zealand House of Representatives could be utilised as part of a civics or citizenship educational resource for schools. <i>Start/End dates: October 2018-June 2020</i>	
3	With the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives maximise opportunities to profile Youth Parliament via social media channels, including promoting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the Youth MP and Youth Press Gallery selection period</li><li>• the finalising of the select committee and mock bill topics (planned to be finalised by April 2019)</li><li>• the work of Youth MPs in their communities during their tenure</li><li>• activities occurring during the two-day Youth Parliament event</li></ul> <i>Start/End dates: October 2018-August 2019</i>	

4	<p>Circulate Youth Parliament select committee reports to policy agencies relevant to the topics discussed and publish them on the MYD website as soon as they are available after the Youth Parliament event.</p> <p><i>Start/End dates: July 2019-October 2019</i></p>	
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Progress key:



some delays



underway



completed

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- We delivered the Youth Parliament 2019 orientation programme (on 15 July) and the two-day event (on 16 and 17 July) at Parliament, and live broadcast on TV and online the activities that occurred in Parliament's debating chamber. Youth Parliament's question time, legislative debate and vote, presentation of select committee reports, and general debate were all live broadcast.
- We have circulated the ten Youth Parliament select committee reports to policy agencies relevant to the topics discussed, and on 30 July 2019 we published a link to the reports on the MYD website.
- The Office of the Clerk has worked with Parliamentary select committee Chairs to arrange times (where committee agendas allow) for Youth MPs to report back to the Parliamentary select committee relevant to their Youth Parliament select committee inquiry. As at 30 September, five report backs have occurred:
  - 1 August 2019, the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Select Committee report back on the Youth Parliament inquiry titled *How can we maintain economic growth while reducing the wealth gap?*
  - 8 August 2019, the Primary Production Select Committee report back on the Youth Parliament inquiry titled *How can primary industries prepare for issues that arise from climate change? (E.g. water usage, environmental quality, land use and biosecurity risks)*
  - 21 August 2019, the Māori Affairs Select Committee report back on the Youth Parliament inquiry titled *How can we raise awareness of our cultural history?*
  - 21 August 2019, the Social Services and Community Select Committee report back on the Youth Parliament inquiry titled *How can we encourage civic engagement amongst the younger generation?*
  - 26 September 2019, the Justice Select Committee report back on the Youth Parliament inquiry titled *How can we encourage civic engagement amongst the younger generation?*
- On 18 September 2019 we met with the Chairperson of the Aotearoa Social Studies Educators' Network to discuss how footage of Youth MPs speaking in the debating chamber of the New Zealand House of Representatives could be utilised as part of a civics or citizenship educational resource for schools. Following the meeting, on 23 September 2019 we provided the Ministry of Education with a list of online Youth Parliament 2019 content that could be used as part of a civics or citizenship resource developed to support their School Leavers' Toolkit online

resource, and also with access to the Youth Parliament logo, to be utilised in the resource.

## HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- Footage from the live broadcast has been cut up into individual speeches and questions and is now publicly available online, enabling the diverse voices of Youth Parliament 2019's 120 Youth MPs (who identified with 20 different ethnicities) to be shared and further utilised.
- The 149 videos from Youth Parliament 2019 on the *NZ Youth Parliament* youtube channel have been viewed a combined total of 43,500 times.
- The Youth Parliament 2019 Hansard written record of everything said by Youth MPs in the debating chamber at Parliament during the two-day event was published on Parliament's website on 5 August 2019.

## HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- On 10 July 2019 we publicly released and distributed to our stakeholders the second Youth Parliament electronic newsletter, including 8 articles written entirely by Youth Press Gallery members, profiling Youth MPs, the projects they are working on in their communities, and the issues they are passionate about.
- We distributed a link to the second Youth Parliament electronic newsletter to a diverse range of stakeholder groups and organisations, including:
  - Aotearoa New Zealand Federation of Social Studies Teachers
  - Ara Taiohi and other local youth sector networks such as the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective
  - Electoral Commission
  - Local government organisations
  - Ministry for Pacific Peoples
  - Ministry for Women
  - Ministry of Education
  - Ministry of Social Development
  - National Association of Media Educators
  - New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust
  - Office for Disability Issues
  - Office of Ethnic Affairs
  - Office of the Children's Commissioner
  - Office of the Clerk
  - Office of the Speaker
  - Oranga Tamariki
  - Te Puni Kokiri.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- We will support Youth MPs from the Youth Parliament Health Select Committee to report back to Parliament's Health Select Committee on 16 October 2019.

- We will continue to work with the Ministry of Education (MoE) to explore how footage of Youth MPs speaking in the debating chamber of the New Zealand House of Representatives could be utilised as part of a civics or citizenship educational resource for schools. This includes continuing to participate in MoE's cross-agency civics working group.

## LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- All footage of Youth Parliament 2019 activities that occurred in the debating chamber is available on a newly created Youth Parliament [youtube channel](#).
- [Link on the MYD website](#) to the Youth Parliament select committee reports, published on 30 July 2019.
- Online content related to Select Committee report backs:
  - Economic Development, Science and Innovation report back on the Youth Parliament inquiry *How can we maintain economic growth while reducing the wealth gap?* - video recording of report back available at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/EDSISCNZ/posts/>
  - Primary Production report back on the Youth Parliament inquiry into *How can primary industries prepare for issues that arise from climate change? (E.g. water usage, environmental quality, land use and biosecurity risks)* – video recording of report back available at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=369429117337118>
  - Māori Affairs Select Committee report back on the Youth Parliament inquiry into *How can we raise awareness of our cultural history?* - article on the report back and selected audio available at the following link: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/the-house/audio/2018709702/new-zealand-history-should-be-compulsory-teaching-youth-mps>
  - Justice Select Committee report back on the Youth Parliament inquiry titled *How can we encourage civic engagement amongst the younger generation?* – video recording of report back available at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/1871068362906301/posts/2788582311154897?fsns=mo>
- The July 2019 Youth Parliament electronic newsletter is available [here](#).
  - We shared a link to the electronic newsletter through a [10 July 2019 Facebook post](#).
- The Youth Parliament Hansard was [published online](#) and [shared](#) on the Ministry of Youth Development Facebook page on 5 August 2019.