

Open Government Partnership New Zealand

National Action Plan 2018-2020

Progress report for: February – April 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:

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

- New opening and closing credits for Parliament TV were launched at the start of the 2019 sitting year (12 February 2019). This was the first update to the credits since Parliament TV's launched in 2007. Work continues on developing more PTV content. A one hour programme is currently available and more will be available in the next financial year.

- Public event (Children's Day) was held 3 March 2019 (2nd of target of 3 events, first was Harmony in the House in December 2018)
- Speakers Outreach programme was run in March in Christchurch.

HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- Working with Deaf Aotearoa to develop resources for the Deaf community about how Parliament works.
- Sharing work of Youth MPs and Youth Press Gallery in our dedicated Youth Parliament section on the Parliament website.

HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- Workshop for UN Youth in Auckland in April.
- Launch of Youth Parliament 2019 on the Parliament website, including facilitation of submissions to Youth Parliament select committees:

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Production of further programmes for PTV.
- Updating and enhancing guidance information for people making submissions to Parliament.
- Developing an ongoing communications strategy to promote the Virtual Reality Tour of Parliament.

LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- New intro footage:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/NZParliament/videos/1136098903224314/>
 - <https://twitter.com/NZParliament/status/1094804365175443456>
 - <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6500572190403100672>
- UN Youth:
 - <https://www.instagram.com/p/BwS5ymdh0Ws>
- Children's Day event was held at Parliament in March 2019 -
 - <https://www.parliament.nz/en/watch-parliament/video?itemId=31243>
- Dedicated Youth Parliament section on the Parliament website:
 - <https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/youth-parliament/>