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**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 February 2018 1:21 PM  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** PMOmedia  
**Subject:** RE: Jacinda Ardern interview - additional questions

Hi 9(2)(a) – thanks for sending these through. I'll get something to you,

Best,

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**Subject:** RE: Jacinda Ardern interview - additional questions

Hi there,

Please find the additional questions for the Prime Minister attached.  
As the deadline for article is approached (20 February) I understand if not all of these can be answered.  
Please just send back the answers to everything that can. It would be absolutely ideal if these could be answered by EOD Friday but failing that EOD Monday would be fine.

Warm regards,

9(2)(a)

**I would like to ask the following questions regarding the Labour Rainbow Policies listed that I listed below with bullet points:**

**What does the implementation of this policy look like? What is the timeline for achieving these goals? Can the Government ensure these are implemented before the next election?**

- No young person should be subject to verbal and physical abuse and made to feel inferior. Labour will take action to eradicate discrimination, violence and bullying, and to combat suicide and self-harm.
- provide targeted suicide prevention funding to build capacity of rainbow community support organisations and mainstream crisis support and services.
- ensure the needs and specific circumstances of young Rainbow people are actively addressed in our strategies to reduce homelessness

- support initiatives which ensure Rainbow New Zealanders approaching retirement can continue to live safely and openly in supported living environments like retirement homes and aged care facilities.
- accurately collect statistical data on Rainbow communities so that we take an evidence-based approach to policy formation and programme development in areas such as health, social development, and justice.

– **will the above policy have an effect on the New Zealand census?**

- fund research on the health and well-being of rainbow communities, for example, research on adolescent youth and on sexual health
- modernise the law relating to the care of children to ensure that the widest possible pool of suitable adults, including same-sex couples, is available to provide care (being foster care, short-term guardianship and other forms of custody) to children in need
- support and ensure all district health boards reduce barriers for trans and gender diverse people to access gender affirming healthcare, transition related medical support (including hormones, social support and other cosmetic interventions), and an assessment of the need for gender reassignment surgery as an elective service
- ensure fair access to publicly funded gender affirming surgical options for trans and gender diverse people based on need.

Currently people are waiting up to 50 years for male to female gender reassignment surgery, with three surgeries taking place every two years. Does Labour intend to increase this number?

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- help achieve the goal of ending HIV in New Zealand by 2025 by: increasing access to sexual health services, testing, and early treatment; funding access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP); and supporting education, research, and community groups which help achieve this goal
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-Do NZ First support Labour's rainbow policies?

-how concerned do you think the LGBT community should be about the rise of the alt right overseas?

-Recent polls have suggested she is NZ'S preferred Prime Minister but National is still NZ's preferred party... why does she think that is?

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**Cc:** 9(2)(a); 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Jacinda Ardern interview request for the Annual Auckland Pride issue of Express Magazine

Hi 9(2)(a)  
I will send you a couple in the morning.  
Do you prefer something with a clean background, or doesn't it matter too much?

Cheers  
9(2)(a)

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**Subject:** Re: Jacinda Ardern interview request for the Annual Auckland Pride issue of Express Magazine

Hi Sarah,

I am just finalizing the last questions for Jacinda regarding her 100 days as PM for a written response.

Please could you send me through some high res images for express magazine cover options?

Thank you very much,

Warm regards,

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**Cc:** 9(2)(a); 9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Jacinda Ardern interview request for the Annual Auckland Pride issue of Express Magazine

Hi 9(2)(a)

**Just confirming these questions for Monday for your interview with the PM:**

-How was her Christmas?

-(as someone who has DJ'd) What are your top 5 tunes for us be spinning this Pride?

-How she is finding being PM?

-Why events like pride matter in 2018?

-What she would like to achieve in her first three years for a broader NZ?

-Her support for the arts

-Finally as a publication that is all about who you love - how did you meet Clarke and did you ever watch him on C4?

-What makes you proudest to be a New Zealander?

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**Subject:** FW: Express Magazine

FYI: I'm on this.

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Subject: RE: Express Magazine

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Understood!

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To be clear - this won't be today. But I am following up for you. Good things take time!

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I look forward to seeing the further info from the PM at some point today.

Warm regards,

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Hi 9(2)(a)

I've spoken to the PM.

You can attribute these points to her, but she also wants to get you some more info - which I'm working on.

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**To:** PMOmedia  
**Subject:** FW: Headsup/Rainbow politics

From: Louisa Wall  
Sent: Saturday, 16 December 2017 12:49 PM  
To: Hon Grant Robertson; Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern; 9(2)(a)  
Subject: FW: Headsup/Rainbow politics

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Cc: 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a) >

Subject: Headsup/Rainbow politics

Kia ora kotou

On Tuesday the Australian High Commission are having a party to celebrate marriage equality.

The media are taking an interest and there is a chance that they may run a story that could get into wider matters.

Either way a national conversation about various rainbow issues is likely to commence very soon.

In late January Rainbow Wellington will be highlighting the 10th anniversary of the Human Rights Commission's final report from their inquiry into discrimination experienced by trans and intersex people ("To Be Who I Am") This will be the start of an ongoing awareness campaign throughout the year.

In February the Pride season commences with the Big Gay Out which is in the PMs own 'patch'.

She herself launched Labour's Rainbow policy just days after taking over the leadership so has personally raised a lot of expectations in the community.

I understand that the timing isn't exactly ideal while you are in the middle of your 100 Days cycle, but as a 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a) I can remind you that unfortunately that's business as usual.

The government needs to craft some key messages on rainbow issues to have in back pockets.

Risks and why you should care - have a look at Andrea Vance's story on Bill English becoming PM which included an interview with our previous chair.

To be free and frank - you need to get ahead of the game on this as the government is vulnerable given the contrast in voting records on such matters as homosexual law reform and marriage equality.

The good news is that it shouldn't be hard to fix if you do the work in 'peacetime'.

The bad news is that peacetime might not extend past this Monday and certainly won't extend past January.

Rainbow Wellington is very keen to avoid any mishaps and we do have a lot of experience which we would gladly utilise to help you help our community, which after all is a demographic that is overrepresented in all the problem areas that the 100 Days initiatives are aimed at improving.

Nga mihi/kindest regards

9(2)(a)

Rainbow Wellington

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11 MAY 2018

Amanda Ashley  
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Ref: PMO 086-2018

Dear Amanda Ashley

### Re: Labour's Rainbow Policy

Thank you for your message, received on 20 April 2018. You asked:

- 1. Please confirm when the Labour Rainbow Policy (<http://www.labour.org.nz/rainbow>) be put fully into effect.*
- 2. Please provide a timeline of each aspect of the policy.*
- 3. Please provide copies of any significant reports produced by this project during the last 12 months.*
- 4. Please provide copies of meeting agendas from the last twelve months.*
- 5. Please confirm the best sources of publicly available information, including mailing lists and spokespeople etc.*
- 6. Please confirm the current details of the project organisation including staff and community reps, meeting arrangements, terms of reference, reporting requirements etc."*

I appreciate the nature of your questions, and would like to begin by assuring you of this Government's commitment to improving the lives of Rainbow New Zealanders. I must note though that this is a coalition government, and as such, government, not Labour policy, applies. I must also note that information about the policies of political parties is not official information, as defined by the Official Information Act 1982.

However, while your request about Labour's Rainbow Policy is not official information, I sincerely recognise the importance of the Policy, and would like to answer your questions as fully as possible, insofar as I am able.

The Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, remains extremely proud of Labour's Rainbow agenda. I expect Labour's Rainbow Policy to be put into effect by Ministers progressively through the course of this term of Parliament however no specific dates have been set. Labour is progressing conversations on delivering their Rainbow policies with their coalition partner New Zealand First and the Green Party, and remains aware that there is a great deal of work to do in this space.

The Prime Minister has not as yet had any specific meetings dedicated to Rainbow issues in her capacity as Prime Minister. However, I can confirm that Labour's Rainbow Caucus have met, in their capacity as Members of Parliament.



For the "best sources of publicly available information", I would recommend <http://www.labour.org.nz/rainbow> and the Beehive website for Government announcements (<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/>).

Insofar as your request is for details about the "project organisation", this is a query that should be addressed to the Minister with the portfolio responsibility for the particular project. For instance a request about the progress of collecting gender identity information is a matter for Hon James Shaw, as Minister of Statistics. I have not transferred your request as it relates to the progress of particular projects, as I would need you to clarify which particular project/s you wish to know about in order to ensure that your request was transferred to the relevant Minister/s. For each project you have an interest in, you may wish to write to the appropriate Minister and identify the particular project that is the subject of your queries.

Thank you again for your questions about Labour's Rainbow Policy.

Yours sincerely



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Chief of Staff

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Subject: RE: Media response Rainbow policy

Not for now.

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Subject: Media response Rainbow policy

This is what was sent, but there's a trail of emails after the ed came back to us with additional questions – do you need those?

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## Comment for Express Magazine

**What does the implementation of Labour's Rainbow policy look like? What is the timeline for achieving these goals? Can the Government ensure these are implemented before the next election?**

**\*\*The first point we will make is that this is a coalition government, and as such, government, not Labour policy applies\*\***

This Government is committed to improving the lives of Rainbow New Zealanders.

We stand by our policies, and are progressing conversations on delivering on them with our coalition partner New Zealand First and the Green Party.

I'm personally really proud of Labour's Rainbow agenda which has been developed and driven by the community.

We know Rainbow policy does not stand alone. It is essential Rainbow New Zealanders are included in every part of the decisions Government makes. That's particularly true of health, housing and education.

In terms of an update, there is much work to be done. But in our first 100 Days we have made significant progress:

**Policy: No young person should be subject to verbal and physical abuse and made to feel inferior. Labour will take action to eradicate discrimination, violence and bullying, and to combat suicide and self-harm.**

No young person should be subject to any form of abuse of bullying at school. That's why we're working with the Ministry of Education to help schools develop comprehensive policies and actions to deal with bullying and implement the Ministry's Sexuality Education Guidelines as part of the health curriculum.

We'll also be strengthening the Education Review Office's remit to include looking at Rainbow student well-being and anti-bullying reporting requirements.

**Policy: Provide targeted suicide prevention funding to build capacity of rainbow community support organisations and mainstream crisis support and services.**

The responsibility to eradicate discrimination, violence and bullying, as well as to tackle mental health and addiction issues is a priority for myself and for my Ministers. Particularly the Minister of Health who is leading the Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction.

National's inaction on mental health was wrong. Our suicide and addiction rates are too high – particularly amongst our Rainbow community - and the mental health system can and must do better – an Inquiry is the first step, but it is just the beginning.

A recent survey said that nearly 20% of queer New Zealand young people have attempted suicide – five times the rate of the non-queer peers. In terms of targeted suicide prevention for Rainbow communities we want to hear from service users themselves about their experience and expectations as a part of this Inquiry.

We also value the contribution of the Youth One Stop Shops to the Rainbow community. They provide a range of physical and mental health services for young people, including services responsive to the needs of young Rainbow people in particular.

**Policy:** Ensure the needs and specific circumstances of young Rainbow people are actively addressed in our strategies to reduce homelessness

**Policy:** Support initiatives which ensure Rainbow New Zealanders approaching retirement can continue to live safely and openly in supported living environments like retirement homes and aged care facilities.

To our policy commitments around homelessness and aged care: We support security and dignity for Rainbow communities no matter their circumstances or stage in life. That's why addressing the Rainbow community's specific housing requirements – particularly around young queer people who are sleeping rough due to leaving an unsafe environment at home – is important.

**Policy:** Accurately collect statistical data on Rainbow communities so that we take an evidence-based approach to policy formation and programme development in areas such as health, social development, and justice.

People in the Rainbow community should not feel marginalised because of the absence of data collection, or information that reflects who they are.

Minister for Statistics James Shaw has made it clear that while it was too late to include questions about sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation in this year's census, he would ensure work to include questions in the 2023 version was prioritised.

Stats NZ is finding ways to collect the information not currently collected on these topics, starting with sexual orientation, which will be collected in the 2018 General Social Survey (GSS). Officials will work to develop a new sexual identity standard, and will seek feedback through a public consultation process following the 2018 Census.

**There is also the problem that there aren't any local surgeons to carry out gender reassignment - New Zealand's last transgender specialist surgeon retired in 2014 - and the Ministry of Health has been unable to find a replacement. How will the Government address this issue?**

The Government is aware there hasn't been a New Zealand-based surgeon since 2014. Right now we're working with key players on progress for the transgender community here. We might be able to develop better options for surgery, closer to home. Watch this space.

**The use of PrEP is an adjustment from the condom culture mindset previously presented by NZAF with campaigns like LYC. How do we support PrEP use while avoiding the spread of other STDs?**

PrEP builds on the work of NZAF, like the Love Your Condom campaign. The best approach is a comprehensive one, with continued condom promotion and social marketing.

Now that PrEP is funded for at risk New Zealanders, we have another important tool to help us in the fight against HIV transmissions.

This goes alongside continuing to build the condom culture with regular testing, early diagnosis and treatment, to support their ongoing wellbeing. We know from overseas studies that use of PrEP can manage the spread of other STIs because of the regular testing and monitoring that is part of being on the drug. It's important that we're open about this,

encourage conversations in our community and take control of our healthcare. As they say, always know your status.

**Is the increase in HIV infection rates in New Zealand a failing on the part of the NZAF and organisations funded to decrease infections?**

We're monitoring the increase in HIV infection rates and we know the causes are complex.

We remain committed to preventing HIV transmission by 2025 by increasing sexual health services and funding PrEP.

Recently there have been some big milestones in the fight against HIV. The first is the scientific evidence that people who are living with HIV and have been successfully treated cannot pass HIV on to their partners.

UNAIDS and the WHO, along with the Centre for Disease Control in the US are now supporting the notion that U=U or 'undetectable equals untransmittable.' This should reduce stigma against people with HIV and is an acknowledgement that we can end HIV transmissions through treatment.

The second is the funding of PrEP. PrEP will be available from 1 March 2018 to around 4000 people who are at risk of contracting HIV. As part of the treatment, patients access regular testing, primary healthcare and gender affirming services, through Rainbow-inclusive providers. It's a huge tool to end transmissions, alongside the condom culture that NZAF has been promoting. People who want to protect themselves but do not qualify for PHARMAC funded PrEP are still able to be prescribed the unfunded drug.

**Roughly 4.5 million of government funding goes to the NZAF for HIV prevention, whereas roughly a tenth of that goes to funding organisations that care for HIV positive people like Body Positive/Positive Women. Is this a fair balance?**

Prevention of HIV and caring for people who are HIV positive are very important aspects of responding to HIV. There are important reasons for both. As part of the comprehensive approach, and with the increased availability of PrEP, we are upping our focus on prevention which is key to bringing down infection rates.

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**From:** 9(2)(a) <9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 January 2018 10:12 PM  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Rainbow policy

She will be able to give you insight into current issues that may be raised and give advice on approach to issues. She will not necessarily know the current government policy on an issue/how it is progressing.

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**Subject:** RE: Rainbow policy

Right, so would going to 9(2)(a) not be that useful?

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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
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**To:** 9(2)(a) <9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Rainbow policy

Kia Ora,

There isn't a Minister with overall responsibility for rainbow policy. Measures from the government parties' manifestos to benefit rainbow New Zealanders will be being worked on by the respective ministers. Most of the policies fall under education, justice and health.

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*Authorised by Jacinda Ardern, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.*

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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 January 2018 4:56 PM  
**To:** 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz  
**Subject:** Rainbow policy

Hi 9(2)(a)

What, if anything, do you know about progress towards a government rainbow policy?

We're just prepping for an Express interview on Monday. I see Labour's Rainbow policy below. I'll get in touch with Louisa as well.

9(2)(a)

# Inclusiveness and dignity for all Rainbow New Zealanders

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## Labour will:

- **take real action so that every young person has a safe place to learn and thrive and a warm dry home to live in**
- **ensure our health system is inclusive and works for everyone**
- **lead an active Government which empowers people and ensures formal equality under the law, especially for trans and intersex New Zealanders.**

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and human rights. This means all people should have the same basic rights, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or sex characteristics.

Future Labour Governments will continue to work towards equality by eliminating remaining areas of discrimination in our law, and ensuring that Rainbow\* New Zealanders can live in safety and dignity.

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## Freedom to Thrive

Every New Zealander should be able to live a life of safety and dignity.

### ***Real action so we have safe schools for our youth***

No young person should be subject to verbal and physical abuse and made to feel inferior. Labour will take action to eradicate discrimination, violence and bullying, and to combat suicide and self-harm.

## Labour will:

- ensure intensive intervention and adequate levels of support for Rainbow youth in the compulsory education system
- support schools to develop comprehensive policies and actions to deal with bullying on the grounds of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and intersex status
- implement the Ministry of Education's Sexuality Education Guidelines as part of the Health curriculum
- strengthen the Education Review Office's remit to include looking at Rainbow student well-being and anti-bullying reporting requirements as indicators in their review of schools.



## ***Ensure an inclusive health system which works for everyone***

Our health system needs to improve in several ways to protect the wellbeing of every Rainbow New Zealander. We need to eliminate disparities by having excellent public health and prevention initiatives and ensuring practitioners and providers give respectful effective service and treatment.

Alongside our overall health policy:

### **Labour will:**

- help achieve the goal of ending HIV in New Zealand by 2025 by: increasing access to sexual health services, testing, and early treatment; funding access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP); and supporting education, research, and community groups which help achieve this goal
- improve access to affordable primary care based on the informed consent model, particularly for younger, trans, and intersex New Zealanders. This also includes training and resources for health professionals about sexual orientation and gender diversity
- provide targeted suicide prevention funding to build capacity of rainbow community support organisations and mainstream crisis support and services.
- increase resourcing for youth mental health
- support and ensure all district health boards reduce barriers for trans and gender diverse people to access gender affirming healthcare, transition related medical support (including hormones, social support and other cosmetic interventions), and an assessment of the need for gender reassignment surgery as an elective service
- ensure fair access to publicly funded gender affirming surgical options for trans and gender diverse people based on need.

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## **Security and dignity for all**

As well as positive health and education policies, we will ensure everyone has a safe warm home to live in.

### ***Tackling youth homelessness***

Homelessness has grown in New Zealand over the past eight years, and young Rainbow people make up a significant proportion of people sleeping rough because they have left home due to an unsafe environment.

### **Labour will:**

- ensure the needs and specific circumstances of young Rainbow people are actively addressed in our strategies to reduce homelessness

### ***Supporting positive ageing***

Growing numbers of Rainbow New Zealanders are now approaching retirement and may face issues which are not faced by heterosexual people at this age. Some lack family support networks and live away from their families where they have been subjected to homophobic/transphobic treatment. Rest homes and aged care services may not fully understand the medical and sexual needs of older Rainbow residents.

We don't want people to 'go back into the closet' as they approach retirement as this can affect their health and well-being.

**Labour will:**

- support initiatives which ensure Rainbow New Zealanders approaching retirement can continue to live safely and openly in supported living environments like retirement homes and aged care facilities.

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## **An active Government which empowers people and ensures formal equality under the law**

There are still hurdles to achieving full equality for Rainbow New Zealanders. We will build on the progress made with Homosexual Law Reform, the Human Rights Act, Civil Unions, and Marriage Equality. We will also look to models of international good practice, such as Malta's Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics Act.

**Labour will:**

***end formal discrimination***

- review laws and policies that interfere with the right to be free from discrimination under section 19 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990
- include gender identity as a prohibited ground of discrimination under the Human Rights Act 1993.

***promote freedom and equality for Rainbow people internationally***

Labour in Government will express our values internationally as a leading voice ensuring all Rainbow people internationally are free and equal in rights and dignity, including as an advocate on individual cases.

**Labour will:**

- maintain and grow strong New Zealand participation in international bodies dealing with Human Rights, especially at the United Nations level
- oppose the criminalisation of consensual adult same-sex activity, and other instances of discrimination against GLBTI people
- use refugee and asylum seeker policy as a way to address humanitarian needs of GLBTI global citizens

***count and engage everyone***

- accurately collect statistical data on Rainbow communities so that we take an evidence-based approach to policy formation and programme development in areas such as health, social development, and justice
- fund research on the health and well-being of rainbow communities, for example, research on adolescent youth and on sexual health
- engage trans, gender diverse, and intersex persons and communities to support a 'whole of life' approach to their well-being when developing policy and laws

***support adoption by same-sex partners***

- modernise the law relating to the care of children to ensure that the widest possible pool of suitable adults, including same-sex couples, is available to provide care (being foster care, short-term guardianship and other forms of custody) to children in need

### **improve access to services and rights for transgender and intersex New Zealanders**

- implement the recommendations of the Human Rights Commission's *To Be Who I Am: Kia Noho au Ki Toku Ano Au Final report of the Inquiry into Discrimination experienced by Transgender and Intersex People*. This includes (but is not limited to):
  - amending the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Act 1995 to allow the Registrar General to amend birth certificates on submissions of appropriate declarations and evidence (rather than medical examination or family court processes)
  - ensuring fair access to justice for trans people and fair treatment by law enforcement and corrections staff and facilities to avoid misgendering and risk due to gender identity
  - develop and implement a child rights-based health care protocol for intersex children so that no one is subjected to unnecessary medical or surgical treatment during infancy or childhood.

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\* We use *Rainbow* as an inclusive word to welcome people who have a diverse sex, gender identity or sexual orientation. Some of the words that people in rainbow communities in Oceania use to describe themselves may include:

- *gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex*
- *akava'ine, fa'afafine, fa'afatama, fakafifine, fakaleiti, fakaleiti (leiti), mahu, palopa, takatāpui, tangata ira tane, vakasalewa, whakawahine*
- *agender, asexual, brotherboy, gender diverse, gender fluid, genderqueer, nonbinary, pansexual, queer, sistergirl, trans feminine, trans masculine, transexual, trans*

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**From:** 9(2)(a) <9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 March 2018 2:49 PM  
**To:** Rainbow Wellington Chair  
**Subject:** RE: Rainbow Wellington - Wellington's LGBTQI+ Networking and Lobby Organisation

Dear 9(2)(a)

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, to thank you for your letter dated 7 March 2018 concerning the Government's first 100 days, and signalling Rainbow Wellington's interests, hopes and goals for the coming years.

The issues you raise fall across a number of portfolios, namely: Justice, Health, Seniors and Statistics. We are forwarding a copy of your letter to the Ministers' offices for consideration.

Thank you for writing to Jacinda with your plans.

Best wishes

-----Original Message-----

From: Rainbow Wellington Chair [mailto:rwchairperson@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 7:07 PM  
To: J Ardern (MIN)  
Subject: Rainbow Wellington - Wellington's LGBTQI+ Networking and Lobby Organisation

Dear Prime Minister,

Please find attached a letter from Rainbow Wellington marking the end of your first 100 days in government, and laying out our hopes for the future.

Best wishes

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7 March 2018

Kia Ora Prime Minister,

### RAINBOW WELLINGTON

Rainbow Wellington would like to offer our congratulations on becoming Prime Minister, your first 100 days in office, and your recent family news. It was a wonderful feeling for our community to see you march in the Auckland Pride Parade, for the first time as Prime Minister.

Rainbow Wellington is a registered charity, and we are Wellington's social, networking, and lobbying organisation representing the interests of the LGBTIQ+ community. We look forward to working with your new government. We particularly welcome the Labour party's LGBTIQ+ policy and note its similarity with our own priorities.

Now that the first 100 days are over, it's a good time to signal our interests and our community's hopes and goals for the coming years.

- **Ending discrimination against the LGBTIQ+ community**

Although we have a set of laws that many around the world can only dream of, discrimination remains a reality for many members of our community. We especially seek support for young people as they first come out, and transgender people as they transform their lives. We want to see greater efforts to prevent bullying – particularly in schools and workplaces – and recognition of the risks to mental health our community members face.

- **We seek urgent action to improve the lives of Transgender people**

It's been 10 years since an inquiry by the Human Rights Commission found that "the lives of trans people in New Zealand are marked by discrimination, severe barriers to equitable health services and limited legal and public recognition of who they are" but very little action has been taken since then to improve their lives. The current surgical waiting list – perhaps the world's longest in public healthcare – is a national shame and must be addressed in Budget 2018. The recent appointment of a qualified surgeon also provides a unique opportunity for your government to develop a national centre of excellence in transgender and intersex healthcare.

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- **We support restorative moves to right past wrongs**  
We made a submission on the draft bill to expunge historical convictions, recognising its limited scope in not addressing convictions for offences resulting from harassment and entrapment (sex in public places, alcohol licensing, public order offences) even if those offences are still illegal today.
- **We support the campaign Ending HIV by the NZ AIDS Foundation**  
HIV disproportionately affects our community, with new infections on the rise (244 in 2016) - of which two thirds (164) were men who have sex with men. We are delighted with the funding of Pre-exposure Prophylaxis, but more work needs to be done on continuing the spread the message of how to stay safe.
- **We are concerned for the unrecognised needs of ageing LGBTIQ+ people**  
We seek provision of appropriate services to LGBTIQ+ as they age - with the particular risk that people may be forced back into the closet in aged care facilities and rest homes.
- **We support adoption by same-sex partners**  
The law relating to the care of children should be modernized to ensure that the widest possible pool of suitable adults, including same-sex couples, is available to provide care (being foster care, short-term guardianship and other forms of custody) to children in need.
- **We seek inclusion of our community in official statistics**  
We are very disappointed that despite many years of lobbying by our community we are still being excluded from the census and very little effort is being made to include us in other official statistics.

Many of our community members navigate a complex of social norms, influenced by their family, religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. These place particular strains on our LGBTIQ+ community members. They are at enhanced risk of social isolation, unemployment, and suicide.

There is a lot to do.

We recognise that your government shares many goals with us – goals that will build a more inclusive and just society.

We look forward to what your government will achieve, and to working with you towards a better future for the Rainbow Community.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

Chair, Rainbow Wellington Board