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Dear Ms Morse

Thank you for your email of 11 November 2018, requesting information about the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Community Engagement Forum. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The New Zealand Security Intelligence Service transferred the same request received on 11 November 2018, to Corrections for response as it is more closely connected to the functions and responsibilities of Corrections.

You have requested the following information:

“Information about the Department of Corrections-led multi agency working group - Countering Violent Extremism: Community Engagement Forum.”

Corrections is working to review its approach to the management of violent extremists in its care. Corrections is liaising with international and New Zealand peers to develop a CVE strategy that aligns with international best practice. The challenge for Corrections is to develop a CVE strategy that is suitable for the unique New Zealand context and effectively enhances public safety.

The strategy aims to address a wide range of extremist views that pose a threat to public safety and wellbeing, such as various forms of religious, right-wing and left-wing extremism, which encourage the use of violent actions to further their cause.

The international literature that does exist highlights that community and family are important elements of effective disengagement. Corrections is keen to proactively engage with the community to ensure the appropriate support is provided for offenders (and their families) throughout their custodial sentence, as well as upon their release into the community and beyond.

Furthermore, the literature in this area is not New Zealand focused. To ensure Corrections is maximising its opportunities to disengage this cohort, an evidence base from within New Zealand would be beneficial.

Disengagement has presented the greatest challenge for Corrections. Corrections' has a number of programmes it runs for offenders to assist their rehabilitation and reintegration. However, as the numbers of offenders in New Zealand who appear to have adopted violent extremist ideologies are so small, creating programmes to address violent extremist ideologies is not cost effective.

Therefore, Corrections is seeking advice about who in the community should be engaged with and how best to do this, in support of the Government's aims regarding 'social cohesion'. Corrections' has engaged with the following agencies:

- Massey University
- Human Rights Commission
- State Services Commission
- Islamic Women's Council New Zealand
- Ministry of Social Development
- New Zealand Police
- Human Rights Foundations, and
- Refugee Council of New Zealand

Please find the following documents enclosed:

- Terms of Reference for the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Community Engagement Forum.
- Minutes, Countering Violent Extremism Forum dated 7 March 2017, 28 April 2017, 30 June 2017, 8 September 2017, 30 October 2017, 16 February 2018, 4 May 2018, 30 July 2018.

Please note that information has been withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(c), as making the information available would prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences.
- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with Corrections. Alternatively you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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Ben Clark
Acting National Commissioner



Terms of Reference for the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Community Engagement Forum

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

The purpose of this document is to outline the Terms of Reference for the **Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Community Engagement Forum**.

The Terms of Reference sets out the scope, structure, composition and roles and responsibilities.

This document is to be read and referred to by any person who is involved in the Working Group, or is responsible for any related initiative(s) that will directly or indirectly be affected.

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed and amended as required.

1.2 Background

The Department of Corrections has been reviewing its approach to the management of violent extremists in its care. The Department has been liaising with international peers to develop a CVE strategy that aligns with international best practice. The challenge for the Department is to develop a CVE strategy that is suitable for the unique New Zealand context and effectively enhances public safety.

An internal CVE Working Group was established to ensure the Department's response to violent extremism was fit for purpose in the following areas: *identification, assessment, management and disengagement*. The strategy aims to address a wide range of extremist views that pose a threat to public safety and wellbeing, such as various forms of religious, right-wing and left-wing extremism, which encourage the use of violent actions to further their cause¹.

Disengagement has presented the greatest challenge for the Department. The Department has a number of programmes it runs for offenders to assist their rehabilitation and reintegration. However, as the numbers of offenders in New Zealand who appear to have adopted violent extremist ideologies are so small, creating programmes to address violent extremist ideologies is not cost effective. Additionally, research conducted during the 'assessment' work stream of the CVE Working Group noted that any interventions need to be identified and implemented on a case-by-case basis, unique to the individual's specific needs, making the use of generic programmes ineffective.

Furthermore, the literature in this area is not New Zealand focused. To ensure the Department is maximising its opportunities to disengage this cohort, an evidence base from within New Zealand would be beneficial.

The international literature that does exist highlights that the community and the family are important elements of effective disengagement. The Department is keen to proactively engage with the community to ensure the appropriate support is provided for offenders (and their families) throughout their custodial sentence as well as upon their release into the community and beyond.

¹ The holding of an extreme belief is not unlawful but using violence to pursue this cause is. It is the Department's role to facilitate behavioural changes and focus on how an individual's attitudes towards violence as a means to an end can be influenced towards endorsing prosocial engagement to promote their cause.

Therefore, the Department is seeking advice about who in the community should be engaged with and how best to do this, in support of the Government's aims regarding 'social cohesion'.

2 Governance and Management

2.1 Purpose

The Countering Violent Extremism Community Engagement Forum has been established to provide advice to the Department regarding the disengagement of violent extremists.

Members of the Forum will contribute to:

- The creation of expert guidance to assist the Department in its attempt to disengage violent extremists
 - Ensuring the Department is able to capitalise on the current example of an individual with extreme beliefs who is in the Department's care. This includes supporting the development of an approach to disengage this individual and provide the necessary support to the individual's family and immediate support/community network. Lessons learned should be captured and critiqued in order to apply these learning in any potential future cases.
- The establishment of a New Zealand based body of research regarding violent extremism and disengagement (Phase One: Islamic extremism; Phase Two: Right and Left Wing extremism)
- Community engagement and social cohesion
 - The expansion of the Department's understanding of community representation/support across the country
 - The identification of relevant community groups the Department should engage with and the creation of guidance regarding how best to do this
- Ensuring the appropriate resources required are made available in accordance with the Forum's direction
- Creating an environment where the Forum can succeed in delivering the desired outcomes
- Reviewing and challenging the proposed approach to ensure the best outcomes are achieved
- Making decisions as necessary throughout the life of the Forum
- Management and delivery of key communications and messages.

2.2 Composition and Membership

Ultimate accountability and responsibility for the delivery of the Forum lies with the Director Intelligence and Tactical Operations, Department of Corrections, as the chair.

The Forum will have representation from subject matter experts from within the Department, New Zealand Government and the education sector. Additional members or attendees may be added throughout the life of the Forum to assist in achieving the desired outcomes.

The Forum will consist of the following members:

- Ray van Beynen (Chair) Director Intelligence and Tactical Operations
- s9(2)(a) Corrections Intelligence
- Psychological Services
- Psychological Services
- Human Rights Commission
- Massey University
- Massey University
- Massey University
- Massey University
- Refugee Council of New Zealand
- New Zealand Police
- Human Rights Foundation NZ
- State Services Commissio
- Women's Organisa ion of the Waikato Muslim Association & Islamic Women's Cou cil of New Zealand
- Ministry of Social Development

2.3 Meeting Organisation and Protocols

Forum meetings will be convened bimonthly with meetings book d into members calendars as far in advance as possible.

The Forum meetings will be o rganised and held in line with the following protocols:

1. Meeting papers (agenda, minutes rom the previous meeting, progress reports and any other papers as required) will be circulated to members.
2. All apologies should be su mitted before the due date.
3. Fo a Forum meeting quorum to be achieved, four Forum members must be in attendance for key decision making including the Chair (or their delegate).
4. In situations where a member is unable to attend, they may send a delegate on their behalf or submit their position or opinion to the Chair before the due date.
5. Meetings w ll be conducted face-to-face where possible, with audio-video link preferred for emote members to connect into.
6. All Forum meetings will be concisely captured, with the minutes being circulated following the meeting. All decisions made will be captured in the minutes and are binding.
7. All actions captured in the minutes should be completed by the due date.
8. Members should aim to add any additional agenda items via the Chair and prior to the meeting.

2.4 Communications

The Chair is authorised to engage with media on issues related to the functions and outputs of the Forum.

- All requests for comment must be channelled through the Chair.
- Any media statements will be prepared in consultation with Forum members.
- Individual agency/organisation media releases relating to Forum activity or referencing associated agency/organisation involvement must be approved in advance of release by the Forum Chair.
- Individual agency/organisation Official Information Act, Privacy Act and/or Ministerial correspondence relating to Forum activity or referencing associated agency/organisation involvement must be circulated in advance of release to all participating members concerned.

CVE Forum
7 March 2017
Corrections National Office, Wellington

In attendance:

- Ray Van Beynen – Department of Corrections
- s9(2)(a) – Department of Corrections
- [REDACTED] – Department of Corrections
- [REDACTED] – Department of Corrections
- [REDACTED] – Department of Corrections
- [REDACTED] – Department of Corrections
- [REDACTED] – Human Rights Commission
- [REDACTED] – Human Rights Commission
- [REDACTED] – State Services Commission
- [REDACTED] – Massey University
- [REDACTED] – Massey University
- [REDACTED] – Massey University
- [REDACTED] – Massey University

The purpose of this forum was to discuss the current situation in respect of prisoners and/or offenders who are believed to be involved in violent extremism. The Department is keen to engage with the community but is unclear on how best to approach this, so is seeking advice. Additionally, there is very little research in relation to CVE that addresses the New Zealand context and the Department to work with Massey University to gain this knowledge base.

Welcome and housekeeping from Ray Van Beynen

- Corrections have been working alongside international peers to develop a CVE strategy that aligns with international best practice. The challenge for Corrections is to develop a CVE strategy that is suitable for the unique New Zealand context and effectively enhances public safety. This strategy aims to address a wide range of extremist views who pose a threat to public and community safety including jihad, far right groups, Maori nationalist groups and political groups who undertake violent action.
- This forum is an ideal opportunity to examine the current work being undertaken by the Department and receive a broad cross-section of advice from the experts present as to how to deal with individuals of concern both in prison and the community. International research is available, however very little research addresses the New Zealand context and it is here where collaboration will be beneficial.
- The Department is focused on supporting these individuals to rehabilitate, reintegrate and reduce the risk that they pose to the community upon release. It has been recognised that addressing radical ideologies is likely to be an ineffective method for countering violent extremism. Therefore the Department is primarily focused on disengagement as a method for CVE – encouraging offenders to modify the behaviours that pose a risk. The holding of an extreme belief is not unlawful but using violence to pursue this cause is. It is our mandate to facilitate behavioural changes and focus on how we can influence an individual's attitudes towards violence as a means to an end and endorse prosocial engagement to promote their cause.

Corrections Intelligence Overview – s9(2)(a)

- Corrections Intelligence began to examine an approach to CVE in December 2015. An initial report regarding the current processes for CVE within the Corrections environment and ongoing risks lead to the establishment of the CVE Working Group.
- The Working Group recognised a range of areas that required development in relation to Persons of Interest – identification, assessment, management and disengagement.
- Identification: have been working alongside Learning and Development team to develop frontline training based on overseas examples. This is currently in the form of an online learning module and covers indicators and warnings that staff should be aware of that may indicate a prisoner/offender

holds or is adopting an extremist ideology. A small number of face to face education sessions have been delivered to frontline staff.

- Assessment: an overview of the current assessment methods for individuals of concern was prepared by **s9(2)(a)** (Corrections Senior Psychologist).
- Management: the question of how we manage offenders with extremist views, both within the community and within prisons, was raised. International literature is equally strong for both dispersal and collation of these offenders. The Department has not adopted a singular method for managing these individuals, rather assessing their placement on a case by case basis based on our current knowledge and information received from external agencies.
- Disengagement: primary aim is to disengage the individual from any action/behaviour relating to violent extremist beliefs, supporting them with rehabilitation, community reintegration and facilitating prosocial community support. The Social Cohesion aspects to this are critical and where the Department needs advice from the Human Rights Commission and DIA regarding who we should be engaging with in the community to help support these offenders throughout their prison sentence and upon their return to the community.

Corrections Psych Services Overview – **s9(2)(a)**

- A project was undertaken to review current literature and risk assessment tools for the management of individuals with extremist views.
- This project found that there was a large amount of literature available however many sources lacked robust research processes and were heavily opinion based. It was also highlighted that the majority of the literature may not be applicable to the New Zealand context.
- A number of recommendations were formulated including: the adoption of a risk assessment tool (be this an existing tool or the development of a new tool); complementing this risk assessment tool with other tools already used by Corrections psychologists; developing individual plans for intervention including individualised treatment plans; recognising that any treatment which targets violent extremism is delivered in addition to other reintegration techniques.
- It is noted that it is difficult to balance the need for psych involvement with the current resourcing available for Corrections psychologists.
- Rehabilitation and disengagement: broader disengagement strategies should work in partnership with other rehabilitation programmes. Participation in rehabilitation, education, employment should not be limited based on involvement in violent extremism. This approach to reintegration parallels our strategy for disengaging gang members. The approach for coordinating programmes then depends on where the offender is located. Within the prison, this coordination is undertaken by the case manager and in the community by the probation officer.
- What do the measures of success look like other than recidivism? Measures of success need to be based on the individual – case by case basis; this involves setting targets as to the areas for intervention and how we can establish if there has been a change in the individual.

Human Rights Commission update – **s9(2)(a)**

- Changes to the Intelligence and Security Act are ongoing and this is a lengthy process – a delay which often frustrates the public.
- It is imperative that the community/civil society representatives are consulted and included in the process of addressing violent extremism at both the practical and strategic levels.
- It is important for those involved in the reintegration process to have a balance of theological and clinical knowledge: having an appreciation for the cultural context of the Islamic faith is imperative and there is internal capability to broaden this representation.
- There is also additional scope to use the prisons Chaplains proactively, to engage with offenders of interest. Input from the Islamic community is essential in this space.
- The wider family and community of POI's also require support so that they are able to fully understand the process and the system and can engage effectively with the rehabilitation and reintegration of the individual. Keeping families connected and encouraging prosocial support while the prisoner is serving a custodial sentence.

s9(2)(a) – Massey University

- We have an opportunity to learn from past experiences, particularly from the findings of the cabinet paper on social cohesion (2006) and our experience in managing the far right white supremacy groups that emerged in the late 1990s. In this case, social engagement was key – replacing connections with peers for prosocial interactions was the successful method.
- Research about the effects of group radicalisation vs self-radicalisation is varied and the way in which this impacts the individual is often unique from case to case.
- It would also be valuable to consider research regarding the recruitment of women and children in relation to violent extremism.
- We aim to examine the academic environment, the research which is currently available and identify options as to how we support/develop rehabilitation and reintegration into the community.

Action points:

Proposal by **s9(2)(a)** to form a workstream made up of Corrections (psych, case management and probation) and Massey University representatives. Representatives would include Corrections psychologists, case managers and probation, members of the Massey University Psychology and Security Studies departments as well as relevant community representatives.

Corrections:

Ray Van Beynen

- Ensure **s9(2)(a)** report is released
- Confirm approval for **s9(2)(a)** and **s9(2)(a)** to join workshop

s9(2)(a)

Develop a Terms of Reference for the workshop

Human Rights Commission

- Continue to advise and attend workshop
- Contribute to Terms of Reference

Massey University

- Contribute to Terms of Reference
- Begin scoping of available literature
- Host workshop in Auckland, April 2017.

The initial focus of the workstream is to brainstorm issues and practical solutions and well as an overarching strategic direction – it is important to have clearly defined requirements for both the prison and community spaces. Community involvement in disengagement is key – representatives to be nominated by **s9(2)(a)**

- Also recommended that we involve a Corrections psych who is part of the Muslim community, bringing together cultural understanding with clinical expertise.
- **s9(2)(a)** to examine common themes across literature re: prevention, disengagement and de-radicalisation – what works and what doesn't, what is the extent of the involvement of the offender in their own rehabilitation process.
- Each part of the Department (Intel, Psych Services, Probation and Case Management) to develop a "wish list" including what we would like to see researched and what we would like the outcome to be.
- Department of Corrections to develop a Terms of Reference document to guide the research project.
- Expand our understanding of the community representation/support in each part of the country and who is able to assist those individuals in more isolated locations.
- Ensuring that community groups are not being accessed by a multitude of government groups requesting assistance, straining their resources.

It is essential that there is connectivity between the parties, the work that happens within this space is shared with others in the wider government sector and information is effectively fed back to the community. It was also highlighted that the focus of the working group should be to provide practical solutions for the rehabilitation and disengagement of CVE offenders.

IN CONFIDENCE

CVE: Community Engagement Forum

28 April 2017

Massey University, Albany Campus

In attendance:

- Ray Van Beynen – Department of Corrections
- s9(2)(a) – Department of Corrections
- [REDACTED] – Human Rights Commission
- [REDACTED] – Refugee Council
- [REDACTED] – Department of Corrections
- [REDACTED] – Massey University
- [REDACTED] – Massey University

Apologies

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Welcome and housekeeping from s9(2)(a)

Over the last few years, the Centre for Defence and Security Studies (CDSS) has established a Multi-Agency Network (MAN) to bring different agencies together and synthesise opportunities for meeting research priorities. This group mirrors what MAN is trying to achieve and Ray Van Beynen is to be commended for initiating this working group.

s(9)(2)(a) of the Refugee Council is a new and welcome member to this group bringing practical and thoughtful responses to issues of violent extremism. He forms a crucial and important bridge to community participation.

Previous Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Last month's minutes were circulated and approved

Still awaiting s(9)(2)(a) report to be approved for release

The Muslim clinical psychologist currently working in Corrections still needs identified and contacted

Action Point: s(9)(2)(a) to make contact and identify to Corrections

Chair's Update: Ray Van Beynen

A Security Agency Advisory Group to Chief Executives and Ministers was formed to provide information around terrorism and counter terrorism that was security and safety focused relying on a 4 R's approach. The social cohesion element was given to the Department of Internal Affairs. A disjoint between the agencies involved and Muslim communities lead the formation of the Multi-Agency Governance Group on Social Cohesion. This group was formed to co-ordinate inter-agency outputs and community intersections with its core business focused on being responsive to community needs. This group focuses on practical responses to issues pertaining to terrorism and counter terrorism. In contrast, the current working group is research-oriented to build outcome-focused knowledge in this area as well as best practice interventions based on empirical evidence. It may be useful to bridge the Social Cohesion Governance group with this working party. As the composition of this working group is undergoing review, there may possibly be another member from the Social Cohesion Governance Group appointed. Bridging these two groups potentially leads to wider funding opportunities, and common purposes and outcomes.

Currently, there is a whole-of-Government approach to action in the Gang space. It was noted that there are many parallel issues between NZ Gangs and Muslim communities including negative health outcomes, unemployment, and gender disparities etc. It was felt, that current research and knowledge in this area could be of comparative benefit to countering violent extremism, and where possible would be made available to this working group.

Action Point: Further discuss Massey representation on the Social Cohesion Governance Group and consider whether the State Services Commission should sit on this working party.

General Business:

s(9)(2)(a)

There is potential for future collaboration with a Muslim women's group in Hamilton

s(9)(2)(a) will be formally invited to join this group to facilitate representation from NZ Police in the working party. Ray will make the formal invitation.

Further composition of the working party could potentially involve a Muslim youth nominee from the Human Rights Foundation, a member from FIANZ (following their upcoming elections), a member from DIA, and State Services Commission. The Ministry of Trade and Foreign Affairs (s(9)(2)(a)) has expressed interest in joining this group.

Action Point: These potential new members, and other potential groups to be reviewed, and advised by s(9)(2)(a)

CDSS to brief O group on the Centre's existing radicalisation and de-radicalisation research. It was suggested that this working party take the leadership on research in this area i.e. conferences etc. Massey can also offer access to other researchers within the university from other areas that could be of use to Corrections.

Terms of Reference agreed in principle. Minor changes i.e. quorum shift from 2 to 4 to be made, and circulated for final confirmation by email.

Media Protocol: Chairperson to be the point of contact for comment, and any designated media spokesperson will be issued through the Chair via group consultation.

s(9)(2)(a) presented Massey University's proposal for research. This research will involve the definition of radicalisation, looking at the international literature on radicalisation, non-radicalisation and disengagement, and then specifically at the New Zealand context. This research will also identify strategies and interventions towards countering violent extremism and disengagement. Phase one of this research project will involve a literature review, and interviews both inside prison, and in the community with radicalised and non-radicalised groups including professionals who work in this area and community leaders. The most suitable interviewers will be decided by members of the working party and these interviews will begin this year. It was reiterated that Massey seeks to establish a collaborative and long-term relationship with the Muslim community and Corrections in this area. That Massey will build meaningful and reciprocal relationships with both groups, and act to mentor and develop research capacity within these communities where and when requested.

Action Points:

s(9)(2)(a) to finalise points of contact for research entry into the Corrections landscape.

For the group to consider Massey's presentation, and identify any further issues.

Consider the convening of a stakeholder group which will be updated with this working group's progress (s(9)(2)(a) to consider)

Budget: Look at costing for meetings and covering costs of civilian representatives

Estimate costs of proposed research, and hosting a community forum

Identify internal and external funding streams

Action Point: Massey to cost the research and hosting a forum.

s(9)(2)(a) reiterated that the Human Rights Commission are an independent entity and act to represent civil society, and that this is his position within the working party

s(9)(2)(a) will clarify in which capacity he will be representing the Muslim community in this group.

s(9)(2)(a) advised that s(9)(2)(a) will be presenting and developing assessment and treatment guidelines and protocols, and that this group is to provide expertise in this area

s(9)(2)(a) advised that s(9)(2)(a) are members of a cross-disciplinary research cluster s(9)(2)(a) formed between Psychology and Security Studies, and that these members of this cluster will contribute their considerable expertise to the research, publications and funding applications where appropriate.

Next meeting to be held in Auckland at Massey University. Date to be agreed

In closing, special thanks was given to s(9)(2)(a) for his contribution to the importance of the foundation building of this working party.

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CVE: Community Engagement Forum

30 June 2017

Massey University, Albany Campus

In attendance:

- s(9)(2)(a)** - Dept of Corrections
- [REDACTED]** - Refugee Council
- [REDACTED]** - Human Rights Commission
- [REDACTED]** - Dept of Corrections
- [REDACTED]** - Dept of Corrections
- [REDACTED]** - Human Rights Foundation
- [REDACTED]** - Human Rights Foundation
- [REDACTED]** - Massey University
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Apologies

Ray Van Beynen, **[REDACTED]** s(9)(2)(a)

Welcome from **s(9)(2)(a)** standing in as Chair for Ray Van Beynen

A warm welcome was extended to **[REDACTED]** s(9)(2)(a) from the Human Rights Foundation and to **[REDACTED]** s(9)(2)(a) at Massey University

Previous Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Last meetings minutes were circulated and approved

Actions from last meeting

s(9)(2)(a) was to follow up on the Muslim clinical psychologist working at Corrections. His contact that has her details was overseas. Corrections have been unable to identify this person. It may be that they are contracted to the Department, so not on Corrections books as an employee.

Action Point: **s(9)(2)(a)** still to follow up.

The Massey University representative on the Social Cohesion Governance Group was to be decided. s(9)(2)(a) is the suggested representative and will be approached by this governance group.

s(9)(2)(a) from State Services Commission has been nominated to sit on this working party, as has s(9)(2)(a) from DIA.

Action Point: Ray to confirm both nominations

s(9)(2)(a) has been confirmed as the representative for MFAT

s(9)(2)(a) to finalise research entry to Corrections. s(9)(2)(a)

are the contacts for this

Muslim female representation on this working party in the process of being finalised.

Action Point: s(9)(2)(a) to follow up

Regarding FIANZ membership of the working party.

Action Point: s(9)(2)(a) to follow up

s(9)(2)(a) will represent the Refugee Council of NZ.

Matters Arising

Terms of Reference: Still in draft form as membership of the working party to be finalised

Massey University Research Proposal tabled and discussed. Massey to review their proposal in consultation with Mohammed and Faisal and re-draft in terms of a research approach in partnership for Muslim communities.

It was decided that future meetings as reflected in amended Terms of Reference would be divided into two parts. The first part would be focused on a case study. This first part would be an ongoing proposal and review of the support and procedures for individuals in the care of Corrections. The second part would focus on the broader research activity around Countering Violent Extremism.

It was proposed that a forum that more broadly examines radicalisation and extremism across all groups (right wing and left wing etc) would be held in the first half of 2018. Forum planning to be an agenda item for the next meeting. Members of this group are to bring agenda items and suggestions about the forum to the next meeting

Next meeting to be held in late August/early September. s(9)(2)(a) to do doodle poll

Meeting closed 1.30

IN CONFIDENCE

CVE: Community Engagement Forum

8 September 2017

Massey University, Albany Campus

In attendance:

Ray van Beynen- Dept of Corrections

█ s(9)(2)(a) - Dept of Corrections

█ - Refugee Council

█ - Human Rights Commission

█ - Dept of Corrections

█ - Human Rights Foundation

█ - Massey University

█ - Massey University

█ - Massey University

█ - State Services Commission

█ - Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand

█ - Ministry of Social Development

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Apologies

█ s9(2)(a)

Welcome to new members; █ s9(2)(a)

Previous Minutes accepted and no matters arising

Chairperson's Update:

There has been strong positive work ongoing from the last meeting. Although progress has been somewhat slow and membership of the group is still in formation with time is required to build the relationships between the academy, government departments and community organisations to ensure that we are moving forward appropriately. This forum has 2 key pillars. The first is to

construct and work on an agreed strategy of disengagement and reintegration for those in correctional care. The second is the need for rigorous academic research. Special thanks were made to [s9(2)(a)] for establishing the frameworks for these two pillars.

[s9(2)(a)] to brief the Social Cohesion Group on the progress of this working party.

Police are now to be involved more fully with the inclusion of [s9(2)(a)]

There are still ongoing negotiations with the Dept. of Internal Affairs as to who will represent them.

All of these need to be careful thoughtful processes to ensure that the right people are included.

[s9(2)(a)] advised that work has begun with looking at programs for disengagement with at-risk individuals and the management of at-risk individuals serving custodial and community sentences. Drawing on the Global Counter Terrorism Proposal, programs would look at the individual, family, wider community. Feedback is to be provided by [s9(2)(a)] in terms of a proposal for our case study. This program will incorporate dimensions such as social identity, psychological interventions, motivation, religious intervention, support and stability and role modelling.

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General Business

There was discussion of the research proposal which Massey University is currently developing. s9(2)(a) has agreed to review the proposal, and be a potential point of contact for ensuring that an independent women's voice is realised in this research. It was also decided that the proposal would be circulated to the wider members of the group to receive a variety of feedback.

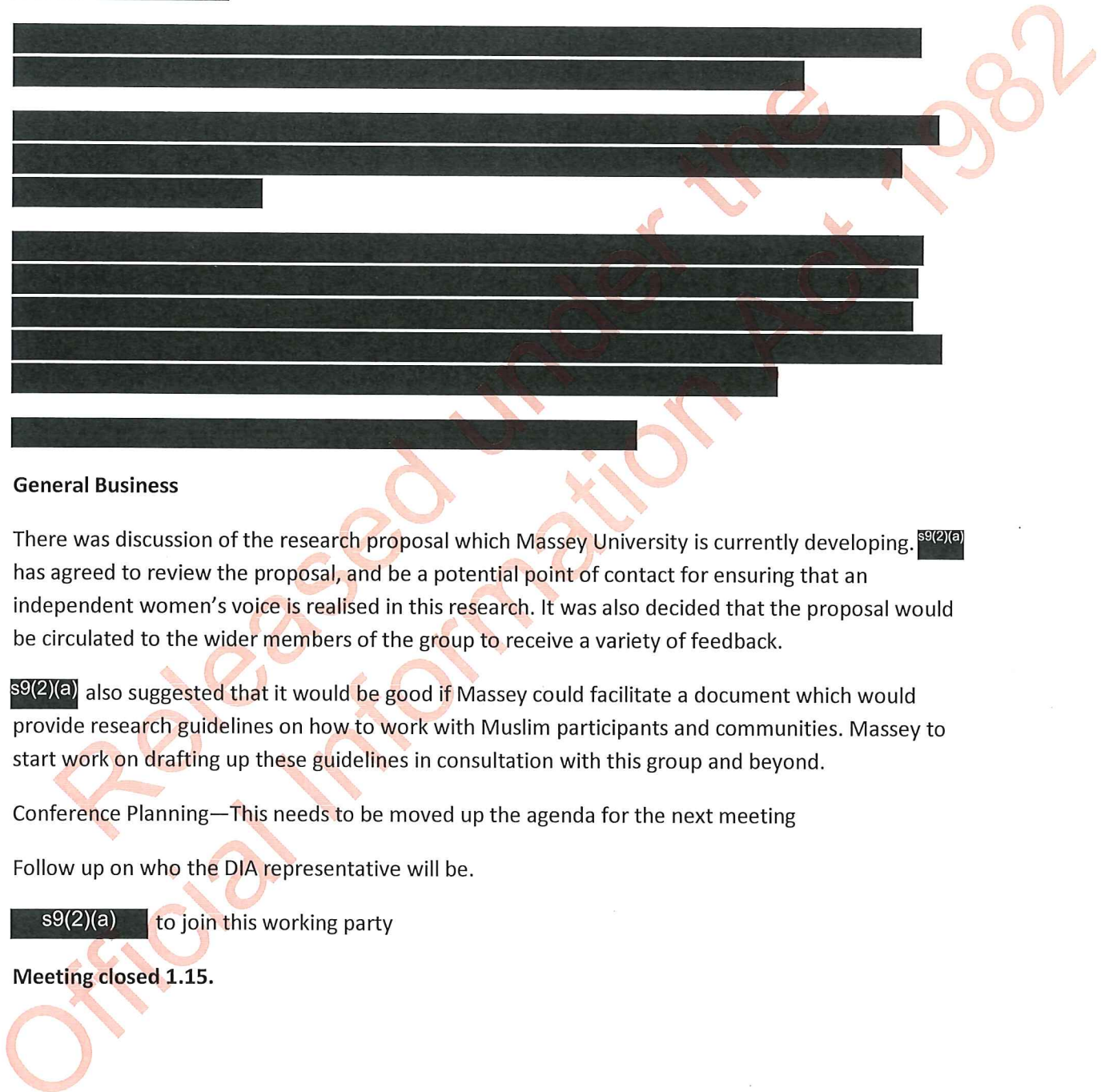
s9(2)(a) also suggested that it would be good if Massey could facilitate a document which would provide research guidelines on how to work with Muslim participants and communities. Massey to start work on drafting up these guidelines in consultation with this group and beyond.

Conference Planning—This needs to be moved up the agenda for the next meeting

Follow up on who the DIA representative will be.

s9(2)(a) to join this working party

Meeting closed 1.15.



CVE: Community Engagement Forum

16 February 2018

Massey University, Albany Campus

In attendance:

Ray van Beynen- Dept of Corrections

[REDACTED] s9(2)(a) - Refugee Council

[REDACTED] Human Rights Commission

[REDACTED] - Dept of Corrections

[REDACTED] - Human Rights Foundation

[REDACTED] - Massey University

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[REDACTED] - Massey University

[REDACTED] - Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand

[REDACTED] - Ministry of Social Development

[REDACTED] Human Rights Foundation

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Apologies

[REDACTED] s9(2)(a)

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Chairperson's Update:

Ray briefed CE Corrections regarding this group. [REDACTED] s6(c)
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The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet have been pleased to hear of our work, there is interest in this space, and wish to be kept informed of the current action.

We have also had engagement from MFAT, and they are supportive of a community approach. There is an upcoming conference in London on CVE, so someone from the High Commission will attend, and pass on notes.

This group will be represented in Asia in conferences in talks that detail a NZ approach.

Ongoing Work

s9(2)(a) attended a conference in Australia that had members from Corrections, the community, and law enforcement focusing on disengagement and rehabilitation. Topics covered post sentence, preventive detention and tools for assessing risk and intervention. They met with four international experts regarding the NZ situation, and the work of this group was tabled. It was affirmed that this group is on the right track, and that desistance from behaviour is the best measure of genuineness to rehabilitate.

The Violent Extremist Tool is a formal assessment used for high risk terrorists and was discussed at this conference. New Zealand to look at this tool, and to gain training for New Zealanders.

Pakistan program to deradicalise Taliban was discussed. There has been 200 participants and 143 have been successfully reintegrated. It was identified that empathy was lacking as well as a lack of critical thinking, and social intelligence. The program used an approach to develop empathy though managing individuals with the less restrictive practices as possible. This is a community-based intervention, which uses multiple measures.

It was identified that NZ needs to consider coverage of key people such as s9(2)(a) around the country in order to ensure that these key people can be on hand to support interventions in this space.

s6(a)

It was also pointed out that currently there is no legislation about returning terrorists unless there are probable crimes overseas

s9(2)(a) visited the UK to look at processes around hate-crime data collection, and best practice methodology. There is a government database linked to civil society such as 'Tell mama'. He met with Irish groups who have battled religious extremism, and looked at the funding processes for these groups. The work done by these groups was not to change ideology but to question ways, and how goals are achieved through long term planning.

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Community Research Project

Project 1: Muslim Communities research—outputs have been determined. We have received \$10,000 worth of funding from [REDACTED] s9(2)(a) [REDACTED], and the decision on the \$10,000 MARN funding to be made on 28 February.

Ethical guideline funding to be applied for.

Project 2: Security Agencies: [REDACTED] s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] has ethical approval and interviews are underway.

National Security Conference

CDSS are co-hosting with DPMOC in April. There will be three themes, global security issues, trade and economic and human security.

§9(2)(a) will be presenting on terrorism

§9(2)(a) will speak about radicalisation and racialisation. It was suggested that participation from the community at this conference needs to be wider and questions were raised about a broader community response for this conference or for future conferences. It was suggest that HRC could represent civil society, as could §9(2)(a)

2018 Conference Forum Planning

It was suggested that the theme could be 'Community meets Security: The New Zealand way'

General Business;

§9(2)(a) commented that after yesterday's case there had been no backlash against Muslim communities reported.

No update on The Social Cohesion Group.

§9(2)(a) to follow up on conference speaking slot

Meeting closed at 1pm

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30 October 2017

Massey University, Albany Campus

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Apologies

█ s9(2)(a)

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Chairperson's Update

Ray to meet with Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to update with progress of this group

Ray met with █ s9(2)(a) in relation to a number of work streams in relation to Countering Violent Extremism. He was interested in our group, and MFAT is looking to have a greater relationship with this group

The new government may signal increased funding for this group, and there may be a different focus for Corrections, which could be of benefit. Instigated by █ s9(2)(a), the HR wing of Corrections is trying to recruit Muslim staff members. An information day was undertaken with █ s9(2)(a) organisation, and it was found that family input and approval is crucial. The Islamic Women's Council will facilitate community based recruitment programs to roll out across the country modelled on the Hamilton day.

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Community Research Project

[REDACTED] s9(2)(a) have been working closely with [REDACTED] s9(2)(a) regarding the research proposal and all are ready to start research in the New Year.

There was strong discussion of the need for suspicion and resulting treatment by security agencies to end, and that approaches to Muslim youth needs to be more formalised, and go through parents and/or community leaders.

The project to develop ethical guidelines for working with Muslim participants was discussed and funding these guidelines was agreed to by [REDACTED] s9(2)(a) [REDACTED], Massey University. There would be a look to the guidelines used by Maori communities, the need to develop cultural literacy, ethical awareness, workshop training, examine how research is conducted with other religious groups, and distributing the control over the research so that it was led by Muslim researchers. The working party who develops these guidelines needs to be diverse.

Security Agency Research led by [REDACTED] s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] is working with agencies to get participants and will be applying for ethical approval.

There will be a National Security Forum held at Massey University in 2018 where senior representatives from security agencies would be present. It was discussed that this group may wish to present at the National Security Forum.

There is also a Diversity Dividend New Zealand forum to be held at Massey University, sponsored by the Auckland Council, Massey University, and the Human Rights Commission. It was suggested that this group might want to present at this

It was decided that the this group would hold its conference in late 2018 once research was finished and results written up

General Business

Prevention of violent extremism is an important component of our research

It would be good for this group to have a greater overview of all the work streams operating in this space

A need to ensure collaboration with civil society and government departments

It was decided that mid-February 2018 for the next meeting

Meeting closed 12.15.

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4 May 2018

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In attendance:

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- █ - Human Rights Commission
- █ - Dept of Corrections
- █ - Massey University
- █ - Massey University
- █ - Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand
- █ - Massey University
- █ - Dept of Corrections
- █ - Ministry of Social Development

Apologies

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Chairperson's Update:

There has been a 90-page rehabilitation and reintegration document drafted for the management of violent extremists, which includes youth populations and females. No release date yet.

The Global Centre on Co-Operative Security in the U.K has a range of resources that are used to deliver programs in prisons throughout different countries on behalf of the U.N. It was reiterated that a NZ approach is fundamental but that this could be useful reference document for this forum.

Corrections is to start engaging with other Pacific nations regarding extremists and possibly deliver training. This engagement is driven issues and challenges presented by deportees from the U.S and Australia. The issues with these deportees are heightened by risk factors such as a lack of employment.

s9(2)(a) noted that it is vital to build on-shore Pasifika capability in Corrections within NZ to deploy to the Pacific. Although Corrections has a diverse workforce, this is not necessarily apparent in the intelligence space. It was suggested that this capacity could be increased through Road Shows. It was especially identified that Muslim ground breakers are required in order to raise DOC profile in the community. There needs to be greater linking between Human Resources staff and Muslim communities as to what skills are needed, and support for answering online applications. This could be achieved through ongoing information sessions.

There are some Muslim people returning from Australia who have failed the good character test or deported due to criminal charges. They are not connected to NZ Muslim communities and often have no family here and there is no funding available to Muslim communities to help with reintegration. Members of Muslim communities are looking to help assist with these individuals who have finished parole, cannot get jobs, and have insecure housing. Funding is required for social workers, work training, jobs and housing. It was suggested that inclusion in programs or activities such as community gardens was useful to build skills, and develop belonging and connection.

Religious observation in prison:

It would be good to have standard guidelines and operating procedures for staff for working with Muslim prisoners, and comprehensive access to halal food and prayer mats across all facilities. It was identified that issues with translation should be resolved so that prisoner is able to effectively communicate what is happening to family members, and significant others. It would be good to have greater flexibility around meals and keeping of food during Ramadan and that more in-depth information around religious should be recorded at the time of receiving the prisoner. It would be good to have national communication around these issues and provision of training opportunities for staff.

Security and Intelligence Board DPMC: There has been a move to drive activity by the central coordination committee to the next tier down. Ray is a member of this and will continue to report on activity

The **Counter Terrorism legislation** is not suitable or fit for purpose and redrafting is to occur, as it is unworkable in its current format. Currently, there is no provision around intent to commit a terrorist act. The Govt is currently focusing on how to counter extremism online and guidelines have been developed on how to manage harmful materials online. Greater guidelines have also been developed around uses of digital equipment, and for Customs on interviewing minors. The National Security Conference provided some good helpful information in this area

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There needs to be greater liaison between the Parole Board, Corrections and Muslim communities, as the processes around incarceration, and requirements and obligations once in the community are

not clear. It was suggested that there is a need for greater clarity in the 'information for families' part of the website in respect of the journey through the system. It was also identified that the privacy legislation needs to have possibilities for greater flexibility.

It was discussed that the Terms of Reference for this group might need to be revisited to be broader, and to include discussion of further cases that might fall outside of current remit.

Ongoing Business

The Massey University research is well underway and has attracted \$20,000 to date

The 2019 CVE Conference:

Should be an opportunity for community to speak to government rather than have government agencies talk to the community

Should include symposiums, forums and workshops

The community should generate the list of topics

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More work to be done on logistics, funding, title, dates and general organisation

General Business

The government is looking at how to manage returnees from Australia and how best to provide wraparound support. Lessons for this group could be useful and we may have contributions to make

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█ s9(2)(a) - Dept of Corrections

█ - Massey University

█ - Dept of Corrections

█ -Ministry of Social Development

█ -Massey University

Apologies

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Chairperson's Update:

The UN team were very impressed with the forum and were able to gain good insights into the NZ context. The team appreciated the honest community roundtable approach that they encountered and the draft should be prepared and sent out shortly. It is up to NZ as to whether the report will be made public.

█ s9(2)(a) is attending the Sub-Regional Counter Terrorism in Lombok and will represent community engagement for CVE. █ s9(2)(a) will report on this group on the community day and there will be two days of ministerial talks.

The PRISM literature review has been released and will be passed to this group.

At the next meeting, the Terms of Reference are to be discussed.

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Other business

Ongoing work on Guidelines for Muslim Prisoners as follows:

Attention to dietary needs at the Health Assessment when receiving

Making sure any translation issues at the receiving office are met

Noting special days, observances, festivities and accommodating special food

A need for greater labelling around canteen food that acknowledges religious observance

There has been a Director of Culture appointed [REDACTED] s9(2)(a) and religion is an important aspect of this role. He will be invited to this group. How Muslim prisoners are managed varies from site to site and management of food during Ramadan could be more flexible regarding the eating times.

[REDACTED] s9(2)(a) advised [REDACTED] s6(c) is a conflict resolution/anger management program for Muslim young men based on Islamic values is about to have a pilot trial. This project is seen as a preventative program and [REDACTED] s9(2)(a) will advise more about the launch

Meeting closed 12.10

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