

Open Government Partnership New Zealand

National Action Plan 2018-2020

Progress report for: June 2018 – January 2019

Commitment 1: Engagement with Parliament

Lead agency: Office of the Clerk

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

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

OGP values: Transparency, Public Participation, Technology and Innovation

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

Progress key:



some delays



underway



completed

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- Developing PTV content with a producer. A one hour programme is currently available; working to produce more content.
- Public event (Harmony in the House) was held in December 2018, Children's Day scheduled for March 2019.

- Developing resources about engaging with select committees in NZSL and Easyread.
- Virtual Reality Tour of Parliament was launched in October last year.

HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- New PTV content will cover the relevance of Parliament for everyone.
- Focusing on resources that communities with disabilities can use and creating resources (like VR) that are accessible to everyone eg. VR headsets are available on request at no cost so that anyone can “visit” Parliament.

HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- Launch of Virtual Reality Tour at Mangere College which has a high Māori and Pacific roll - <https://www.parliament.nz/en/watch-parliament/video?itemId=27729>
- Celebrating Māori Language week at Parliament - <https://www.parliament.nz/en/watch-parliament/video?itemId=26028>
- Guides in NZSL - <https://www.parliament.nz/en/watch-parliament/video?itemId=24627>

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Production of further programmes for PTV
- Public event at Parliament on 3 March for Children's Day
- This year we plan to take select committees out to communities so that we can capture and share the stories of “real people”
- Developing an ongoing communications strategy to promote the Virtual Reality Tour of Parliament.

LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- A programme has aired on PTV since July 2018 - <https://www.parliament.nz/en/watch-parliament/video?itemId=25442>
- Harmony in the House event was held at Parliament in December 2018 - <https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/harmony-in-the-house-putting-the-fun-in-fundraiser/>
- Virtual Reality Tour launched - <https://www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn/visit/virtual-reality-at-parliament/>