

Open Government Partnership New Zealand

National Action Plan 2018-2021

End of Term Report

Commitment 2: Youth Parliament

Lead agency: Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) – Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi

Objective: To improve understanding among rangatahi of how Parliament works and to highlight topics that matter to rangatahi, the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) – Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi will work with the Office of the Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives to deliver a successful Youth Parliament in 2019.





Ambition: Through delivering the Youth Parliament 2019 programme, MYD aims to fulfil the following five objectives:


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

OGP values: Public Participation, Technology and Innovation.

Summary of what was achieved:

Milestones		Progress
1	Widely promote the opportunity to submit to the Youth Parliament select committee hearings ahead of the two-day Youth Parliament event to a diverse range of rangatahi. <i>Start/End dates: April 2019-June 2019</i>	
2	Hold two-day Youth Parliament event <i>Start/End dates: 16 July 2019-17 July 2019</i>	
3	Explore (with the Ministry of Education) how footage of Youth MPs speaking in the debating chamber of the New Zealand House of Representatives could be utilised as part of a civics or citizenship educational resource for schools. <i>Start/End dates: October 2018-June 2020</i>	
4	With the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, maximise opportunities to profile Youth Parliament via social media channels, including promoting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Youth MP and Youth Press Gallery selection period• the final Select Committee and mock bill topics• the work of Youth MPs in their communities during their tenure• activities occurring during the two-day Youth Parliament event.	

	Start/End dates: October 2018-October 2019	
5	Circulate the Youth Parliament select committee reports to the actual Parliament Select Committees and appropriate policy agencies relevant to the topics discussed and publish a link to them on the MYD website as soon as they are available after the Youth Parliament event. Start/End dates: July 2019-October 2019	

Progress key:



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What we achieved

Milestone 1 - promote the opportunity to submit to the Youth Parliament select committee hearings

Ten select committee topics were chosen and an online public submission process undertaken during April 2019. Rangatahi (aged 12-24 years) were encouraged to submit their thoughts on the ten topics that the Youth MPs chose to be considered in Select Committee hearings at the two-day Youth Parliament event in July 2019.

A total of 48 submissions were received, more than twice the number of submissions received for Youth Parliament 2016.

The online public submission process was promoted on the MYD Facebook page and the Youth Parliament 2019 twitter account. MYD partnered with the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives to have posts shared and the public submission process promoted on New Zealand Parliament's Facebook, twitter, and Instagram accounts. The total reach (Facebook and Instagram) and impressions (twitter) for posts promoting the public submission process was 88,032.

The Office of the Clerk administered the public submission process for the ten Youth Parliament Select Committee hearings.

Milestone 2 - hold two-day Youth Parliament

The Youth Parliament 2019 involved 140 rangatahi (120 Youth MPs and 20 Youth Press Gallery members). The 01 March to 31 August 2019 Youth Parliament programme, including the 16 and 17 July Youth Parliament 2019 event, was the ninth Aotearoa New Zealand Youth Parliament.

The programme involves each Member of Parliament selecting a Youth MP to represent them and their community, and the Parliamentary Press Gallery selecting up to 20 members of a Youth Press Gallery to report on Youth MPs. Youth MPs deliver self-directed projects on topics of interest to them, research the topics to be discussed at the Youth Parliament event, and engage with the MP who selected them. All participants attend the Youth Parliament event in Wellington.

As part of the two-day event, ten Youth Parliament Select Committee hearings were undertaken on topics chosen by the Youth MPs. Rangatahi were invited to make submissions to the Select Committees who considered the topics and reported back to the Youth Parliament. Those reports were published on the Parliamentary website and subsequently referred to the actual Parliament Select Committees and appropriate policy agencies.

Milestone 3 - Explore (with the Ministry of Education) how footage of Youth MPs s debating could be utilised as part of a civics or citizenship educational resource for schools.

MYD provided the following resources to the Civics or Citizenship strand of the Ministry of Education's School Leaver's Toolkit online resource:

- the link to the New Zealand Youth Parliament [youtube channel](#), which contains approximately 150 videos of Youth Parliament 2019 activities that occurred in the debating chamber at

Parliament, including Youth MPs debating, asking questions of Ministers, and presenting their final select committee reports

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Milestone 4 - With the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, maximise opportunities to profile Youth Parliament via social media channels

As indicated above (Milestone 1), MYD and the Office of the Clerk used their respective digital communications channels to support the work of the Youth Parliament and to make the Youth Parliament event accessible.

Rangatahi could keep up to date with Youth Parliament 2019 by following the twitter feed [<https://twitter.com/NZYP19>], liking MYD's Facebook page, and through using the #NZYouthParliament hashtag.

Milestone 5 - Circulate the Youth Parliament select committee reports

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The Select Committee reports were provided to the actual Parliament Select Committees and the appropriate policy agencies, and can be found here: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/youth-parliament/youth-parliament-select-committee-reports/>.

How we included diverse voices and engaged diverse communities:

As well as using MYD and Parliamentary social media to publicise the event and its activities, MYD published three newsletters (which showcased articles written by Youth Press Gallery members) which were distributed to a diverse range of stakeholder groups and organisations. Youth Press Gallery members were also supported to publish their articles in mainstream media.

Commitment links:

- The [Youth Parliament Summary A3 document](#)
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Impacts:

A survey completed by participants of the 2019 Youth Parliament showed increased youth engagement within their communities, including an increased feeling of being connected and a greater sense of belonging. High percentages of rangatahi also reported an increased number of strong healthy relationships with peers and/or trusted adults since participating in the programme and held optimistic views about their future. More impacts can be accessed from:

<https://www.myd.govt.nz/documents/youth-parliament-2019/final-youth-parliament-2019-a3.pdf>

What we learned:

Youth Parliament is an opportunity for rangatahi to experience the Aotearoa New Zealand political process. Overall, the 2019 Youth Parliament experience was life-changing for some rangatahi, both due to what they learnt and the connections they made. The table below summarises how the Youth Parliament objectives were met and opportunities for development.

Aim	Summary of evaluation findings	Opportunities to develop the Youth Parliament programme
Replicate the Parliamentary process	Stakeholders felt the two-day event accurately replicated most aspects of the Parliamentary process well with the exception of being an apolitical event. The six-month portion of the programme gave many Youth MPs an insight into the role of being an MP.	The selection process could be made more consistent across regions with a focus on ensuring equity of opportunity to participate for rangatahi.
Involve as many rangatahi as possible (before and after the event)	Although Youth MPs engaged their communities through speaking at schools and completing community projects, stakeholders and rangatahi felt the main impact was on the 140 rangatahi involved in the programme.	Look for opportunities to increase the incentives for Youth MPs to engage their communities through their community projects and other ways.
Enhance Parliamentary public relations	Most stakeholders felt Youth Parliament helped enhance Parliamentary public relations with those directly involved and their personal networks but had limited impact outside of that. Media coverage and Youth Press Gallery Members articles were seen as a good way to promote Parliament and make it more accessible for people but the evaluation was not able to assess its impact.	Aim to increase the number of Youth MPs completing community projects. Continue to increase media coverage of the event. Look for more opportunities for Youth Press Gallery members disseminating their writing in addition to the existing newsletter, this could increase the reach of Youth Parliament and add more value to the participants experience.

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Maximise the educational opportunities of the event	The two-day event was packed with learning opportunities and many rangatahi said they now understood how Parliament worked. The learning opportunities from the six-month programme varied by individual. Some were heavily engaged with their MPs and learnt a lot from them and their community project, while others had very little involvement over the six months.	Consider whether it is feasible to extend the two-day event to slow the pace of the programme and give rangatahi time to acclimatise.
Make known the views expressed by rangatahi to appropriate policy agencies	Youth MPs were able to share their views about what was important to them to MPs and to policy agencies through their select committee reports and presentations. However, it is unclear how much impact this made or how widely reports were spread.	Communicate to Youth MPs what policy agencies did with their reports could show rangatahi their voices have been heard.

Where to from here:

The next Youth Parliament event is scheduled for 19-20 July 2022. The Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and MYD have begun planning the delivery of the event, including measures to provide participants with pastoral care and community connections. The participant selection process will commence on 12 August 2021.

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Progress report for: 1 October to 31 December 2019

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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- Following the delivery of the six-month Youth Parliament programme from 1 March to 31 August 2019, we published a summary A3 document on our website on 16 October 2019 providing information about the programme, including participant feedback and some key achievements.
- On 5 November 2019 we formally submitted to the Civics or Citizenship strand of the Ministry of Education's School Leaver's Toolkit online resource:
 - the link to the New Zealand Youth Parliament youtube channel, which contains approximately 150 videos of Youth Parliament 2019 activities that occurred in the debating chamber at Parliament, including Youth MPs debating, asking questions of Ministers, and presenting their final select committee reports
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- The 5 November 2019 submissions to the School Leaver's Toolkit online resource concluded our exploration with the Ministry of Education of how footage of Youth MPs speaking in the debating chamber of the New Zealand House of Representatives could be utilised as part of a civics or citizenship educational resource for schools,
- The Office of the Clerk has continued to work with Parliamentary select committee Chairs to arrange times (where committee agendas allow) for Youth MPs to report back to the Parliamentary select committee relevant to their Youth Parliament select committee inquiry:
 - On 16 October 2019, Ministry of Youth Development, Ministry of Health, and Office of the Clerk officials supported the final Youth Parliament 2019 select committee report back¹, to the Parliamentary Health select committee on the Youth Parliament inquiry titled *what can we do to lower the rate of suicide in New Zealand*

¹ Given the nature of the inquiry topic, officials attended the report back to both observe the presentation and provide wellbeing support for the presenting Youth MPs.

- The report back included one Youth MP presenting in the select committee room, and two further Youth MPs presenting via live video link
- The report back was live streamed on the Parliamentary Health select committee's facebook page.

HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- Footage from the live broadcast, cut up into individual speeches and questions continues to be publicly available online, enabling the diverse voices of Youth Parliament 2019's 120 Youth MPs (who identified with 20 different ethnicities) to be shared and further utilised.
- The 149 videos from Youth Parliament 2019's live broadcast uploaded to the NZ *Youth Parliament* youtube channel have been viewed a combined total of 47,300 times, with 3,800 viewings occurring since 1 October 2019.

HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- On 15 October 2019 we publicly released and distributed to our stakeholders the third and final Youth Parliament electronic newsletter, including 17 articles written entirely by Youth Press Gallery members about the 16 and 17 July Youth Parliament 2019 event at Parliament, and covering Youth MPs' projects and activities. The e-newsletter was distributed to the following stakeholders:
 - Aotearoa New Zealand Federation of Social Studies Teachers
 - Ara Taiohi and other local youth sector networks such as the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective
 - Electoral Commission
 - Local government organisations
 - Ministry for Pacific Peoples
 - Ministry for Women
 - Ministry of Education
 - Ministry of Social Development
 - National Association of Media Educators
 - New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust
 - Office for Disability Issues
 - Office of Ethnic Affairs
 - Office of the Children's Commissioner
 - Office of the Clerk
 - Office of the Speaker
 - Oranga Tamariki
 - Te Puni Kokiri.
- On 11 November 2019 we distributed to the above stakeholders a link to the Youth Parliament 2019 summary A3 document, which includes information on Youth Parliament, provides participant feedback, and highlights some key achievements.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- We will continue to support the Ministry of Education (MoE) work to develop civics or citizenship educational resource for schools as part of the School Leaver's Toolkit. This includes continuing to participate in MoE's cross-agency civics working group.
- We are working with the Office of the Clerk to embed lessons learnt from the planning and delivery of the Youth Parliament 2019 programme ahead of the next Youth Parliament, expected to be delivered in 2022.

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Progress report for: (Commitment Complete)

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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- The Youth Parliament 2019 participant selection period was open from 12 August to 19 October 2018. We supported each of New Zealand's 120 Members of Parliament (MPs) to begin selecting a Youth MP during this time, and 36 young people applied to be a member of the Youth Press Gallery. By 31 December, 118 Youth MPs and 20 Youth Press Gallery had been selected.
- To enable the public submission process for the ten planned Youth Parliament select committee hearings, we have been supporting Youth MPs and the Youth Parliament 2019 Multi-Party Steering Committee (MPSC - made up of an MP from each political party currently elected to Parliament, and a representative of the Parliamentary Pres Gallery) to select topics to be discussed at the two-day Youth Parliament event in July 2019.
- Following their 6 November 2018 meeting, the MPSC decided to live broadcast Youth Parliament 2019, which will produce footage of Youth MPs speaking in the debating chamber of the New Zealand House of Representatives, which could be utilised as part of a civics or citizenship educational resource for school.
- During the selection period we posted and shared via social media channels 12 videos of MPs promoting the opportunity for young people to participate in Youth Parliament 2019, and 10 videos of former participants talking about their experience and encouraging young people to apply. The combined Ministry of Youth Development Youth Parliament selection period social media posts reached over 100,000 people.

HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- We are including a diverse range of voices through our promotion of Youth Parliament 2019. Videos of former participants we posted and shared on social media promoting the opportunity for young people to participate in Youth Parliament 2019 included a former Youth MP who uses New Zealand Sign Language to communicate, a former Youth MP with a Down Syndrome diagnosis, a balance of youth MPs of different genders (five females and five males), and ethnicities.

- The Office for Disability issues wrote a profile on a former Youth MP with a disability to encourage other young people with disabilities to consider the opportunity to become a 2019 Youth MP.
- As part of the participant selection process, Youth MPs were invited to submit their ideas for the eleven topics to be discussed at the two-day Youth Parliament event in July 2019. Following consultation with external agencies these ideas will be ranked by the MPSC, and then Youth MPs will select the final ten Youth Parliament select committee topics through a further ranking process. The final mock bill topic will be selected from a ballot, drawn by a politically neutral person.

HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- Links to social media videos of former participants promoting the opportunity for young people to participate in Youth Parliament 2019 were circulated to a range of partner government and non-government organisations working with diverse communities, including:
 - Ara Taiohi
 - Electoral Commission
 - Ministry for Pacific Peoples
 - Ministry of Education
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 - Office for Disability Issues
 - Office of Ethnic Communities
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WHAT'S NEXT?

- The six-month Youth Parliament programme begins on 1 March 2019 and runs through till 31 August 2019. Each of the 140 participants will participate in one of nine initial training sessions delivered across the country between 26 February and 14 March 2019.
- Topic selection is expected to be completed by April 2019, in time to promote to a diverse range of young people the opportunity to submit to the ten planned Youth Parliament select committee hearings ahead of the July 2019 Youth Parliament event.
- We will continue to prepare to host the 140 participants at Parliament on 16 and 17 July 2019 for the two-day Youth Parliament event.

LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- Office for Disability Issues participant selection period promotional article:
<https://www.odi.govt.nz/whats-happening/youth-parliament-nominations-close-on-19-october-2018/>
- Minister for Youth media release *Youth Parliament 2019 Selection Process Underway*: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/youth-parliament-2019-selection-process-underway>
- Ministry of Youth Development Facebook profile (refer to posts between 12 August and 19 October 2018 promoting the Youth Parliament 2019 participant selection period: <https://www.facebook.com/ministryofyouthdevelopment/>

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

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OGP values: Public Participation, Technology and Innovation

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the work of Youth MPs in their communities during their tenure activities occurring during the two-day Youth Parliament event <i>Start/End dates: October 2018-August 2019</i>	
4	<p>Circulate Youth Parliament select committee reports to policy agencies relevant to the topics discussed and publish them on the MYD website as soon as they are available after the Youth Parliament event.</p> <p><i>Start/End dates: July 2019-October 2019</i></p>	N/A (Scheduled to start in mid-July 2019)

Progress key:



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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- We drafted and released to participants background papers on the ten Youth Parliament 2019 select committee topics, including consulting with agencies relevant to each topic. Background papers were released to participants on 14 June 2019
- We finalised and released on 27 May 2019 to participants a twelve-module online training programme, designed to build on the initial face-to-face training they participated in during late February or early March 2019, and prepare them for all aspects of participating in the Youth Parliament participant orientation programme and two-day event, which will occur from 15-17 July 2019.
- The mock bill for Youth Parliament 2019, the Sustainable Energy Bill, was finalised and then released on 25 June 2019 on the Parliament website along with supporting documentation, including a 'notes and context' document to ensure participants are informed of the broader context the mock bill sits within.
- We updated and on 6 June 2019 published online a new set of streamlined Standing Orders and Rules for Youth Parliament, including information for people visiting the Youth Parliament two-day event.

HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- Public submissions on the Youth Parliament select committee topics were sourced through promoting the opportunity to submit to a diverse range of stakeholder groups and organisations, including:
 - Aotearoa New Zealand Federation of Social Studies Teachers
 - Ara Taiohi and other local youth sector networks such as the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective
 - Electoral Commission
 - Local government organisations
 - Ministry for Pacific Peoples
 - Ministry for Women
 - Ministry of Education
 - Ministry of Social Development

- National Association of Media Educators
 - New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust
 - Office for Disability Issues
 - Office of Ethnic Affairs
 - Office of the Children's Commissioner
 - Office of the Clerk
 - Office of the Speaker
 - Oranga Tamariki
 - Te Puni Kokiri.
- We collated and summarised public submissions received through the April 2019 online submission process on the ten Youth Parliament select committee topics, and on 14 June 2019 distributed the submissions for each committee to the Youth MPs sitting on that committee.
 - The 120 Youth MPs participating in the Youth Parliament 2019 programme represent 20 different ethnicities. Providing them with submissions received from a diverse range of people and communities supports them to be well informed as they seek to contribute their voice and the voice of their community to select committee topic discussions at the two-day event.

HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- On 31 May 2019 we publicly released and distributed to our stakeholders the first Youth Parliament electronic newsletter, consisting of 11 articles written entirely by Youth Press Gallery members, profiling Youth MPs, the projects they are working on in their communities, and the issues they are passionate about.
- All stakeholder organisations and networks listed in the *How we are including diverse voices* section above received the first Youth Parliament electronic newsletter.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- The next Youth Parliament 2019 electronic newsletter, featuring content entirely written by Youth Press Gallery members, will be released in early to mid-July.
- The 140 Youth MPs and 20 Youth Press Gallery members will participate in the Youth Parliament orientation programme and two-day event from 15 to 17 July 2019 at Parliament in Wellington.
 - The mock bill for Youth Parliament will be considered at the two-day event through a third reading style legislative debate, followed by a vote.
 - The ten Youth Parliament 2019 select committee topics will be considered and Youth MPs' recommendations will be put into reports which will be finalised and presented in the debating chamber on day two of the Youth Parliament event.

- For the first time in the history of Aotearoa New Zealand's Youth Parliament, we will live broadcast the activities at the two-day event that occur in Parliament's debating chamber, including question time (on 16 July 2019), the legislative debate and vote, the presentation of select committee reports, and the general debate (on 17 July 2019). The live broadcast will occur via Parliament TV, online and on television.
- After the two-day event, we will circulate Youth Parliament select committee reports to policy agencies relevant to the topics discussed and publish them on the MYD website as soon as they are available.
- After the two-day event, all footage of Youth Parliament 2019 sessions in the debating chamber will be uploaded to the Education Television and Video Communications Trust's [Education TV website](#). All of New Zealand's schools will have free access to footage of Youth Parliament 2019, and will be able to use it as an educational resource to support the civics or citizenship elements of the curriculum.

LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- The May 2019 Youth Parliament electronic newsletter is available [here](#).
 - We shared a link to the electronic newsletter through a [6 June 2019 Facebook post](#), which reached 5,987 people.
- The mock bill for Youth Parliament 2019, the Sustainable Energy Bill, is now available on the [Parliament website](#).
- The programme for the Youth Parliament 2019 two day event is available [online](#), and identifies the programme elements that will be live broadcast on Parliament TV.
- Youth Parliament 2019 Standing Orders and Rules are available online [here](#).

Open Government Partnership New Zealand

National Action Plan 2018-2020

Progress report for: 1 July to 30 September 2019

Commitment 2: Youth Parliament

Lead agency: Ministry of Youth Development




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


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

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

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

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2	Explore (with the Ministry of Education) how footage of Youth MPs speaking in the debating chamber of the New Zealand House of Representatives could be utilised as part of a civics or citizenship educational resource for schools. <i>Start/End dates: October 2018-June 2020</i>	
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4	Circulate Youth Parliament select committee reports to policy agencies relevant to the topics discussed and publish them on the MYD website as soon as they are available after the Youth Parliament event. <i>Start/End dates: July 2019-October 2019</i>	
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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

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

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

HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

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

HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

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

WHAT'S NEXT?

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

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

LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

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