

Meeting minutes
13 March 2025
Arms Engagement Group (AEG)
9:30am – 12:30pm

Meeting details	13 March 2025 9:30am – 12:30pm
In attendance	<p>AEG members</p> <p>Maureen Gillon – <i>Royal New Zealand College of GPs</i> Edwina Hughes – <i>Peace Movement Aotearoa</i> Nik Green – <i>Gun Control NZ</i></p> <p>Te Tari Pūreke</p> <p>Mike McIlraith – <i>Director Partnerships</i> Ewan Kelsall – <i>Partnership Manager</i> Douglas Brett – <i>Senior Partnerships Advisor (chair)</i> Kendra Hill – <i>Senior Partnerships Advisor (minutes)</i> Matt Lambert – <i>Partnership Manager – Iwi</i> Nopera Hauwaho – <i>Senior Partnerships Advisor – Iwi</i> Mike Tarttelin – <i>Clubs & Ranges Manager</i> Catherine Petrey – <i>Strategic Advisor Firearms</i></p> <p>New Zealand Police</p> <p>Jenna Marsh – <i>Senior Policy Advisor (NZ Police)</i></p> <p>Ministry of Justice</p> <p>Luke Dinneen – <i>Senior Advisor Firearms</i></p>
Apologies	<p>Jarrold Gilbert – <i>Independent Research Solutions</i> Kiri Mataitos – <i>Family Violence V Death Review Committee</i> Abdur Razzaq – <i>Federation of the Islamic Associations of NZ</i> Dr Justin Barry-Walsh – <i>The Royal Australian and NZ College of Psychiatrists</i> Susan Haniel – <i>Taituarā</i> Janine Kerr – <i>Taituarā</i> Dr John Kusel – <i>Royal New Zealand College of GPs</i></p>

	Natalie Thorburn – <i>National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges (Women's Refuge)</i> Monique Mann – <i>Victoria University of Wellington</i>
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Item 1	Welcome, apologies, introduction of new members, processes, and meeting rules (Te Tari Pūreke)
Discussion	<p>The chair welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with a karakia. Apologies were noted.</p>
Item 2	Confirm previous minutes and action points (Te Tari Pūreke)
Discussion	<p>The group noted that the minutes from 10 October 2024 were confirmed via email as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>The Group discussed the actions from previous meetings (see Actions table on pages 17-18).</p> <p>ARMS ENGAGEMENT GROUP COMMENTS</p> <p>No comments.</p>
Actions	CP: Proactively released information to be shared with AEG.
Item 3	Partnerships & Communities updates (Te Tari Pūreke)
Discussion	<p>Roar and Duck safety campaigns</p> <p>Coming up to peak period for recreational hunting covering the Deer Roar and Game Bird season.</p> <p>We are in the foundational messaging stage for the Deer Roar – so our key safety messages are remaining the same: Plan Safe > Act Safe > Stay Safe. This year there is a key focus on target identification.</p> <p>There will be a media release on with mainstream media coverage and there will be targeted paid advertising including rural publications, radio and social media.</p> <p>This year we are increasing our presence on social media with digital, targeted advertising on platforms such as Instagram, Facebook and Trade Me.</p>

	<p>We put out a media release last Friday which has had good pickup from provincial newspapers and online.</p> <p>Planning for the Game Bird season is underway. Our main message will be about having a plan for the maimai and being organised – Don't Wing It. The idea behind this is about someone looking after safety and having responsibility, calling people out on bad behaviour.</p> <p>The duck safety campaign will have media coverage in the week before it begins.</p> <p>Thermal imaging</p> <p>Thermal imaging devices are used by recreational hunters to locate animals. There are hand-held and rifle-mounted devices.</p> <p>There have been some accidents recently involving thermal imaging devices so we have been working with the Recreational Firearms Users Working Group to understand what communication and education we can do.</p> <p>Rural lifestyle properties information on our website</p> <p>Changing land use in many areas – large properties are being broken down into smaller blocks, changing the demographics of people living in these areas. Need to provide information for all land users and owners on safe firearms use.</p> <p>This page covers information for landowners, firearms users and neighbours. https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/firearms-safety/shooting-rural-lifestyle-properties-or-small-holdings</p> <p>Health and wellbeing</p> <p><u>Mental Hunts Q&A video series has been released</u></p> <p>Last year Mental Hunts released a longform YouTube video with the Firearms Safety Authority, providing information for firearms licence holders.</p> <p>They have now released a follow up Q&A series with the Firearms Safety Authority. This breaks down some of the key concepts, related to health and firearms, to 2 minute videos. The videos cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe practices for firearms licence holders
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- Licence surrender process
- Temporary suspension
- Licence revocation
- Non-licence holders
- Licence holders
- Health Practitioners
- Medication use
- Notification stats
- Restoring trust

You can find the video series here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@MentalHunts/videos>

Re:News regions series released – South Canterbury highlighting a young hunter who had struggled with his mental health

- In mid-2024, our Pou Kōtui – Senior Partnerships Advisor, Kendra Hill, was filmed as part of a Re: News docuseries project about the lives of regional rangatahi and what it can be like growing up in small-town New Zealand.
- This video focuses on a young hunter who avoided seeking mental health support out of fear of losing their firearms licence. For Te Tari Pūreke a really important point is that mental health conditions are not uncommon.
- Our key message is for people to always seek help from a health professional. If firearms licence holders are struggling, there are some proactive things they – and those around them – can do before ending up down the path of revocation.

Re:News The Regions: <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/the-regions>

1 News Hunters fear losing guns for seeking mental health help but needn't: <https://www.1news.co.nz/2025/02/20/hunters-fear-losing-guns-for-seeking-mental-health-help-but-neednt/>

Speaker series with Department of Corrections

In February 2025 we ran a speaker series with the Department of Corrections psychology department (health professionals).

This included 3 sessions where we spoke about:

- Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority
- Firearms licensing

- Firearms use and access
- Health practitioner legal requirements and notifications
- Question & answer

Advice on reporting concerns with firearms use is here:

<https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/contact-us>

Deceased Estate information (DIA)

Changes to the Arms Act 1983 and Arms Regulations 1992 set out the obligations of

- executors,
- administrators and
- enduring Powers of Attorney

DIA now has information for licences holders, executors, and powers of attorney on information websites it manages:

- What to organise before you die
<https://www.govt.nz/browse/family-and-whanau/death-and-bereavement/what-to-organise-before-you-die/>
- End of life services – create my plan
<https://endoflife.services.govt.nz/create-my-plan#phase-428>
- Probate and wills <https://www.govt.nz/browse/family-and-whanau/death-and-bereavement/probate-and-wills/>
- What you need to do when someone dies
<https://www.govt.nz/browse/family-and-whanau/death-and-bereavement/what-you-need-to-do-when-someone-dies/>
- Enduring power of attorney (EPA) for property
<https://www.govt.nz/browse/family-and-whanau/enduring-power-of-attorney-epa-for-property/>

Public Trust and Perpetual Guardian have or are close to completing revisions of their instructions for making and administering wills and EPOA.

Citizens Advice Bureau have information on their website.

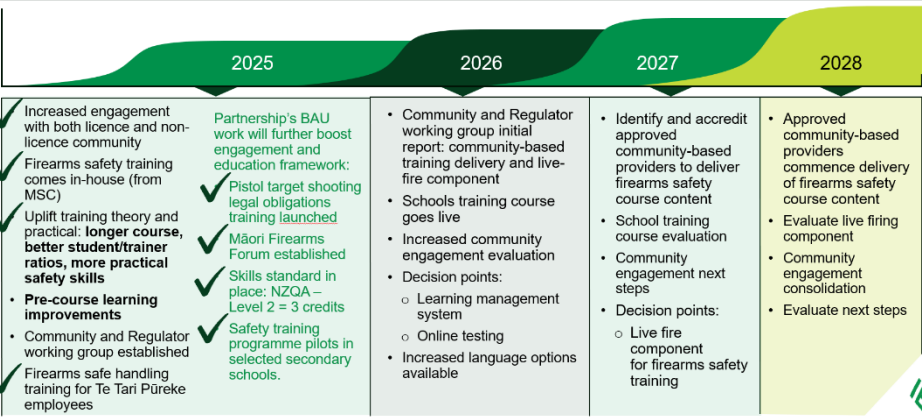
[How can I ensure that when I die, my family knows where everything is and who to contact?](https://www.cab.org.nz/article/KB00000593) (<https://www.cab.org.nz/article/KB00000593>) see “Details of what you own”.

[What needs to be done after a family member dies?](#)

See [Notifying government agencies and other organisations, Te Tari Pūreke \(Firearms Authority\)](#)

	<p>What are the roles and responsibilities of the attorney in an OPA or an EPA? (https://www.cab.org.nz/article/KB00043892) see “Decisions a property EPA attorney can make”.</p> <p>Law Society and FDANZ have provided information to their members.</p> <p>This now lets people know they have obligations and gives them clear steps to follow.</p> <p>Information available about exiting NZ with firearms</p> <p>We are working on updating our website with information for people leaving New Zealand with firearms. This includes for New Zealander’s who are leaving the country with their firearms for a competition and will be returning.</p> <p>This work is in its final stages and expected to be published shortly.</p> <p>RSA display and storage guidance</p> <p>We have been working on display and storage guidance for RSA’s. Target completion by the end of March 2025. Once the document is published, copies will be provided to RSA Head Office to distribute to branches.</p> <p>Museums document consultation</p> <p>Latest draft of the <i>Guide for the Display and Storage of arms items in Museums</i> was circulated to the stakeholders’ group in early December 2024.</p> <p>The stakeholder group had until 14 February 2025 to provide feedback. We received 9 responses (several from groups of stakeholders) and in all 200 comments and suggestions. All suggestions were made in a positive manner.</p> <p>We are evaluating the feedback and do updates to eliminate duplications, explain terminology clearly and make greater use of flow charts and case studies to enhance readability.</p> <p>Dealer Pānui & Firearms Pānui</p> <p><i>Dealer Pānui</i></p>
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	<p>The Dealer Pānui (Dealer Newsletter) is a newsletter specific to licensed dealers. It has a regular summary of information and guidance, including legislative changes, key dates and useful link. Anyone can subscribe.</p> <p>Two editions of the Dealer Pānui are available on our website: https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/news-and-publications/dealer-panui</p> <p>The first two editions have been well received with the first and second edition having 87% and 84% open rates respectively. There are 228 total email subscribers (at 12 March 2025).</p> <p><i>Firearms Pānui</i></p> <p>Firearms Pānui (Firearms Newsletter) has the latest news and information about regulations and guidance. It also highlights stories from the firearms community.</p> <p>We have made updates to the numbers section to provide more and clearer information on statistics. This is effective from the February/March 2025 edition.</p> <p>ARMS ENGAGEMENT GROUP COMMENTS</p> <p>Are we reaching out to [lifestyle block owners] neighbours? (Te Tari Pūreke) We are trying to raise general awareness of firearms safety, work that contributes to this includes articles in rural newspapers and across other platforms that target this group but it is a challenge.</p> <p>We have also updated our Contact Us section on the website. This now includes titles such as <i>If you have a concern with someone's firearms use</i>. https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/contact-us</p> <p>When we publish information such as that for rural and lifestyle properties, we have used language not only directed at firearms licence holders. It is targeted at the general public who may search for information. We have also created a specific heading within this section for Neighbours.</p> <p>Very good approach and high quality educational material [for mental health]. I will write an article for our online publication and insert links to the Mental Hunts Q&A Series.</p>
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Actions	<p>Subscribe members to the Dealer Pānui.</p> <p>Provide links from this conversation directly to AEG members.</p>
Item 4	Firearms safety, engagement, and education pathway (Te Tari Pūreke)
Discussion	<p>We've made strong progress in safety education and engagement since our announcement in December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over many months, we canvassed feedback from all our stakeholder groups: firearms and non-firearms communities. We involved you, AEG, as well as the Firearms Community Advisory Forum, Police Muslim Reference Group, Māori Firearms Forum, Ministers Arms Advisory Group, and subscribers to our Firearms Pānui, our digital communications channel. We reached out to 160 recent firearms licence applicants to capture feedback on their recent experience entering the firearms community. We announced changes at the end of 2024. <p>We're making progress on our plans:</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>HORIZON 1 Consolidation and uplift</p> <p>HORIZON 2 Approved partner delivery</p>  </div> <p>Secondary Schools' firearms safety training pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have been working with schools to create a fit for purpose schools-based course. When participants complete the school course, they will gain 3 credits at Level 2 of NCEA.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once the course is completed, participants will have 24 months to apply for their licences, otherwise they will need to successfully complete a standard firearms safety course. Pilots planned / completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 March: at Kaitiaki Guides Ltd, Ohakune. 27 March: Fielding High School 31 March: Wairarapa College (Minister McKee attending) 2 April: Palmerston North Boys High School 5 April: Hawkes Bay Clay Target Club We'll soon pilot firearms safety testing in some secondary schools and we look forward to sharing the results of our pilots as we progress. <p>Strong progress reaching rural and isolated communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the past, we've delivered 10 Whakatūpato courses each year. We are now delivering 1-2 courses a month and are on track to deliver double the number of courses in 2025. The inaugural Whakatūpato course in the South Island has just taken place (8-9 March). Recent and upcoming Whakatūpato courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15/16 February, Tokomaru Bay 22 February, Wairarapa 8/9 March, Tapawera, Nelson 5/6 April, Kaikohe, Northland May, Te Araroa, Gisborne We said we were going to increase our education and engagement in rural and isolated communities: we're making good progress but there is still more to do. <p>Pistol shooting endorsement training materials launched</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training workbook, Obligations of a Pistol Target Shooting Endorsement Holder, is designed to help new pistol club members learn about and understand their legal obligations as an endorsement holder. New (and existing) club members can download a copy of the workbook free from our website, to use during training, or refer to through their shooting career. This piece of work was developed in conjunction with Pistol NZ and the independent pistol clubs and went live on 1 March.
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- Five legislative obligations related questions added to the Pistol NZ and the independent pistol clubs initial training examinations.
- AEG members who wish to review the material can access it on our website <https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/endorsements/pistol-target-shooting-endorsement/pistol-target-shooting-obligations>
- This work is a great example of what we can achieve when we work together with our stakeholders to enhance safety and compliance outcomes for New Zealanders.

Firearms safety training delivery will change

We are developing inhouse capability for engagement and education purposes. Safety outcomes are front of mind for the safe use and access for the right people.

- Mountain Safety Council (MSC) have been instrumental in bringing structure, consistency, and professionalism to our safety courses across the country. We couldn't have evolved firearms training for New Zealanders without them working alongside us as a trusted partner.
- Te Tari Pūreke will set up online booking system using the same platform as the existing system used by MSC and firearms safety course attendees for the past seven years.
- We are working through the implementation plan to deliver a seamless transition.
- Safety training will be adjusted to longer courses (six hour duration, up from three hours) with smaller instructor-student ratios (1:10, down from 1:15). Courses will be more aligned to the Whakatūpatō training.
- Instructors delivering the new courses will be supported to deliver the longer courses with inductions and updated training material.
- MSC will support their direct-contracted instructors through the transition period.

What this means for Mountain Safety Council

- MSC's contract with NZ Police, which expires at the end of June 2025, will end.
- The Te Tari Pureke inhouse model will need people with the right skillsets to run the training.

- Te Tari Pūreke continues to work with and promote MSC into the future, as their outdoor safety expertise is something everyone could benefit from.

ARMS ENGAGEMENT GROUP COMMENTS

Who does the selection process for those who will participate in school courses – is it the school, do we have criteria e.g. come from a farm, live in a [firearms using] household?

(Te Tari Pūreke) We aren't running this programme to encourage new people to get their firearms licences. We want to ensure those who are already involved in firearms-based activities such as clay target shooting, farming or hunting are well trained. We want to provide students the opportunity to be involved in this, during a time (such as school age) when they have a focus on learning.

(Follow up comment) [Delivering] firearms education in school is awesome and there should be more of it. This has clearly been thought out. It's allowing firearms in schools that are not [good].

(Te Tari Pūreke) We are offering this opportunity to schools that already have hunting and target shooting available through clubs and hunting, we do some pre-screening so that we are also satisfied that there are no concerns from an individual and public safety perspective.

(Follow up comment) We want to have well thought out, and general firearms awareness in schools. The more the better. It's the physical presence of firearms in schools that we worry about.

Will you also track the safety record NZ wide to understand the value of the programme and whether it does achieve improved safety in the long term?

(Te Tari Pūreke) This is a challenging thing more generally with the firearms community. We certainly know that once someone is a licence holder, our staff continue to do continuous eligibility scanning. We look at whether licence holders come to the attention of police, then we look at whether this impacts their suitability to have a licence. A longitudinal study would be helpful but there are a lot of factors to consider. To do this research we need to consider setting up factors to support that.

	<p><i>(Follow up comment) We set up an NZ wide pilot, but we had to set up a randomised control to have a benchmark. We couldn't do that as we didn't have the funding. This was a mistake to not do it as it was harder to show value later down the line. So, this seems like a unique opportunity to do this.</i></p> <p>Do you identify people who have attended Whakatūpato? (Te Tari Pūreke) We do this in the same way that we do for the schools course. There is a certificate for attendees, and we have information about all participants.</p> <p>We don't just measure the success of these courses by the number of people who have gained their licence. We may have people who attend the course that don't go on to get their licence, but they now have the education and knowledge under their belt to know that their whanau are doing the right things.</p> <p>One of the comparisons for firearms is vehicle licensing. There is tonnes of research and information about the impact of road safety courses, for example. But that information isn't available about firearms safety training. All the information e.g. if someone has done a course and got a licence, this is an opportunity to get that basic information. Information is recorded in our system about attendees of both the courses.</p> <p><i>(Follow up comment) The more information the better as there is little of it out there.</i></p> <p>For some context: In the land transport act there are legislative requirements to report incidents. The current [Arms] Act doesn't have requirements for clubs and ranges to report incidents to Police. The legislation which is coming into effect reduces the oversight we have of this.</p> <p>As an example: a safety breach occurs on the [shooting] range that does not result in injury or death. It is not required to be reported to Police, but it is recorded in an incident register. The Regulator can ask to review this register when we do regulatory work and inspect a range. In the changes arising from the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Bill that is expected to come into effect shortly, we can only do this inspection every five years. So, if something was to occur</p>
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	<p>shortly following an inspection we have done, we would only see this at the next inspection.</p> <p>Not all incidents happen on ranges and can happen for example when people are recreational hunting. These don't have to be reported.</p> <p><i>(Follow up comment) There was forward progress being made but we understand things are more difficult now.</i></p>																																
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Item 5	Clubs & Ranges (Te Tari Pūreke)																																
Discussion	<p>The Clubs & Ranges team was established in August 2022. Throughout this time, we have gone from having little visibility of range locations, and we now have a clearer picture of where ranges are across the country. The spread of these reflects where licence holders are located across the country.</p> <p>Range certification update</p> <p>Data from beginning of March 2025</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">Current Range Status Summary</th></tr><tr><td>Total active ranges</td><td></td><td>1222</td></tr><tr><td>Total Shooting Range Operators</td><td></td><td>341</td></tr><tr><td>Shooting Range Operator applications received and awaiting certification</td><td></td><td>21 (for 70 ranges)</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Shooting Ranges certification</td><td>Total pistol ranges certified</td><td>404</td></tr><tr><td>Total non-pistol ranges certified</td><td>727</td></tr><tr><td>Certified ranges that are awaiting inspection</td><td></td><td>551</td></tr><tr><td>Uncertified ranges awaiting inspection</td><td></td><td>70</td></tr><tr><td>Total ranges to be inspected (certified and uncertified) excluding pistol</td><td></td><td>621</td></tr><tr><td>Total non pistol ranges inspected this FY</td><td></td><td>121</td></tr><tr><td>Total pistol ranges inspected this FY</td><td></td><td>12</td></tr></table> <p>NZ Police Shooting Range Manual</p> <p>This has been internationally recognised as one of the best pieces of reference material available. Australia has considered using the NZ Police Shooting Range material as well.</p>	Current Range Status Summary			Total active ranges		1222	Total Shooting Range Operators		341	Shooting Range Operator applications received and awaiting certification		21 (for 70 ranges)	Shooting Ranges certification	Total pistol ranges certified	404	Total non-pistol ranges certified	727	Certified ranges that are awaiting inspection		551	Uncertified ranges awaiting inspection		70	Total ranges to be inspected (certified and uncertified) excluding pistol		621	Total non pistol ranges inspected this FY		121	Total pistol ranges inspected this FY		12
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	<p>We are reviewing our Shooting Range Manual. It has now been in use for 24 months, so we have begun a review of the content. This will go out for consultation to the Clubs and Ranges Engagement Group. In general, the things changing are updates in legislation and some more information for small bore and clay target shooting ranges.</p> <p>Inspections update</p> <p>We are currently out conducting regulatory inspections of Pistol Ranges. We are inspecting ranges every 12 months. These should all be done by late May. Non-Pistol Ranges are done on a risk-based approach. We will be then conducting inspections on those that we have not yet conducted a physical inspection on. We are working under the current legislation.</p> <p>We have issued over 300 improvement notices to Pistol Ranges over the last few years. Many of these for range ballistic issues.</p> <p>Pistol ranges – risk is generally to the shooters themselves. Non-pistol ranges – risk is generally to the public in surrounding areas of the ranges.</p> <p>Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and other matters) Amendment Bill</p> <p>The Amendment Bill will still allow us where we have not yet conducted a physical inspection of a certified range, to do this at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Regulation amendments have been written at the same time as the Amendment Bill. They will tell us how we then enforce the Bill. We have not yet seen these regulation amendments.</p> <p>All pistol ranges were certified in June 2022. The new Amendment Bill means that we will not be able to inspect them again until after June 2027. That is unless there is an incident that we are made aware of.</p> <p>Note that club reporting and club incident recording requirements are different.</p> <p>ARMS ENGAGEMENT GROUP COMMENTS</p>
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	<p>You mentioned improvement notices – have you issued improvement notices under the current legislation to non-pistol ranges that you are currently inspecting?</p> <p>(Te Tari Pūreke) The 122 inspections were late last year. We did inspections on 23 shooting range operators and their ranges. Two of the improvement notices were failure to have an incident register in place.</p> <p>Of those long distance non-pistol ranges, have you certified and inspected all that you know of? Those that are significant distances with for example, 50cal firearm.</p> <p>(Te Tari Pūreke) We have inspected one so far. We issued 5 improvement notices on that. We were there inspecting the pistol range and did the other ranges at the same time. The rest will start to be conducted this year.</p> <p>Improvement notices – where they have been issued, under the new act can you then check that the work has been done?</p> <p>(Te Tari Pūreke) Yes, I believe we can.</p> <p>Temporary Ranges – how will anyone know this is happening and how would it be Policed/Regulated?</p> <p>(Te Tari Pūreke) We have not yet seen the Regulations. The Amendment Bill says they must notify Police and can only be set up by a Shooting Club Operator. But we are unaware on the details until the Regulations come out.</p>
Actions	No action items.
Item 6	Ministry of Justice policy update (Ministry of Justice)
Discussion	<p>Arms Act Rewrite</p> <p>Submissions closed on 28th February. Many submissions came through at the end of the process. They were from a mixture of individuals and groups, primarily received through Citizen Space and email. We are still working through the submissions.</p> <p>We are pleased with the spread and diversity of where the submissions came from. The quality and richness of the submissions was helpful, it was clear that a lot of thought was put into submissions from many viewpoints.</p> <p>The process now is to understand key ideas and viewpoints to inform our policy work and have public confidence.</p>

	<p>We appreciate everyone who put in their submissions.</p> <p>We expect the Bill will be with the Justice Select Committee by the end of the year.</p> <p>Firearms Registry Review</p> <p>This has been completed by MOJ and it is sitting with Ministers. We expect the cabinet report to be done in the next couple of weeks or months. Once this has been done there will be a proactive release.</p> <p>Possible transfer of the Firearms Safety Authority</p> <p>It remains a coalition agreement and the process continues but there is nothing further to update.</p> <p>Clubs and Ranges Amendment Bill</p> <p>The next step is the third reading. The commencement date would be 3 months following the date of assent (the date on which the Governor General signs the Act into force).</p> <p>ARMS ENGAGEMENT GROUP COMMENTS</p> <p>Were any of the submissions from overseas groups or individuals? (MOJ) I believe there were, particularly about entering the country for firearms activities. I can confirm this following the meeting.</p> <p>POST MEETING – confirmed that there were a limited number of overseas submitters.</p> <p>How do you treat submissions from overseas groups? Surely New Zealand submissions would have more weight. And you mention it's not a numbers game, but can you talk a bit more about the process. (MOJ) The way that different groups or sectors have submitted is different – for example, some groups have encouraged all members to submit individually with essentially the same content. Whereas some groups have put in one submission with multiple signatures and/or representing a group of people. So, weight is not based on quantity of submissions.</p> <p>When it comes to international input, every submission is treated on its merits. For example, if someone submitted on something specific in the Act then it would be considered.</p>
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	<p>What is the consultation arrangement on the regulations for clubs and ranges?</p> <p>(MOJ) As far as I am aware there is not a plan to consult on the Regulations. They are going through the Parliamentary order-in-council process, so they are ready in line with the enactment of the Amendment Bill.</p> <p>What information was the MOJ review of the Firearms Registry based on?</p> <p>(MOJ) It is not work I have been directly involved in but the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the review are public. I can get back to the group about exactly what information was considered as part of the review.</p> <p>The methodology is outlined in the ToR that is available.</p> <p>POST MEETING – The link to the Registry review TOR can be found here. Paragraphs 9–13 discuss methodology, including the information that the review was based on.</p> <p>(Follow up comment) Did only Police and Firearms Safety Authority provide information which helped inform the methodology?</p> <p>(Police) Police received the request from MOJ so their response included that of NZ Police and the Firearms Safety Authority.</p> <p>We spoke earlier about research. The changes to the Firearms Safety Authority, do they have the resource to do it and some changes through the Amendment Act means some of this research couldn't happen. Is this something MOJ is concerned about, and have you conveyed this to the Minister that research is needed?</p> <p>(MOJ) As a general comment, I agree about the importance of capturing information you need to do research. The ability to evaluate and monitor effectiveness is something we would always provide. I cannot speak to resourcing of the Firearms Safety Authority.</p> <p>I cannot make comment about the Registry Review, but this will be made public when available.</p>
Actions	No action items.
Item 7	NZ Police policy update (NZ Police)

Discussion	<p>Police Policy is continuing to support MOJ with their work programme – for example, continuing to answer technical questions and providing information for the pieces mentioned by MOJ before.</p> <p>We are also supporting our Minister and responding to OIA's about firearms.</p> <p>ARMS ENGAGEMENT GROUP COMMENTS</p> <p>Is there any intention to consult on the move of the Firearms Safety Authority or will it only be a policy process? (MOJ) It is not something I can comment on. (Police) it is not something I can comment on.</p>
Actions	No action items.
Item 8	General business (Te Tari Pūreke)
Discussion	<p>Possibility of a joint AEG and FCAF meeting. (AEG response 1) We would like this and the possibility of a session with MAAG. We have raised this in the past.</p> <p>An annual meeting with MAAG would be useful, we don't know who they are representing and what they are doing.</p> <p>It is interesting and useful to know the different viewpoints. We wonder whether some of the government agencies should be part of AEG.</p> <p>(AEG response 2) It is of importance for various groups to come together and share their experiences and is important to have these opportunities.</p> <p>Firearms Prohibition Orders Legislation Amendment Act This was effective from 2 March 2025.</p> <p>Ground rules document and terms of reference for AEG We have some new members and have made some updates to the document; this will be circulated to the group.</p> <p>ARMS ENGAGEMENT GROUP COMMENTS</p> <p>No general business items from the group.</p>

Actions	Ministry of Justice to ask MAAG about a joint meeting with AEG (MOJ has noted this during the AEG meeting). Set up a meeting with AEG and FCAF. Circulate Ground Rules for AEG to the members.
Meeting close	

Actions				
Agenda/ Action item	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Status
Meeting:				
	Provide the report on actions taken because of notifications from Health Practitioners to the Royal NZ College of GPs to assist in the feedback loop on patient information.	Kendra H.	No due date.	CLOSED. We have provided the report on notifications we have received CLOSED. 08/10/24. We will continue to work on education opportunities across the health sector.
Meeting: 10/10/2024				
	Provide ongoing reporting to AEG about notifications Te Tari Pūreke receives from health practitioners.	Kendra H.		CLOSED. A regular report is being put together to share at AEG meetings.

	Share the health and wellbeing pamphlet with AEG.	Emilia S.	Complete 11/10/24	CLOSED.
	Provide details to AEG about the firearms safety engagement and education strategy review and how to provide feedback.	Emilia S.	Complete 11/10/24	CLOSED.
	Meeting attendees to share contacts or relationships with Alexander and Clementine that could be beneficial for the research.	AEG.	No date.	CLOSED. Does not require further action.
	Send relevant links and information to AEG about the work programme.	MOJ / Emilia S.	In minutes	CLOSED.
	Meeting dates for 2025 to be sent to AEG.	Emilia S.		CLOSED.
Meeting 13/03/2023				
	Subscribe members to the Dealer Pānui.	Kendra H.		
	Proactively released information (revocations and reasons) to be shared with AEG.			

	Provide links about revocations / mental health directly to AEG members.	Douglas B.		
	Ministry of Justice to ask MAAG about a joint meeting with AEG (MOJ has noted this during the AEG meeting).	Ministry of Justice		
	Set up a meeting with AEG and FCAF.	Douglas B. Kendra H.		
	Circulate Ground Rules for AEG to the members.	Douglas B.		
	Were any of the [Arms Act Rewrite] submissions from overseas groups or individuals? I can confirm this following the meeting.	MOJ	Answered post meeting. See in these minutes.	
	What information was the MOJ review of the Firearms Registry based on? I can get back to the group about exactly what information was considered as part of the review.	MOJ	Answered post meeting. See in these minutes.	