

APO Explainer Annex

The Auckland Policy Office

The Auckland Policy Office (APO) is an initiative involving approximately 20 government agencies, working collaboratively to:

- provide an Auckland perspective in the development of central government policy
- identify and develop Auckland-specific policies that will promote Auckland and national economic growth
- promote the involvement of central government in major regional development projects
- develop links with key regional stakeholders including Auckland Council and Auckland's business community
- be a source of information about Auckland.

This work aims to strengthen individual agency policy advice.

The APO also functions as a shared office facility, providing a central Auckland base for agencies and staff supporting national policy or operational functions. Agencies and staff working on non-Auckland issues may refer to the APO as the Government's Auckland Central Hub.

Management and leadership of the APO

All participating agencies contribute to the running costs of the APO and the funding of four shared staff (Head of the APO, APO Operations Manager and two Business Support Team members). All other staff working within the APO facility are employed by their respective agencies.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment hosts the APO, provides support services and employs the four shared staff roles.

The APO initiative is overseen by a Chief Executives Governance Group comprising Chief Executives from the Department of Internal Affairs, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Minister of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry for the Environment, Ministry of Transport and the Treasury. The Governance Group is supported by an APO Leadership Team consisting of senior staff from the same agencies and Kāinga Ora.

Support for the Minister for Auckland

The Minister for Auckland has a coordination and advocacy role. MBIE provides support services to the Minister and works with APO agencies to contribute advice provided to the Minister for Auckland.

Proactively released advice to the Minister for Auckland is available at <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/about/open-government-and-official-information/release-of-information/lists-of-ministerial-documents-by-portfolio/auckland>.