

EVENT BACKGROUNDER: MINISTER SIO'S VISIT WITH UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO (WELLINGTON) 4TH AND 5TH YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS



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| To: | Hon Aupito William Sio, Associate Minister of Education |
| CC: | Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education |
| From: | s9(2)(a), Acting Manager Delivery and Projects |
| Date: | 16 August 2021 |
| Reference: | E-21-00481 |

Purpose

1. You are scheduled to visit with University of Otago (Wellington) (UoW) 4th and 5th year Medical students on Thursday, 19 August 2021 from 2.00 – 3.00pm at the Horn Lecture Theatre, Level 12, Ward Support Block, Wellington Hospital, Newtown.
2. This backgrounder provides you with an overview of the UoW campus (Te Whāre Wānanga o Ōtago ki Pōneke), including courses and programmes offered; and the UoW Pacific Office's purpose and role. The Ministry of Health will be providing you with a speech for this event.
3. The Event Information Sheet is included as Appendix 1 (with the caveat that the noted venue in the sheet is now incorrect). The UoW medical student class (draft) programme is attached as Appendix 2.

About the University of Otago (Wellington) campus

4. UoW is located on a tertiary hospital campus. Many of the teaching and research staff hold joint positions with local hospitals, bringing close clinical links, collaboration and exchange of knowledge with the region's health service providers. Others are embedded in the local community, providing strong links to primary care, including Māori health providers Ora Toa and Kokiri Marae.
5. Many of UoW's more than 1,000 students have worked in health and other disciplines for a number of years, while others are recent university graduates. This creates an environment focussed on learning from the experiences of others, whether a student chooses a programme taught on campus or online.

Undergraduate study

6. UoW offers the following qualifications for undergraduate students:

- *Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB)* – The Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) degree is commonly referred to as the 'medical degree'. School leavers enrol in Dunedin for the competitive Health Sciences First Year course. They then apply for admission to 2nd-year medicine in Dunedin.

After studying for three years in Dunedin, one-third of medical students move to UoW for their 4th, 5th, and 6th years.

- *Bachelor of Radiation Therapy* – The Bachelor of Radiation Therapy is a three year full time programme only available at UoW.

Postgraduate study

7. Some papers available through UoW focus on specific disciplines, whereas others are interdisciplinary, covering a range of professional areas. Study options for postgraduate students include:

- *Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences with Honours (BBiomedSc(Hons))*
- *Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBiomedSc)*
- *Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Women's Health - Postgraduate programmes*
- *Occupational and Aviation Medicine Unit - Postgraduate programmes*
- *Primary Health Care and General Practice - Postgraduate programmes*
- *Psychological Medicine - Postgraduate programmes*
- *Public Health - Postgraduate programmes*
- *Radiation Therapy - Postgraduate Programmes*
- *Rehabilitation Teaching and Research Unit - Postgraduate programmes*
- *Surgery and Anaesthesia - Postgraduate programmes*

The Pacific Office

8. The Pacific Office provides support and expertise to those researching Pacific health in Aotearoa and the Pacific region.

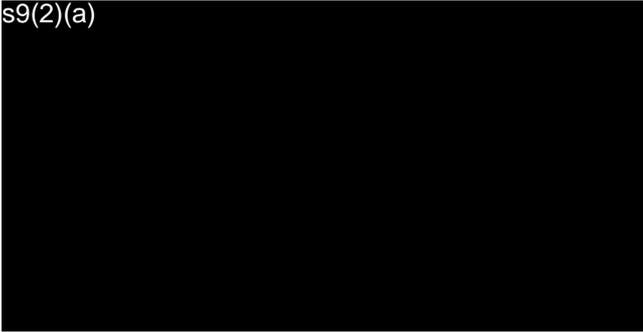
9. The University of Otago's Pacific Strategic Framework (2013-2020), forms a guide for Pacific related activities and is comprised of six goals:

- Goal 1 – Demonstrating and valuing leadership on Pacific matters
- Goal 2 – Encouraging Pacific Research Excellence
- Goal 3 – Strengthening Community Engagement
- Goal 4 – Promoting Growth and Development
- Goal 5 – Encouraging Pacific Curricula
- Goal 6 – Contributing to the Pacific Region and International Progress

10. These overarching goals are supported, in turn, by strategies and planned activities articulated in the University of Otago, Wellington Pacific Action Plan.

11. The UoW Pacific Office is focused on supporting Pacific students with their studies with an emphasis on recruitment, retention and the successful completion of selected study courses and programmes. UoW is also seeking to increase the numbers of Pacific staff members and support their professional development, in addition to encouraging stronger links with Pacific communities within New Zealand, and extending further into the Pacific Region and beyond.
12. High quality research that demonstrates clinical relevance and contributes towards improved health outcomes for Pacific communities is prioritised at UoW. The knowledge translation and dissemination activities associated with research work are of importance to Wellington based researchers and teams who work in partnership with Pacific communities within New Zealand and in the Pacific Region.

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Tertiary Education Commission
16 August 2021

Hon Aupito William Sio
Associate Minister of Education
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Appendix 1: Event Information Sheet



Office of Hon Aupito William Sio

MP for Mangere

Minister for Pacific Peoples

Minister for Courts

Associate Minister for Justice

Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs

Associate Minister for Health (Pacific)

Event Information Sheet

- Please provide as much information as you can now. If some information is not available at this stage, please supply the remainder as soon as possible.
- You can return by email to: **A.Sio@ministers.govt.nz**
- Please include or attach additional information as appropriate. For example, additional speech points, conference programme, awards information, etc.
- Some of the information requested below may not apply to your specific event – please indicate this by inserting 'not applicable'.
- *For Auckland based events and meetings, a reserved carpark would be appreciated as the Minister intends to drive his own vehicle.*

Event details

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| Name of host organisation | University of Otago, Wellington. |
| Type of event the Minister is being invited to (e.g. conference, launch, cocktail function) and title of event | Visit to University of Otago Wellington - 4 th and 5 th Year Medical Student Classes combined together ~250 students. |
| Day, date and timeframe of Minister's attendance | Thursday, 19 th August 2021, 2.00-3.00pm. |
| Venue (exact room, building and full physical address). | Nordmeyer Lecture Theatre, University of Otago, Wellington (near Wellington Hospital) 23A Mein Street, Newtown, Wellington. |
| Purpose of event (objectives, planned outcomes) | The purpose of the event is for the Hon Aupito William Sio, Associate Minister of Health to have an opportunity to meet and Talanoa with our senior (4 th and 5 th Year) Medical students at the University of Otago Wellington about the Government's priorities and actions for improving the health outcomes of Pacific people in Aotearoa/New Zealand. The Minister may also want to consider covering the COVID-19 vaccination situation for our Pacific Peoples in Aotearoa/New Zealand and sharing his views on the current health reforms and the recent release of the Bula Sautu – A window of quality 2021: Pacific health in the year of COVID-19. The students have had access to this document and have spent much time learning about Pacific |

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| | Health for our people in Aoteroa/New Zealand and the Pacific Region. |
| If the Minister is being asked to make a presentation to someone (e.g. an award), please provide details of what the presentation is, what the Minister is required to do, who the presentation is to | No award presentation at this event. |
| Attach runsheet/programme | Please see attached a draft programme. |
| Dress code | Formal. |

Facilities

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| How will the venue be set up? (e.g. lecture style with podium; or informal, people standing) | Lecture style, the Minister will be speaking from a podium and students will be seated in the lecture hall. |
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Attendees

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| Please provide a guest list if possible, or indicate the makeup of the audience | 4 th and 5 th Year Medical Students currently studying at the University of Otago Wellington. |
| Are other Ministers and/or MPs being invited to attend? If so, who? | No. |
| Any other important guests the Minister should be aware of? | The Dean and Head of Campus of the University of Otago Wellington Campus will be present, along with other Associate Deans and Senior Leaders and Staff from the University of Otago Wellington. |
| How many people in total are being invited or are expected to attend? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~ 250 Medical Students UOW • Dean and Head of Campus UOW • Associate Deans UOW • Senior Staff and Leaders UOW • Staff UOW |
| Is an admission fee being charged? | No. |

Speeches

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| Length of speech requested <i>(Note the standard length of speech is 5-7 mins.)</i> | 15 - 20 minutes - followed by question and answer session if this is ok with the Minister. |
| Is there a Question and Answer session following the speech? If so, please discuss this element with the Office. | Yes please, if the Minister would be willing, we would very much like to open the floor for some questions from the Medical students. Our students have spent much time learning about the history of the relationship between Aotearoa/New Zealand and Pacific Peoples, the good the bad and the ugly. I'm figuring there may likely be some questions relating to the Dawn Raids for example, which they have all been |

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| | <p>taught about in class. We sincerely hope a question time will be ok with the Minister. Dr Dianne Sika-Paotonu will be facilitating this segment. Please note also our students have also been learning to speak common phrases in Samoan, Tongan and the Cook Island's languages that will be helpful for them when engaging with their Pacific patients – we are working on resources for other Pacific languages as well.</p> |
| <p>Who else has been invited to speak? In particular, are other Ministers or MPs being invited to speak?</p> | <p>The Dean and Head of Campus for the University of Otago Wellington will be speaking at the start Professor William Levack, along with Dr Dianne Sika-Paotonu Associate Dean Pacific and Senior Lecturer Pathology & Molecular Medicine, Associate Professor Diane Kenwright Pathology Consultant/Medical Learning & Teaching Specialist and Māori leaders: Mr Toa Waaka: Māori Strategic Framework Project Manager, Associate Professor Bridget Robson: Associate Dean Māori /Director Eru Pōmare Centre, UOW, Dr Keri Lawson-Te Aho: Indigenous Research Specialist/Senior Lecturer Te Roopu Rangahau Hauora ā Eru Pōmare, UOW.</p> |
| <p>Content of Minister's speech – please indicate what issues you consider will be of interest to the audience</p> | <p>Please could the following areas be considered by the Minister to be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government priorities and actions for improving the health outcomes for Pacific people in Aotearoa/New Zealand. • COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccination for our Pacific communities. • Pacific Health Workforce needs and training. • Recent release of the Bula Sautu – A window of quality 2021: Pacific health in the year of COVID-19. • If time, just a very brief mention perhaps of the issue of infectious diseases also as being an area of concern for our people as well (-fyi the original lecture time was supposed to be Dr Dianne Sika-Paotonu presenting on infectious diseases for Pacific peoples, which she has now ensured was covered separately in a number of other teaching sessions with the students). If helpful though, there is data in Bula Sautu, a couple of graphs that could be used for example. |
| <p>Please indicate whether it would be appropriate for the Minister to include a Maori, Pacific or other ethnic greeting at the start of his speech</p> | <p>Yes please, we would be very honoured if the Minister could please include Pacific and Māori greetings as he deems appropriate at the beginning of his speech.</p> |
| <p>Please indicate who the Minister should</p> | |

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| acknowledge (either as part of his greeting at the start of his speech, or as part of a more formal dimension) | |
| Please advise if the Minister is to be involved in a more formal/specific Maori, Pacific or other ethnic dimension to your event (eg powhiri); the nature and timing of this; will he be required to respond, in English or Maori; and if Maori, can your organisation provide a kaikorero/kaiwaiata (speaker/singer) on the Ministers' behalf? | Yes, a brief powhiri at the start. At this stage are trying to make arrangements so the Minister won't have to respond immediately, but can do so with acknowledgement of the welcome at the start of his speech further into the programme. |

Media

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| Are media being invited? If so, who? | Yes, UOW events/communication team. |
| Is there a media release issued by the organiser or host of the event? If so, please supply a copy to the Minister's Office one week prior to the Event, with information on when it will be released to the media and to who | Yes, UOW events/communication team. |
| Will there be invitations sent out, or advertisements for the event? If so, please supply a copy to the Minister's Office at least one week prior to the event. | Yes. |

Contact details

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| Contact person for event | Name: Dr Dianne Sika-Paotonu Mobile: s9(2)(a) Email: dianne.sika-paotonu@otago.ac.nz |
| Contact person for queries on speech content (if required) | Name: Dr Dianne Sika-Paotonu Mobile: s9(2)(a) Email: dianne.sika-paotonu@otago.ac.nz |
| Who will meet the Minister at the venue (mobile number, and land-line number for the venue if possible) | Name: Dr Dianne Sika-Paotonu Mobile: s9(2)(a) Email: dianne.sika-paotonu@otago.ac.nz |
| Often photographs are taken during the Minister's visit. If the organisation takes any photos, we would be grateful to receive copies. Often a staff member accompanying the Minister will take photos. In order for us to use/publish any photos taken or obtained from you, we need to obtain consent from the people in the photos. Please supply the Minister's office with an appropriate person to contact, following the visit, to arrange consent. | Name: Dr Dianne Sika-Paotonu Tel: 04 918 5142 Mobile: s9(2)(a) Email: dianne.sika-paotonu@otago.ac.nz |

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| Do you have any questions you need answered in relation to the Minister's attendance? | No questions, just thank-you for being willing to come and meet and Talanoa with our Medical |
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| | students at the University of Otago Wellington. |
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Note Disclaimer:

Please note that information about the Minister's attendance at this event will be released proactively if the event relates to the Minister's portfolio/s (this does not include constituency events). For each event in scope, the summary would list: date, time (start and finish), brief description, location, who the meeting was with, and the portfolio. Information to be released will include the host of the event, and may include the details of other attendees that you provide to us. If the event is hosted by an organisation, the name of the organisation will be released. The names of senior staff members of the organisation in attendance may also be released. The location of the event will be released, unless it is a private residence. The proactive release will be consistent with the provisions in the Official Information Act, including privacy considerations. Under the Privacy Act 1993 individuals have the right to ask for a copy of any personal information we hold about them, and to ask for it to be corrected if they think it is wrong. Any concerns about the release of information relating to this event should be raised with the Minister's office immediately. You can read more about the proactive release policy at <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Proactive-Releases#MS>

Appendix 2: UoW medical student class (draft) programme

1. Formal Welcome: University of Otago Wellington Māori leaders:
 - Mr Toa Waaka: Māori Strategic Framework Project Manager
 - Associate Professor Bridget Robson: Associate Dean Māori /Director Eru Pōmare Centre, UOW
 - Dr Keri Lawson-Te Aho: Indigenous Research Specialist/Senior Lecturer Te Roopu Rangahau Hauora ā Eru Pōmare, UOW
2. Waiata: “Te Aroha” University of Otago Staff and Students – led by the UOW Waiata team
3. Pacific Blessing: TBC
4. Opening Cultural Performance: Wellington East Girls College (5 mins)
5. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Professor William Levack: Dean and Head of Campus University of Otago, Wellington (2 mins)
6. Medical Teaching: Associate Professor Diane Kenwright: Pathology Consultant/Medical Learning & Teaching Specialist, University of Otago, Wellington (2 mins)
7. Pacific Health Teaching: Dr Dianne Sika-Paotonu: Associate Dean (Pacific) Senior Lecturer Pathology & Molecular Medicine, University of Otago (5 mins)
8. **Minister address/speech: The Hon. Aupito Toeolesululu Tofae Su'a William Sio (15 – 20 mins)**
9. **Question and Answer Session with the Hon. Aupito Toeolesululu Tofae Su'a William Sio** (facilitated by Dr Dianne Sika-Paotonu (10 mins))
10. Thank you to the Minister on behalf of the UOW 4th and 5th Year Medical Students (2 mins)
11. Closing Cultural Performance: Wellington East Girls College (5 mins)
12. Wrap up/Closing & Pacific Blessing (2 mins)