

# Ministerial Diary Disclosure Form

Ministerial Code of Conduct, s 5.3

Victorian Government

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**Declaration**

Quarterly disclosure period: 1 October - 31 December 2024

Minister name: Ingrid Stitt

Ministerial portfolio(s): Mental Health, Ageing, Multicultural Affairs

**Declaration:**

I declare that the information provided in the attached summary of my Ministerial diary is true, accurate and complies with my obligations under the Ministerial Code of Conduct at the date of signature.

Signature of Minister: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PUBLICATION OF MINISTERIAL DIARIES: OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024**

**Minister:** Ingrid Stitt

**Portfolios:** Mental Health, Ageing, Multicultural Affairs

**Subject**

Lebanese Community Roundtable

**Start Date**    **Description**  
1/10/2024 **Attendees:**  
Elia Melhem  
George Hallal  
Tony Mouaad  
Yahye Zgob  
Akram Hilal  
Faddy Zoukky  
Therese Farshakh  
Azzam Barakat, Newport Mosque  
Father Joe, Our Lady of Lebanon  
Rabih Nasser, Muslim Welfare Trust, Glenroy Mosque  
Rayane Hawli  
Hussain Hawli  
Johnny Abo  
Naim Melhem  
Michael Kheirallah, Chairperson, Victorian Lebanese Community Council  
Khalil Elrassi  
Tony Azzi  
Toufic Bouassi  
Ali Al Amin  
Samir Asmar  
Mounir Kiwan, Director, Parliament and Stakeholders, Office of the Premier of Victoria  
Senior Adviser, Office of the Premier  
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt  
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt  
  
**Purpose of meeting:**  
Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to the Lebanese community

St Vincents Hospital Sydney

2/10/2024 **Attendees:**  
Professor Nadine Ezard, Clinical Director, Alcohol and Drug Service, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney  
Dr Craig Rodgers, Senior Staff Specialist, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney  
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt  
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt  
  
**Purpose of meeting:**  
Meeting to discuss Sydney's hydromorphone trial

Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre

3/10/2024 **Attendees:**  
Miranda St Hill, Operations Manager, Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre  
Dr Marianne Jauncey, Medical Director, Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre  
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt  
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt  
  
**Purpose of meeting:**  
Meeting to discuss the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre

CanTEST	<p>3/10/2024 <b>Attendees:</b>  Steph Tzanetis, Program Coordinator, CanTEST, Directions Health  Bronwyn Hendry, CEO, Directions Health  Malcolm Mcleod, CanTEST Chemistry Lead, Directions Health  Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt  Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b>  Meeting to discuss CanTEST</p>
Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health & Wellbeing	<p>8/10/2024 <b>Attendees:</b>  Terry Laidler, Chair, Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing  Maria Katsonis, Deputy Chair, Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing  Professor Sarah Wilson, Co-CEO, Vic Collaborative Centre for Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing  Pam Anders, Senior Executive Director, Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Transformation, Department of Health  Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b>  Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to the Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing</p>
The Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Children's Research Institute	<p>10/10/2024 <b>Attendees:</b>  Lisa Corrigan, Lived Experience Advisor, The Centre for Community Child Health  Prof Harriet Hiscock, Associate Director, Research at the Centre for Community Child Health and Group Leader, Health Services and Economics at Murdoch Children's Research Institute  Prof Warren Payne, Executive Director, Western Alliance Academic Health Science Centre  Rachel Whiffen, Mental Health Policy &amp; Impact Lead, Centre for Community Child Health  Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b>  Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to The Centre for Community Child Health</p>
Legalise Cannabis Party	<p>16/10/2024 <b>Attendees:</b>  David Ettershank MP, Member for Western Metropolitan Region, Legalise Cannabis Victoria  Rachel Payne MP, Member for South-Eastern Metropolitan Region, Legalise Cannabis Victoria  Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting:</b>  Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to Legalise Cannabis Victoria</p>

Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc (VACCHO)

16/10/2024 **Attendees:**

David Noonan, CEO, Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service  
Janet Turpie-Jonston, Chairperson, Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Service  
Georgia Hooper, Ex interim CEO, Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Service  
Tammy Bundle, VACCHO Board Member, Gippsland Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Alliance  
Mikila Sharkie, CEO, Lake Tyers Health and Children's Service  
Paula Morgan, CEO, Lakes Entrance Aboriginal Health Association  
Perlin Simon, CEO, Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS)  
Louise Carey, CEO, Moogji Aboriginal Council East Gippsland Inc.  
Josie Edwards, CEO, Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation  
Brad Beresford, Director, Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation  
Paul O'Neil, CEO, Murray Valley Aboriginal Cooperative (MVAC)  
Deborah Mellett, General Manager, Nairn Marr Djambana Inc.  
De-Joel Upkett, CEO, Ngwala Willumbong Aboriginal Corporation  
Angelina Moore, CEO, Njernda Aboriginal Corporation  
Amanda Hand, CEO, Oonah Health & Community Services Aboriginal Corporation  
Nancy Binotto, CEO, Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation  
Gary Sattell, General Manager, Inner Gippsland (Morwell), Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation  
Rose De Jong, Deputy CEO, Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative Limited  
Sam Paxton, CEO, Weenthunga Health Network Inc  
Lisa Thorpe, CEO, Bubup Wilam Aboriginal Child and Family Centre  
Lucy Bellings-Garwood, Admin Assistant, VACCHO  
Emily Murray, Senior Policy Officer, VACCHO  
Maria McCarthy, Executive Manager Communications/Event Photographer, VACCHO  
Stephanie Kilpatrick, PACU Executive Director, VACCHO  
Tamzin Kennedy Watterson, Policy Officer, VACCHO  
Sheree Lowe, SEWB Unit Executive Director, VACCHO  
Jill Gallagher, CEO, VACCHO  
Michael Graham, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service  
Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Roundtable to discuss Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing

Wayne Holdsworth

17/10/2024 **Attendees:**

Wayne Holdsworth, SmackTalk  
Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Introductory meeting to discuss Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to SmackTalk

Rasha Abbas

21/10/2024 **Attendees:**

Rasha Abbas, Executive Director, Palestine Australia Relief and Action (PARA)

**Purpose of meeting:**

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matter in relation to social cohesion

Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)

23/10/2024 **Attendees:**

Carmel Guerra, CEO, Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)  
Peta Fualau, Senior Manager, Programs & Services, Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)  
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt  
Erika Meyer, Director Programs and Partnerships, Department of Premier and Cabinet

**Purpose of meeting:**

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to CMY

WEstjustice

23/10/2024 **Attendees:**

Melissa Hardman, CEO, WEstjustice  
Caitlin Caruana, Director of Policy, Impact and Engagement, WEstjustice  
Jennifer Jones, Legal Director of Employment & Equality Law, WEstjustice  
Joe Nunweek, Legal Director of Economic Justice, WEstjustice  
Mia Bromley, Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt  
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health, Ageing and Multicultural Affairs portfolios matters in relation to WEstjustice.

Haven Foundation and Mind Australia

24/10/2024 **Attendees:**

Hon Richard Wynne, Chair, Haven Foundation  
Gill Callister, CEO, Mind Australia  
Nicola Ballenden, Executive Director, Research, Advocacy & Policy Development, Mind Australia  
Melissa Arduca, A/Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health portfolio matter in relation to the Haven Foundation and Mind Australia.

Eating Disorders Roundtable

25/10/2024 **Attendees:**

Professor the Hon Jill Hennessy, Vice-Chancellor's Professorial Fellow, Office of the VC & President  
Dr Jacinta Coleman, Consultant Paediatrician – Adolescent Physician. Head, Adolescent Medicine Unit Monash Children's Hospital  
Professor Beverley Vollenhoven AM, Carl Wood Chair, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Monash University and Director of Gynaecology and Research, Women's and Newborn Program, Monash Health  
Dr Christie Bennett, Advanced Accredited Practising Dietitian, Credentialed Eating Disorder Clinician, Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and Senior Lecturer at the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food, Monash University  
Professor Jayashri Kulkarni, Director of MAPrc – the Monash Alfred Psychiatry research centre (Monash University, Central Clinical School. Director, HER Centre Australia  
Doctor Claire Foldi, Head of the Anorexia and Feeding Disorders Laboratory at Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute  
Adj/Prof John Newton, Monash University, Clinical Director, Peninsula Health Mental Health Service, Board member of Butterfly Foundation, and Mental Health Victoria  
Professor Megan Galbally, Professor/Director for the Centre for Women's and Children's Mental Health at Monash Health and Monash University  
Jackie Conheady, Director, Office of the Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences  
Stefanie Perri, Senior Proposal Development Manager, External Relations, Faculty Medicine Nursing & Health Sciences at Monash University  
Katherine Whetton, Deputy Secretary, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Roundtable discussion on Eating Disorders

Senator Jana Stewart

30/10/2024 **Attendees:**

Senator Jana Stewart, Chair of joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Australian Government  
Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt  
Senior Policy Adviser, Office of Senator Stewart

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health portfolio matters

Lebanese Community Leaders

31/10/2024 **Attendees:**

The Hon. Jactinta Allan, Premier of Victoria  
Dr Walid Ahmar, Australian Lebanese Medical Association  
Father Richard Jabbour  
Father Charles Hitti  
Father Elias Matta  
Father George Mattar  
Sheikh Haysem Rifaii  
Sheikh Samir Hassan  
Sheikh Aref Bains  
Tony Charbel  
Johnny Abdo  
Nathan Lambert MP, Member for Preston  
Kathleen Matthews-Ward MP, Member for Broadmeadows  
Iwan Walters MP, Member for Greenvale  
Lee Tarlamis MP, Member for Southeastern Metropolitan Region  
Senior Adviser, Office of the Premier  
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters in relation to the Lebanese community

Orygen

6/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Professor Patrick McGorry, Executive Director, Orygen  
The Hon Daniel Andrews, Chair, Orygen  
Vivienne Browne, Director of Policy and Engagement, Orygen  
Professor Euan Wallace, Secretary, Department of Health  
Mia Bromley, Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt  
Senior Adviser Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to Orygen

Victorian Healthcare Association

6/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Leigh Clarke, CEO, Victorian Healthcare Association  
Sue Matthews, Board Chair, Victorian Healthcare Association  
Senior Adviser, Office of Minister Stitt  
Adviser, Ageing, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

To discuss Mental Health and Ageing portfolio matters in relation to the Victorian Healthcare Association

Parkville Mental Health and Wellbeing Service

7/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Ms Penny Armytage AM, Chair, Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Ms Nadia Baillie, Director, Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Dr Margaret Grigg OAM, Director, Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Ms Jennifer Lang, Director, Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Ms Vicki Sutton, Director, Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Professor Patrick McGorry AO, Director, Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Mr Elvis Martin, Director, Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Associate Professor Ravi Bhat AM, Director, Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Dr Leanne Geppert, Chief Executive Officer, Orygen Specialist Program | Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Derek Keir, Chief Financial Officer, Orygen Specialist Program | Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Christopher Booton, Company Secretary, Orygen Specialist Program | Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service  
Professor Euan Wallace, Secretary, Department of Health  
Mia Bromley, Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Senior Adviser, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to Parkville Mental Health and Wellbeing Service

Health and Community Services Union (HACSU)

7/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Paul Healey, State Secretary, Health and Community Services Union (HACSU)  
Rebecca Sprekos, Mental Health Policy Officer, Health and Community Services Union (HACSU)  
Stephanie Thuesen, Communications, Projects and Political Liaison Officer, Health and Community Services Union (HACSU)  
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of the Minister for Mental Health

**Purpose of meeting:**

To discuss Mental Health portfolio matters relating to HACSU

Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC)

7/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Vrinda Edan, CEO, Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC)  
Meghan Bourke, Director Strategy and Programs, Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC)  
Fiona Patterson, Acting Executive Director, Lived Experience Branch, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

To discuss Mental Health Portfolio matters relating to VMIAC

Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc (VACCHO)

11/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Dr Jill Gallagher, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc (VACCHO)  
Sheree Lowe, Executive Director of Balit Durn Durn Centre, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc (VACCHO)  
Emily Murray, Senior Policy Project Lead, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc (VACCHO)  
Lang Baulch, Director, Balit Murrup Unit, Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt  
Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to VACCHO



Member of the Lebanese Parliament

12/11/2024 **Attendees:**

The Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, Premier of Victoria  
Pierre Bou Assi MP, Member of the Lebanese Parliament representing the Baabda District  
Toni Obeid  
Elia Melhem  
Cesar Melhem (Registered Lobbyist - <https://www.lobbyists.vic.gov.au/search-the-register/cesar-melhem>)  
Said Haddad  
Freddy Rahme  
John Jarmach  
Anthony Cianflone MP, Member for Pascoe Vale  
Bronwyn Halfpenny MP, Member for Thomastown  
Kathleen Matthews-Ward MP, Member for Broadmeadows  
Iwan Walters MP, Member for Greenvale  
Mounir Kiwan, Director, Parliament and Stakeholders, Office of the Premier of Victoria  
Senior Adviser, Office of the Premier  
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matter in relation to the Lebanese community

Sri Lankan Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare (SCATS)

13/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Luba Grigorovitch MP, Member for Kororoit  
Gamini Perera OAM, Founder & President, Sri Lankan Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare (SCATS)  
Wasantha Perera OAM, Senior Vice President, Sri Lankan Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare (SCATS)  
Kaleel Cader, Vice President & Chairperson, Building Project, Sri Lankan Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare (SCATS)  
Vijaya Karunasena, Chairperson, Media, Sri Lankan Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare (SCATS)  
Leelananda Ihalagamage, Organizing Secretary, Sri Lankan Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare (SCATS)  
Electorate officer, Office of Luba Grigorovitch MP  
Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matter in relation to SCATS

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)

18/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Kon Karapanagiotidis, CEO, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)  
Anastasia Magriplis, Head of Humanitarian Operations and Resilience, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)  
Jana Favero, Head of Systemic Change, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)  
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matter in relation to the ASRC

Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)

21/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Vivienne Nguyen, Chairperson, Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)  
Bwe Thay, Deputy Chair, Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)  
Kashif Bouns, Director, Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)  
Senior Adviser, Office of Minister for Multicultural Affairs

**Purpose of meeting:**

To discuss Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters relating to the VMC

Council of the Ageing (COTA) Victoria

21/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Ben Rogers, CEO, Council of the Ageing (COTA) Victoria  
Marshida Kolthoff, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Council of the Ageing (COTA) Victoria  
Michael West, Director, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Adviser, Ageing, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Ageing portfolio matter in relation to COTA Victoria

Ngwala Willumbong Aboriginal Corporation

21/11/2024 **Attendees:**

De-Joel Upkett, CEO, Ngwala Willumbong Aboriginal Corporation  
Melanie Dale, Director of Rehabilitation & Clinical Services, Ngwala Willumbong Aboriginal Corporation  
Helena Gonebale, Director of Client Services, Ngwala Willumbong Aboriginal Corporation  
Katherine Whetton, Deputy Secretary, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Lang Baulch, Director, Balit Murrup Unit - Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation Ngwala Willumbong Aboriginal Corporation

Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) Ballarat

27/11/2024 **Attendees:**

Shiree Pilkinton, Team Leader, Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)  
Briana Morrison, Senior Multicultural Youth Worker, Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)  
Kerry Grants, Teacher, Mt Clear Secondary College  
Asvin Phorunggam, Multicultural Engagement Co-ordinator, Victorian Electoral Commission  
Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matter in relation to CMY

Council of Regional Chairs

4/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Angus Clelland, Chair, South East Metro Interim Regional Body  
Emma Reid, Chair, Hume Interim Regional Body  
Jim Williamson, Chair, Western Metro Interim Regional Body  
Kathy Wilson, Chair, Barwon South West Interim Regional Body  
Kellie O'Callaghan, Chair, Gippsland Interim Regional Body  
Malcolm Hopwood, Chair, North East Metro Interim Regional Body  
Melissa Field, Chair, Grampians Interim Regional Body  
Paul O'Neill, Chair, Loddon Mallee Interim Regional Body  
Katherine Whetton, Deputy Secretary, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Michelle Chiko, A/Executive Director, Reform Implementation, Department of Health  
James Thomas, Director, Regional Governance and Strategic Commissioning, Department of Health  
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt  
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Meeting to discuss work of Interim Regional Bodies

Mental Health Ministerial Advisory Committee (MHMAC)

4/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Tim Richardson MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention  
Katherine Whetton, Deputy Secretary, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Marina Henley, A/Senior Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing Transformation, Department of Health  
Senior Adviser, Office of the Minister for Mental Health  
Adviser, Office of the Minister for Mental Health  
Adviser to the Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention  
Alexandra Krummel, Director, Local Services, Reform Implementation, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Emily Jones, Director, Strategy Policy and Evidence, System Planning, Department of Health  
Simone Williams, Chief Communications Officer, Communications and Engagement, Department of Health  
Brodie Restall, Director, Engagement, Communications and Engagement, Department of Health  
Manager, Governance and Accountability, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Sam Colverson, Director, Governance and Program Management, Governance and Accountability, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Professor Dan Lubman, Executive Clinical Director, Turning Point  
Fionn Skiotis, CEO, Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability  
Julie Borninkhof, CEO, Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Australia  
Lauren Frost, Advocacy Manager, Youth Affairs Council of Victoria  
Marie Piu, CEO, Tandem  
Nicole Bartholomeusz, CEO, cohealth  
Professor Patrick McGorry AO, Executive Director, Orygen  
Phillipa Thomas, CEO, Mental Health Victoria  
Simon Ruth, Chief Executive, Thorne Harbour Health  
Assoc Professor, Simon Stafrace, Victorian Branch Chair, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists  
Son Vivienne, CEO, Transgender Victoria  
Dr Tamara Kwarteng, Chair, Multicultural Centre for Women's Health  
Vivienne Nguyen AM, Chair, Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)  
Vrinda Edan, CEO, Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAAC)

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health Ministerial Advisory Committee (MHMAC) Meeting

Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)

5/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Farah Farouque, CEO, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)  
Eddie Micallef, Chairperson, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)  
Jill Morgan, Deputy Chair, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)  
Annabel Johnson, Director, Department of Premier and Cabinet  
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters relating to the ECCV

Senior Victorians Advisory Committee

5/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Associate Professor Sue Harrison OAM, Chair, Senior Victorians Advisory Committee  
Brenda Appleton OAM, Community Member, Senior Victorians Advisory Committee  
Dr Dozie Ezigbalike, Community Member, Senior Victorians Advisory Committee  
Aunty Gabby Gamble, Community Member, Senior Victorians Advisory Committee  
Jan Laidlaw, Community Member, Senior Victorians Advisory Committee  
Linette Harriott, Community Member, Senior Victorians Advisory Committee  
Mariamma John, Community Member, Senior Victorians Advisory Committee  
Van Pho, Community Member, Senior Victorians Advisory Committee  
Kath Brackett, Director, Community and Sector Development, Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)  
Ben Rogers, CEO, Council of the Ageing (COTA) Victoria  
Dr Lara Hedberg, Senior Policy Lead, Switchboard  
Farah Faroque, CEO, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)  
Argiri Alisandratos, Deputy Secretary, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Kate Berry, Executive Director, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Michael West, Director, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Manager, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Senior Policy Officer, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
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Senior Policy Officer, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Managing Principal, Information Sharing and Privacy Law Team, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Project Officer, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Policy Officer, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Manager, Performance and Commissioning Hospitals and Health Services, Department of Health  
Senior Policy Officer, Disability, Fairness and Emergency Management, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Senior Communication Adviser, Public Engagement, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Media Manager, Public Affairs and Events, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Video Adviser, Public Engagement, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Adviser, Ageing, Office of the Minister of Ageing

**Purpose of meeting:**

Ageing portfolio - Senior Victorians Advisory Committee meeting

Mental Health Victoria (MHV)

5/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Phillipa Thomas, CEO, Mental Health Victoria (MHV)  
Katherine Whetton, Deputy Secretary, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Senior Adviser, Office of the Minister for Mental Health

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health portfolio matters relating to MHV

Ministerial Forum on Multicultural Affairs

6/12/2024 **Attendees:**

The Hon Julian Hill MP, Assistant Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs  
Michael Pettersson MLA, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, ACT  
Joseph La Posta, CEO, Multicultural NSW  
The Hon Jinson Charls MLA, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, NT  
The Hon Fiona Simpson MP, Minister for Multiculturalism, Qld  
The Hon Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, SA  
The Hon Roger Jaensch MP, Minister for Community Services, Tas  
Yaz Mubarakai MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, WA  
Maya Ramakrishnan, Executive Director, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Victoria)  
Kara Hadgraft, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Meeting of Multicultural Affairs Ministers

Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)

12/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Chris Christoforou, CEO, Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)  
Tamsin Short, President, Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)  
Clare Davies, Vice-President, Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)  
Dom Ennis, Treasurer, Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)  
Stefan Gruenert, Director, Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)  
Cath Peake, Director, Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)  
Josephine Taylor, Director, Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)  
Kent Burgess, Director, Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)  
Richie Goonan, Director, Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)  
Senior Adviser, Office of the Minister for Mental Health

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health portfolio matters in relation to VAADA

Victorian Aboriginal Health Services (VAHS)

12/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Michael Graham, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Services (VAHS)  
Jessica Szwarcbord, Senior Policy Advisor, Victorian Aboriginal Health Services (VAHS)  
Lang Baulch, Director, Balit Murrup Unit, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health portfolio matter in relation to VAHS

Australian Medical Association (AMA) Victoria

12/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Jill Tomlinson, President, Australian Medical Association (AMA) Victoria  
Lewis Horton Policy Manager, Australian Medical Association (AMA) Victoria  
Scott Bennett, Executive Director, Workforce Strategy and Planning, Operational Support and Improvement Policy, Department of Health  
Senior Adviser Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Meeting to discuss Mental Health portfolio matters relating to the AMA Victoria

LanguageLoop

17/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Professor Kathy Laster, Chair, VITS LanguageLoop  
Emiliano Zucchi, CEO, VITS LanguageLoop  
Maya Ramakrishnan, Executive Director, Department of Premier and Cabinet  
Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Multicultural Affairs portfolio matters relating to LanguageLoop

Forensicare

19/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Penny Armytage AM, Chairperson, Forensicare  
Adjunct Professor Colmán O'Driscoll, CEO, Forensicare  
Mia Bromley, Executive Director, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health  
Senior Adviser, Mental Health, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Mental Health portfolio matters relating to Forensicare

George Lekakis

20/12/2024 **Attendees:**

Mr George Lekakis AO  
Senior Adviser, Multicultural Affairs, Office of Minister Stitt

**Purpose of meeting:**

Meeting in relation to the Multicultural Review