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24 May	Central Districts Secondary Principals Association	John O'Neill	Palmerston North
30 May	New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA)	All members	Wellington
30 May	Secondary Principals' Association New Zealand (SPANZ)	All members	Wellington
30 May	Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA)	All members	Wellington
30 May	New Zealand Principals' Federation (NZPF)	All members	Wellington
31 May	Treasury	All members	Wellington
14 June	New Zealand Educational Institute (NZEI) Te Riu Roa	All members	Wellington
26 June	Chief Executive of New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)	All members	Wellington
28 June	Chief Executive of Education Review Office (ERO)	All members	Wellington
29 June	Chief Executive of Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu The Correspondence School	All members	Wellington
6 - 7 July	Learning Disabilities Association Wairarapa Conference	John O'Neill	Masterton
10 July	YouthLaw Aotearoa	Bali Haque and Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
10 July	Ministry of Education, Auckland region	Bali Haque and Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
10 July	Selwyn College	Bali Haque	Auckland
13 July	Ministry of Education, Wellington region	Bali Haque and Cathy Wylie	Lower Hutt
13 July	Elizabeth Eppel, Senior Research Fellow, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington and former Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Education	Bali Haque and Cathy Wylie	Wellington
13 July	Derek Gill, Principal Economist and Head of Public Good, New Zealand Institute of Economic Research	Bali Haque and Cathy Wylie	Wellington
18 July	Māori community members	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Dunedin
18 July	Pacific community members	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Dunedin
18 July	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	Cathy Wylie	Christchurch
18 July	Mātauraka Mahaanui	Cathy Wylie	Christchurch
18 July	Stephanie Smith, Southern Hub Regional Manager, NZSTA	Cathy Wylie	Christchurch
20 July	NZ Association for Research in Education, Leadership Special Interest Group Symposium	Cathy Wylie	Christchurch

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20 – 22 July	NZSTA Annual Conference	Bali Haque, Barbara Ala'alatoa and Mere Berryman	Rotorua
23 July	Kāhui Ako leads from the Bay of Plenty/Waiariki region	Mere Berryman	Rotorua
23 July	Ministry of Education, Bay of Plenty/Waiariki region	Mere Berryman	Rotorua
25 July	Ngā Kura ā lwi	All members	Wellington
25 July	Te Rūnanga Nui o ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori	All members	Wellington
26 July	Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti Private Training Establishments (PTEs) and Industry Training Organisations (ITOs)	Bali Haque	Napier
26 July	Kāhui Ako Leads from the Hawke's Bay region	Bali Haque	Napier
26 July	Hawke's Bay Secondary School Principals' Association	Bali Haque	Napier
26 July	Hawke's Bay Primary School Principals' Association	Cathy Wylie	Napier
26 July	Victoria University Faculty of Education	John O'Neill	Wellington
27 July	Ministry of Education, Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti region	Bali Haque	Napier
27 July	Jan Adams, MNZOM for services to education	Bali Haque and Cathy Wylie	Napier
27 July	Hawke's Bay Regional Prison Youth Unit	Cathy Wylie	Napier
27 July	New Zealand Association for Research in Education (NZARE), the PPTA and NZEI Te Riu Roa.	John O'Neill	Wellington
27 July	The Wellington Institute of Technology (WelTec) and Learner Journey Centre of Learning, Whitireia New Zealand	John O'Neill	Wellington
27 July	Flaxmere College senior leaders, students, whanau, BoT, teachers, SENCO, specialist staff and teacher aides.	Mere Berryman	Hastings
30 July	Ministry of Education, Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast region	Bali Haque	Nelson
30 July	Top of the South Island Area, Top of the South Island Secondary Principals' and Nelson Principals' Associations	Bali Haque	Nelson
30 July	Teachers from the Nelson region nominated by NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA	Bali Haque	Nelson
30 July	Nelson City Kāhui Ako whānau and school trustees	Mere Berryman	Nelson
30 July	Waimea Kāhui Ako	Mere Berryman	Richmond
31 July	Ministry of Education, Canterbury/Chatham Islands region	Bali Haque	Christchurch

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31 July	University of Canterbury College of Education, Health and Human Development	Bali Haque	Christchurch
31 July	Canterbury Primary Principals', Canterbury Association Intermediate and Middle Schools and Canterbury West Coast Secondary Principals' Associations	Bali Haque	Christchurch
31 July	Support staff from the Canterbury region nominated by NZEI Te Riu Roa	Bali Haque	Christchurch
31 July	Ministry of Education, Otago/Southland region	Cathy Wylie	Dunedin
31 July	A Ministry of Education Otago sector reference group	Cathy Wylie	Dunedin
31 July	Teachers from the Otago region nominated by NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA	Cathy Wylie	Dunedin
31 July	Nelson City Kāhui Ako students and Pacific community members	Mere Berryman	Nelson
1 August	Ministry of Education, Southland local office	Bali Haque	Invercargill
1 August	A Ministry of Education Southland education sector reference group	Bali Haque	Invercargill
1 August	Dr Lester Flockton MNZOM JP	Cathy Wylie	Dunedin
1 August	Otago College of Education, University of Otago	Cathy Wylie	Dunedin
1 August	Members of the Halberg Youth Council, Halberg Disability Sport Foundation	Cathy Wylie	Dunedin
1 August	Silverstream (South) Primary School	Cathy Wylie	Dunedin
1 August	East Taieri School	Cathy Wylie	Dunedin
2 August	William Colenso College	Mere Berryman	Napier
3 August	Rob McIntosh, Education and Public Policy strategist	Barbara Ala'alatoa and Cathy Wylie, John O'Neill	Wellington
3 August	2018 Ministerial Youth Advisory Group	Barbara Ala'alatoa, Cathy Wylie and John O'Neill	Wellington
3 August	Kāhui ako leaders and staff	Mere Berryman	Napier and Hastings
3 August	Rangatahi Learning Centre (Alternative Education Centre), Wainuiomata High School	John O'Neill	Wainuiomata
6 August	SPANZ NCEA Principals' Review Summit	Bali Haque	Wellington

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6 August	Graham Stoop, Chief Executive, Education Council (now Teaching Council)	All members except Barbara Ala'atoa (recused herself due to potential conflict as current Chair of (then) Education Council).	Wellington
7 August	Peter Hughes, State Services Commissioner and Head of State Services, and Geoff Short, (then) Assistant Commissioner	Bali Haque, Barbara Ala'alatoa, Cathy Wylie and Mere Berryman	Wellington
8 August	New Zealand Association of Intermediate and Middle Schooling (NZAIMS)	Bali Haque	Auckland
8 August	Birdwood School	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
8 August	, ex- Manager Evaluation Services, ERO	John O'Neill	Palmerston North
8 August	Dr Lesieli Tongati'o, Sector Leader - Professional Learning and Development	John O'Neill	Palmerston North
9 August	Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT)	Bali Haque	Auckland
9 August	Auckland Primary Principals' Association (APPA)	Bali Haque	Auckland
9 August	ERO, Northern region – Te Tai Raki	Bali Haque	Auckland
9 August	Auckland parents and whānau	Bali Haque and John O'Neill	Auckland
9 August	St Peter's College (Epsom) and Baradene College	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
9 August	Associate Professor Mark Barrow, Dean of Faculty of Education and Social Work	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
9 August	Faculty of Education, The University of Auckland	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
9 August	Laurayne Tafa, Manager Programmes, Cognition	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
9 August	Kerikeri High School	Mere Berryman	Kerikeri
9 August	Northtec and Te Wānanga o Aotearora staff and students	Mere Berryman	Kaikohe
9 August	Teachers from the Tai Tokerau region nominated by NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA	Mere Berryman	Okaihau
10 August	Tai Tokerau Primary Principals' Association	Bali Haque	Whangarei
10 August	Tai Tokerau Secondary Principals' Association	Bali Haque	Whangarei

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10 August	Blomfield Special School and the Tiaho Trust	Bali Haque	Whangarei
10 August	Ministry of Education, Tai Tokerau region	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Whangarei
10 August	Youth Space	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Whangarei
10 August	Aka Tokerau Māori Principals' Association	Mere Berryman	Kaikohe
10 August	Members from the Tai Tokerau education sector including early childhood education teachers and Alternative Education providers	Mere Berryman	Kaikohe
13 August	Ministry of Education Tairāwhiti local office staff members, a Tairāwhiti Principal and an lwi tertiary education provider – secondary/tertiary focus	Mere Berryman	Gisborne
13 August	Ministry of Education, Tairāwhiti local office	Mere Berryman	Gisborne
13 August	Principals from the Tairāwhiti region nominated by NZAIMS, NZEI Te Riu Roa and NZPF	Mere Berryman	Gisborne
14 August	Māori Achievement Collaboratives (MACS)	Bali Haque	Auckland
14 August	Graeme Dingle Foundation	Bali Haque	Auckland
14 August	Auckland Secondary Schools Principals' Association (ASSPA)	Bali Haque and Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
14 August	Principals from the Auckland region nominated by NZPF, the New Zealand Secondary Principals' Council (NZSPC) and SPANZ	Bali Haque	Auckland
14 August	Frances Valintine, Chair & Founder, The Mind Lab	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
14 August	Homai School	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
14 August	Lorraine Mentz, Chief Executive, Springboard Trust	Cathy Wylie	Auckland
14 August	Michael Absolum, Evaluation Associates	Cathy Wylie	Auckland
14 August	Faculty of Education and Social Work, The Auckland University of Auckland	Cathy Wylie	Auckland
14 August	Staff from state integrated schools in the Auckland region nominated by the Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools (APIS)	Cathy Wylie	Auckland
14 August	Year9+ Champions	Mere Berryman	Gisborne

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14 August	Support staff from the Auckland region nominated by NZEI Te Riu Roa	John O'Neill	Auckland
16 August	Howard Fancy, Former Secretary for Education, Ministry of Education	All members	Wellington
16 August	Judge Andrew Becroft, Children's Commissioner and staff	All members	Wellington
17 August	School Executive Officers (SEO) Association	Bali Haque	Wellington
17 August	New Zealand Federation of Multicultural Councils	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Wellington
17 August	Rural Women New Zealand	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Wellington
17 August	Staff from state integrated schools in the Wellington region nominated by the Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools (APIS)	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Wellington
17 August	South Wairarapa Principals' Association	Cathy Wylie	Featherston
17 August	Masterton Principals' Association	Cathy Wylie	Masterton
20 August	NZSTA staff and school trustees from the Bay of Plenty/Waiariki region	Bali Haque	Rotorua
20 August	Ministry of Education, Bay of Plenty/Waiariki region	Bali Haque	Rotorua
21 August	Secondary school students from the Bay of Plenty/Waiariki region	Bali Haque	Rotorua
21 August	Schools International Education Business Association of New Zealand (SIEBA)	Bali Haque	Rotorua
21 August	Western Bay of Plenty Principals' Association Executive	Bali Haque	Tauranga
21 August	Kaumatua and ex-teacher from the Bay of Plenty/Waiariki region	John O'Neill	Rotorua
21 August	Parents and whānau of children receiving additional learning support services	John O'Neill	Rotorua
21 August	Principals from the Rotorua region nominated by NZEI Te Riu Roa, NZPF and SPANZ	John O'Neill	Rotorua
21 August	NZCER research and advisory staff	Cathy Wylie	Wellington
22 August	Wellington Regional Primary Principals' Association (WRPPA)	Bali Haque	Lower Hutt
22 August	ERO, Waikato and Bay of Plenty region – Te Tai Miringa	John O'Neill	Rotorua

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22 August	Kāhui Ako leads from the Waikato region	John O'Neill	Rotorua
22 August	Principals from the Waikato region	John O'Neill	Rotorua
22 August	Teachers from the Rotorua region nominated by NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA	John O'Neill	Rotorua
23 August	Greater Wellington Secondary Principals' Association (GWSSPA)	Bali Haque	Porirua
23 August	Wellington Intermediate School Principals Association (WISPA)	Bali Haque	Porirua
23 August	Community Colleges New Zealand staff and students	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Blenheim
23 August	Marlborough Principals' Association	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Blenheim
23 August	Employers and tertiary providers from the Waikato region	John O'Neill	Hamilton
23 August	A Waikato Learning Support external advisory group	John O'Neill	Hamilton
23 August	Zeal staff and students	John O'Neill	Hamilton
24 August	Ministry of Education, Waikato region	Bali Haque	Hamilton
24 August	Tai Wānanga	Bali Haque	Hamilton
24 August	Buller Primary Principals' Association	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Westport
24 August	West Coast Primary Principals' Association	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Greymouth
24 August	Community of Learning Kāhui Aho New Appointments National Panel (NANP)	Cathy Wylie	Wellington
24 August	A Ministry of Education Wellington Learning Support reference group	Cathy Wylie	Lower Hutt
27 August	New Plymouth Primary Principals' Association and South Taranaki – Hawera Kāhui Ako	Bali Haque	New Plymouth
27 August	Taranaki Secondary School Principals' Association	Bali Haque	New Plymouth
27 August	Teachers from the New Plymouth region nominated by NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA	Bali Haque	New Plymouth
27 August	Waikato Faculty of Education Retreat	Mere Berryman	Hamilton
28 August	Whanganui Primary Principals' Association	Bali Haque	Whanganui

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28 August	Whanganui Secondary Principals' Association	Bali Haque	Whanganui
28 August	South Rangitikei Principal Cluster	John O'Neill	Marton
28 August	Bainesse School	John O'Neill	Palmerston North
28 August	Principals from the Palmerston North region nominated by NZEI Te Riu Roa, NZPF and SPANZ	John O'Neill	Palmerston North
29 August	Ministry of Education, Taranaki/Whanganui/Manawatu region	Bali Haque	Whanganui
29 August	PPTA Secondary Principals' Council meeting	Barbara Ala'alatoa and Mere Berryman	Wellington
29 August	Chief Ombudsman, Peter Boshier and staff	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Wellington
29 August	insideOUT	Mere Berryman	Wellington
30 August	Dame Karen Sewell, Former Secretary for Education	All members	Wellington
30 August	Parents from the Wellington region	Bali Haque, Barbara Ala'alatoa and Mere Berryman	Wellington
3 September	Iwi Chairs Forum – engagement briefing	Bali Haque	Wellington
4 September	Paula Tesoriero, Acting Chief Commissioner and Disability Rights Commissioner, and Doug Hancock, Disability Team Lead, Human Rights Commission	Bali Haque, Barbara Ala'alatoa, Cathy Wylie and Mere Berryman	Wellington
5 September	Early Childhood Advisory Council	Bali Haque and Barbara Ala'alatoa	Wellington
5 September	Statutory Intervention Providers and a Ministry of Education staff member	Bali Haque	Wellington
5 September	Sue Suckling, (then) Board Chair, NZQA	Bali Haque	Wellington
5 September	Principals and Board Chairs (or delegates) from large schools in the South Island	Barbara Ala'alatoa and Mere Berryman	Christchurch
6 September	Burnside High School	Mere Berryman	Christchurch
6 September	Te Pā o Rakaihautu	Mere Berryman	Christchurch
6 September	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Whanau Tahi	Mere Berryman	Christchurch
6 September	Te Puna Wai ō Tuhinapo – Kingslea School	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Christchurch

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6 September	ERO, Southern region – Te Waipounamu	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Christchurch
6 September	Gilberthorpe School	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Christchurch
6 September	South Hornby Primary	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Christchurch
6 September	Hornby High School	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Christchurch
11 September	Allan Vester, former Principal of Edgewater College	Bali Haque	Auckland
11 September	Principals and Board Chairs (or delegates) from large schools in the North Island (two meetings)	Bali Haque, Barbara Ala'alatoa, Cathy Wylie and Mere Berryman	Auckland
12 September	Alternative Education Conference	Bali Haque, Barbara Ala'alatoa, Cathy Wylie and Mere Berryman	Wellington
13 September	Staff from dual medium schools/kura in the Waikato region	Mere Berryman	Hamilton
13 September	Tūmuaki in the Waikato region	Mere Berryman	Hamilton
13 September	Iwi members from the Waikato region	Mere Berryman	Hamilton
14 September	Western Springs College	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
14 September	North Shore Principals' Association	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
18 September	Inclusive New Zealand	Barbara Ala'alatoa, Cathy Wylie and Mere Berryman	Wellington
19 September	Auckland University of Technology (AUT)	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Auckland
20 September	Normal and Model Schools Conference	Bali Haque	Palmerston North
26 September	Education stakeholders from Pacific communities in the Wellington region	Barbara Ala'alatoa	Porirua
1 October	Lynda Pura Watson, ERO National Office	John O'Neill	Palmerston North
18 October	Office of the Auditor General	Bali Haque, Barbara Ala'alatoa, Cathy Wylie and Mere Berryman	Wellington

In addition to the above engagements, the Taskforce:

• engaged via telephone/VoIP with a wide range of other education experts and researchers from universities, institutes, agencies, organisations and schools

- kept in regular contact with the other Ministerial Advisory Groups focused on other aspects within the education system
- met and kept in contact with the current Minister and Associate Ministers of Education and MPs from all political parties.
- attended several of the Ministry of Education's Education Conversation | K\u00f6rero M\u00e4tauranga fono, w\u00e4nanga and ethnic communities engagements across the country
- sought advice from a wide range of Ministry of Education national office officials
- met with a Cross-sector advisory panel five times during the year. Read more about this panel here.