

Meeting minutes 19 November 2018

Digital Economy and Digital Inclusion Advisory Group audio meeting

Date and time of meeting	19 November 2018, 5pm
Location	Virtual meeting: audio only
Attendees – Group members	Victoria MacLennan, Kaila Colbin, Michael Taitoko, Potaua Biasiny-Tule, Cathy Hardinge, Gregory Morgan, Jordan Carter, Chris O’Connell, Rohan MacMahon, David Moskovitz, Brenda Leeuwenberg.
Attendees - Ministers	Hon Dr Megan Woods
Attendees - other	Secretariat (MBIE) – Francis Powley and Jill McKenzie (MBIE), Gill Palmer (DIA) Ministers’ offices – Kate MacDonald and Penny Arrowsmith (GDS), and Bruce Donaldson and Esther Robinson (BCDM)

Introduction

Minister Woods welcomed the Digital Economy and Digital Inclusion Ministerial Advisory Group (the Group). Minister Woods acknowledged the value of the Group’s continuing advice on both the digital economy and digital inclusion. She apologised for not meeting with the Group earlier.

Update on the chief technology officer function

Hon Woods provided an update on work regarding the chief technology officer function. Hon Woods noted that she has requested advice on how the function could work to deliver great value for New Zealand. Options include the function being performed by a group rather than an individual.

The Group indicated its support for a group approach rather than an individual.

The Minister noted that she did not see the work on the chief technology officer function having implications for the Group in the short-term.

DEDIMAG’s short-term work programme.

Hon Woods proposed a focused, short-term work programme for the Group covering: the Digital Inclusion Blueprint; improving ICT/innovation procurement; uptake of ICT by small to medium enterprises; and Statistics New Zealand’s digital domain plan.

The DEDIMAG Chair, Victoria MacLennan, responded on behalf of the Group. She noted the Group would provide advice on how it could best support the focused, short term work programme. Victoria also noted that the Group would like to discuss resourcing required to support the work programme.

Ms MacLennan stated that the Group’s advice will continue to be direct, ambitious and aspirational, supporting the changes needed for New Zealand’s digital future. She noted that

the Group would provide more detail on Minister Wood’s proposed work programme, including deliverables.

Actions
Officials will schedule a meeting between Ministers and the Group before the end of 2018, to discuss its short-term work programme.
The Group will provide advice to Ministers on the short-term work programme covering: the draft Digital Inclusion Blueprint, improving procurement, SME uptake of ICT, and Statistics New Zealand’s digital domain plan. (Timing to be confirmed.)