

Meeting minutes 26 November 2018

Digital Economy and Digital Inclusion Advisory Group Zoom meeting

Date and time of meeting	26 November 2018, 11:45am– 12:15pm
Location	Virtual meeting: audio-visual via Zoom
Attendees – DEDIMAG 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, Hon Kris Faafoi.
Attendees - officials	Secretariat: Francis Powley and Jill McKenzie (MBIE), Gill Palmer and Nicola Ryan (DIA) Minister Woods’ office – Kate MacDonald and Penny Arrowsmith. Minister Faafoi’s office – Bruce Donaldson and Esther Robinson
Apologies	None.

Introduction

The Ministers welcomed the Digital Economy and Digital Inclusion Ministerial Advisory Group (the Group) and acknowledged the Group’s work.

The Group’s short-term work programme

Hon Woods discussed her desire to see the Group produce tangible deliverables in four areas: digital inclusion, the procurement of innovation; ICT uptake by small to medium enterprises; and the Statistics New Zealand Domain Plan.

The Group noted that it would deliver its work programme with detail about its deliverables in two weeks.

Advice provided by the Group: The Digital Inclusion Blueprint

DEDIMAG has provided written feedback on the draft Digital Inclusion Blueprint. The Group’s feedback included: support for the vision and its narrow focus on the internet; the need to clearly identify milestones and accountability for delivery; and strengthening the evidence base. The Group’s feedback has been incorporated in the draft Blueprint.

The Group talked about its ambition for digital inclusion and more broadly the concept of radical inclusion realising the potential for different groups in different aspects of their lives.

Update on the chief technology officer function

Minister Woods noted that work is underway to rethink and reframe a chief technology officer (CTO) function.

The Group discussed its view of the CTO function, noting that the Group sees it as critical for New Zealand's digital transformation and future success as a nation. The Group discussed three specific roles they see as important for the CTO function, and suggested these as a future topic for discussion with Ministers:

- independently overseeing the development of a New Zealand digital strategy;
- encouraging coordination and collaboration between government, communities, business and other stakeholders; and
- engaging with a range of stakeholders, including Maori, to ensure they have the ability to benefit from the future of work.

The Group discussed the form of the future CTO function, noting the Group's preference for a group rather than one person or 'officer', with one voice to lead. The Group noted that a CTO group should reflect a broad range of perspectives, with perhaps three or four members, and would not necessarily include officials. The Group sees the CTO function complementing that of the Government Chief Digital Officer.

Ministers thanked the Group for its advice.

More information about group members

The Group said that it will provide biographies on all members to Ministers.

Actions
The Group noted that it will deliver its work programme with detail about its deliverables in two weeks.
The Group noted that it will also send biographies of members to Ministers in two weeks.
Ministers will provide a further update on chief technology officer function at the next meeting.
The Group suggested a future meeting include discussion on the three CTO roles they see as important. Secretariat will schedule.
Officials will schedule another meeting before the end of 2018.