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Directions and Priorities for Government ICT

Portfolios: Finance / State Services / Internal Affairs

On 4 October 2010, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee, Cabinet:

Background

- 1 **noted** that in March 2008, the previous government agreed that the manager of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) leadership function, based in the State Services Commission (SSC), be designated as the New Zealand Government Chief Information Officer (GCIO), as part of a reorganisation of SSC's ICT branch, to separate the service delivery (Government Technology Services moved to the Department of Internal Affairs) and ICT leadership functions [CBC Min (08) 6/12];
- 2 **noted** that the 2008 survey of government use of ICT indicated that the \$2 billion annual ICT spend is fragmented, infrastructure is duplicated, and many agencies have not yet redesigned their business models to use the online channel for more efficient service delivery;

Directions and Priorities for Government ICT

- 3 **agreed** to adopt *Directions and Priorities for Government ICT*, attached to the paper under EGI (10) 226 and as an annex to this minute, as government policy to direct the ICT activities of State Services agencies;
- 4 **noted** that the implementation of the policy will be led by chief executive governance groups, and will be devolved across agencies through distributed work programmes as required to achieve results;
- 5 **invited** responsible Ministers to set expectations of their portfolio chief executives on ensuring alignment between their agency's ICT investment and management and the *Directions and Priorities for Government ICT*;
- 6 **directed** chief executives of Public Service departments to:
 - 6.1 use cross-government ICT products and services to meet relevant business needs where they are available, unless there is a compelling business reason not to;

- 6.2 work with the lead agencies providing such products and services to ensure that they meet business purposes;
- 7 **invited** State Services chief executives to:
- 7.1 align their ICT strategies with the *Directions and Priorities for Government ICT*;
- 7.2 use cross-government ICT products and services to meet relevant business needs where they are available, unless there is a compelling business reason not to;
- 7.3 work with the lead agencies providing such products and services to ensure that they meet business purposes;
- 8 **directed** agencies providing cross-government products and services to ensure that such products take into account the business needs of agencies and deliver real savings to the government at a system level;
- 9 **directed** Government Technology Services (Department of Internal Affairs), in conjunction with agencies, to lead a programme to create a Common ICT Capability Roadmap as a basis for agency ICT planning and implementation;
- 10 **directed** the Treasury, in conjunction with the SSC and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, to report to ECC by March 2011 on the implementation of funding arrangements within the government's fiscal strategy to incentivise chief executives to contribute to, and implement, cross-government ICT initiatives;
- 11 **noted** that the ICT Strategy Group will provide advice to the Ministerial Committee on Government ICT on agency contributions to strengthening cross-government business capability and on the business fit of common capability ICT products;
- 12 **noted** that further work will be done by officials to develop plans for the implementation of each direction;

Government Chief Information Officer

- 13 **agreed** that the functions of the GCIO be reassigned from SSC to be held by the Chief Executive of the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA);
- 14 **agreed** that the stewardship of the New Zealand Interoperability Framework (NZ e-GIF) also be transferred to DIA as part of the function of the GCIO;
- 15 **noted** that SSC and DIA will work jointly through the change management implications of the transfer of the GCIO function, and that this will be fiscally neutral;

Next steps

- 16 **noted** that a communications and engagement plan will be developed by the Ministry of Economic Development, SSC, and DIA, to ensure that the *Directions and Priorities for Government ICT* and its implications for agencies, as well as the changes relating to the GCIO, are clearly communicated to all stakeholders;

- 17 **agreed** that SSC make publicly available:
- 17.1 the *Directions and Priorities for Government ICT*, attached to the paper under EGI (10) 226;
 - 17.2 the contents of the paper under EGI (10) 226 and the related minute.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (10) 513; EGI Min (10) 23/2

Secretary's note: This minute supersedes EGI Min (10) 23/2. A Cabinet minute has been issued for this item for the information of all Ministers and Chief Executives.

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