

Meeting minutes 3 April 2019

Digital Economy and Digital Inclusion Advisory Group Zoom meeting

Date and time of meeting	3 April 2019, 4.45pm-5.30pm
Location	Virtual meeting: audio-visual via Zoom
Attendees – DEDIMAG members	Victoria MacLennan (Chair), Kaila Colbin, Michael Taitoko, Potaua Biasiny-Tule, Cathy Hardinge, Gregory Morgan, Jordan Carter, Rohan MacMahon, David Moskovitz, Brenda Leeuwenberg.
Attendees - Ministers	Hon Dr Megan Woods, Hon Kris Fafoi.
Attendees - officials	Minister Woods' office – Julie Watson and Penny Arrowsmith Minister Fafoi's office – Bruce Donaldson and Esther Robinson Sara Barham (Secretariat – MBIE), Gill Palmer, and Nicola Ryan (Secretariat – DIA), Amy White (DIA)
Apologies	None.

Introduction

The Ministers welcomed the Digital Economy and Digital Inclusion Ministerial Advisory Group (the Group) and acknowledged the recent death of Chris O'Connell and the loss to the Group, his friends and family, and the sector.

Response to the Christchurch mosques attack

Minister Woods acknowledged the feelings of shock resulting from the Christchurch mosques attack and the role digital communications played. The Group expressed its support for a careful and thorough response to the attack. The Group also called for an inclusive response, including working with affected communities.

Minister Woods noted that the response is being led by the Prime Minister's office. The Group's views will be conveyed to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

DEDIMAG's work programme

Ministers confirmed the DEDIMAG's work programme: advice on digital inclusion, small to medium enterprises (SME) digital skills uptake, and procurement. Ministers noted that they see this tight focus contributing to high quality advice, decision making, and delivery.

Digital Inclusion

The Group provided advice to DIA officials on the Digital Inclusion Blueprint Action Plan and identified areas to assist with reaching community groups, academics, and experts working on digital inclusion. DIA officials have incorporated the Group's advice into the Digital Inclusion Blueprint Action Plan.

SME uptake of ICT

The Group has advised MBIE officials on options for effective support of SMEs to increase their digital capability. MBIE officials have incorporated the Group's advice on the SME ICT uptake pilot programme, and are discussing next steps with the Group.

Procurement

The Group has advised MBIE officials on procurement rules and sourcing. MBIE officials are using the Group's advice, including on the review of the Government Rules of Sourcing, to contribute to better access for New Zealand businesses to government contracts.

The Group suggested procurement as an item at the next DEDIMAG Ministerial meeting.

Other Business

Chief Technology Officer (CTO)

Minister Woods and Minister Fafoi noted that decisions have been delayed because of the Christchurch attack.

DEDIMAG November and December 2018 minutes

The agendas and minutes for the DEDIMAG Ministerial meetings on 19 and 26 November, and 18 December are available on the MBIE website at: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/economic-development/digital-economy/ministerial-advisory-group/#meeting-records>.

Actions

Suggested meeting agenda items for the next DEDIMAG Ministerial meeting:

- procurement
- CTO.