

Meeting minutes 8 August 2019

Digital Economy and Digital Inclusion Advisory Group meeting

Date and time of meeting	8 August 2019, 11am – 12pm
Location	Executive Wing, Parliament
Attendees – DEDIMAG members	Victoria MacLennan, Kaila Colbin, Michael Taitoko, Cathy Hardinge, Gregory Morgan, Jordan Carter, Rohan MacMahon, David Moskovitz,
Attendees - Ministers	Hon Kris Faafoi.
Attendees - officials	Minister Faafoi's office – Julie Watson and Katherine Halliburton. Gill Palmer, Amy White and Megan Krishnan (DIA), Sandra Laws and Moshika Chandra (MBIE)
Apologies	Potaua Biasiny-Tule.

Item One: Introduction

Victoria welcomed the Minister and the DEDIMAG (the Group). Each member introduced themselves.

Victoria confirmed Brenda Leeuwenberg's resignation and acknowledged Brenda's contribution to the work of the Group.

Minister Faafoi thanked Group members for their commitment.

Item Two: Advice received from DEDIMAG dated 20 May and 24 July

The Group provided a summary of the advice it has provided including:

Digital inclusion: The Group agreed that digital inclusion is a critical issue for New Zealand. The Group noted that achieving greater digital inclusion means focusing not only on connectivity. The Group sees communities leading and driving solutions and Government supporting and connecting communities.

SME adoption of ICT: The Group sees SME adoption of ICT as an area that continues to require attention and effort across government.

Government procurement of ICT: The Group noted that there is further work to be done to align the approaches taken by different government agencies. The Group wants to ensure that procurement of services by government contributes to New Zealanders getting the best services and enables local businesses to participate.

Māori business - digital opportunity: The Group noted there is a great opportunity to unlock the potential and capability of Māori and Pacific communities, especially in respect to the culture and landscape of our nation.

Item Three: Next steps for DEDIMAG

The Group provided their views on the priority areas for the Government, including those noted above in Item Two.

In December 2018, Hon Dr Woods announced her intention to establish a group instead of a chief technology officer function. The Group members provided their views on this new group and how to apply the lessons learned from the Group's experience, including establishing a clear purpose and scope.

Actions
DEDIMAG will summarise their advice on the future advisory group and priority areas.