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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

Approach and Work on Artificial Intelligence

Portfolio	Digitising Government / Science, Innovation and Technology

On 26 June 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

Setting a strategic approach

1   **noted** that increased uptake and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in New Zealand can help deliver better outcomes for people in New Zealand;

2   **agreed** that New Zealand will take a proportionate and risk-based approach to AI regulation where needed, using agile approaches, and leveraging existing mechanisms in preference to developing a standalone AI Act;

3   **agreed** to promote the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development AI Principles as a key direction of New Zealand's approach to AI;

Enabling safe AI innovation in Public Services

4   **noted** the role of the Government Chief Digital Officer in leading work to accelerate the responsible use of AI across public services, to deliver better outcomes for all New Zealanders;

5   **agreed** that government agencies should be encouraged to adopt AI for its benefits, while managing the risks;

Harnessing AI in the New Zealand economy

6   **directed** agencies to provide Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) officials with inputs for an integrated cross-portfolio work programme with an economy-wide focus, by the end of August 2024;

7   **invited** the Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology (the Minister) to report back to the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee by September 2024 with an integrated cross-portfolio work programme on AI;

Coordinating with work on national security

8   **noted** that work by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on a system-wide approach to national security risks posed by priority emerging, critical, and sensitive technology (including AI) can coordinate with the cross-portfolio work on AI;

Prioritising our engagement on international rules and norms

9   **directed** the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to lead advice on prioritising international AI initiatives in which New Zealand could engage;

Implementation

10   **noted** that MBIE, in collaboration with the Department of Internal Affairs, would support development of an integrated cross-portfolio work programme on AI;

11   **noted** the concerns of the Privacy Commissioner in the paper under ECO-24-SUB-0119, and that agencies may consider how existing regulatory settings apply to AI as part of the cross-portfolio work programme;

Communications

12   **invited** the Minister to give visibility to current AI-related work underway across government.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson
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