



Expert Advisory Panel and Officials Group

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday February 22, 1-3pm
The Reserve Bank, No.2 The Terrace.

Expert Advisory Panel attendees Deborah Mahuta-Coyle, Fuimaono Tuiasau, Lillian Grace, Suzanne Snively.

Officials Group participants Department of Internal Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Justice, State Services Commission, Statistics New Zealand, and the Treasury.

Agenda #	Topic
1	Welcome and introductions
<p>Apologies noted from Dr Miriam Lips, the Parliamentary Counsel Office and Te Puni Kōkiri.</p> <p>Members acknowledged the milestone of a first joint meeting between the Officials group and Expert Advisory Panel (EAP). This reflected the EAP request at their 5 December 2016 meeting to bring the groups together to discuss progress and delivery.</p> <p>Members noted the 19 February release of a joint statement (PDF, 108KB) from the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand in which they agreed to:</p> <p><i>“...collaborate on public data initiatives to better align agendas, share lessons learnt on best practice, and work together on data commitments as part of the Open Government Partnership.”</i></p>	
2	Update on commitments
<p>Progress updates were provided.</p> <p>Commitment 1: Open Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Commitment is on track – with progress being made on both citizen engagement and data. <p>Commitment 2: Improving official information practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Three streams of work are developing around building agency capability, encouraging compliance, and pro-active release of material.The second milestone of the commitment, publishing OIA statistics, was achieved ahead of schedule, when data was published on the State Services Commission website on January 31. <p>A member of the EAP acknowledged the amount of work that had been done across the system to develop and publish these statistics ahead of schedule.</p> <p>Commitment 3: Improving open data access and principles</p> <p>Commitment 4: Tracking progress and outcomes of open government data release</p>	



- Both commitments have had delays in delivery as the Open Government Information and Data Programme moves from [LINZ to Statistics New Zealand](#).

Commitment 5: Ongoing engagement for OGP

- [Milestone 1](#) scoping underway, with the DIA looking to review what it has learned from the use of the Government Online Engagement Service and how this might be used for future engagement.

Commitment 6: Improving access to legislation

- To be discussed at the next Officials Group meeting.

Commitment 7: Improving policy practices

- The team is developing an online methods toolkit. This will be supplemented by a new model related to 'analysis for decision making and implementation'. This will offer guidance about how policymakers can make best use of insights, evidence and data from diverse perspectives.

3 Measurement

The EAP would like to receive regular updates from the Officials Group on project progress. Discussion focussed on the idea of ensuring that meaningful open government reform was enacted through the commitments.

Templates for reporting are being developed by the SSC.

4 Reflections on the Global Summit

The OGP Global Summit 2016 took place in Paris, France on December 7, 8 and 9.

Reflections on the event included:

- The growth of OGP with the official welcome of six countries: Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Germany, Jamaica, Luxembourg and Pakistan.
- The large number of participants (approximately 3,500)
- Ensuring open government progresses beyond technology-based solutions. It is about making a real difference for New Zealanders in overcoming societal challenges.

5 Victoria University of Wellington – School of Government presentation

Dr Michael Macaulay, the Director of the Institute for Governance and Policy Studies at the School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington, discussed his experiences of the third [Open Government Awards](#). These were presented during the OGP Global Summit in Paris. Top honours went to Ukraine, Indonesia and Honduras, and honourable mentions went to Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, and the Netherlands.