



Digital Executive Board

Objective for DEB

The overall objective of the DEB was to oversee and co-ordinate delivery of the Digital Strategy for Aotearoa.

Membership of DEB

The DEB comprised of the Chief Executives chaired by the Chief Executive for Tautauranga Aotearoa Stats New Zealand.

The Boards membership was:

- Te Tari Taiwhenua Department of Internal Affairs
- Tautauranga Aotearoa Stats New Zealand
- Hikina Whakatutuki the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
- Te Tari o Te Pirimia me Te Komiti Matua Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The Department of Internal Affairs was the servicing department for the DEB.

Scope of DEB

The DEB was responsible for aligning and coordinating activities within the Digital Economy and Communications portfolio where there are shared agency interests. A work programme was to be agreed with the Minister on an annual basis.

The Board also has accountabilities as a departmental chief executive that include, but are not limited to:

- stewardship and strategic direction
- resources
- performance of the Board and secretariat
- legislative compliance.

Individual agencies in the Digital Economy and Communications portfolio will retain sole accountability for how they deliver services and specific functions of their respective agencies. They will also continue to be responsible for the fiscal management and the financial sustainability of their agency.

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Strategic Intentions

As per the DEB Terms of Reference, published in September 2022, the DEB's accountabilities and strategic intentions were:

- leading and driving implementation of the Digital Strategy for Aotearoa;
- aligning and coordinating strategic, policy, planning and budgeting activities for the departments that support the Digital Economy and Communications portfolio (Department of Internal Affairs; Ministry of Business, Innovation and

Employment; Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; Statistics New Zealand); and

- supporting these departments to undertake priority work and cross-agency initiatives in the digital area.

Functions and priorities that will support the Strategic Intentions

The DEB undertook the following functions to support these strategic intentions:

- Meet regularly to discuss issues and opportunities to progress the Digital Strategy for Aotearoa and related issues.
- Co-ordinated across the Digital Economy and Communications agencies to advise the Minister on Budget 2022/23.
- Received monthly reporting on progress key initiatives to monitor progress on the Digital Strategy for Aotearoa.
- Advised the Minister on progress against the work programme for the Digital Strategy for Aotearoa.

The DEB's initial priorities were:

- Rural Connectivity: Announcement of a Rural Connectivity Improvement Programme;
- Digital Divide: Announcement of a multi-year and multi-agency work programme to tackle the Digital Divide;
- Cyber Security Uplift Package: Development of a package of options for the Minister to consider and consult that may include items under the 4 streams identified in the Cabinet paper;
- Digital Identity Trust Framework: Establishment of the framework and first tranche of accredited providers; and
- Measuring the Value of the Digital Economy: Development of a set of measures to measure the digital economy.



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Statements of Responsibility

In signing this information, I acknowledge on behalf of the Board that it is responsible for the information on Strategic Intentions for the Digital Executive Board. This information has been prepared in accordance with section 38 and section 40 of the Public Finance Act 1989.

Mark Sowden
Board Chair
August 2023

I am satisfied that the information on strategic intentions prepared by the Digital Executive Board is consistent with the policies and performance expectations of the government.

Hon Ginny Andersen
Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications

August 2023