Open Government Partnership New Zealand

National Action Plan 2018-2020

Progress report to: May 2019

Commitment 11:

Lead agency: *Department of Internal Affairs*

Objective: *To release and maintain an authoritative dataset of government organisations as open, machine-readable data to enhance the transparency of government structures to the public. There will be cross-agency agreement to maintain this dataset, providing assurance that the data being used is the authoritative source. This data set becomes a foundation for both digital services and information about government.*

Ambition: *New Zealanders and others will have access to authoritative, open data about government agencies and their roles, learn more about how government is structured, what agencies do, and be able to reuse the open data in new and innovative ways.*

OGP values: *Transparency, Accountability and Technology and Innovation*

	Milestones	Progress
1	Identify owners contributors and maintainers for the data held in the proposed dataset. *Start/End dates:* October 2018-December 2018	☺
2	Investigate and agree on the appropriate open standards for the dataset. *Start/End dates:* October 2018-December 2019	☺
3	Work with identified dataset contributors to agree process for ongoing maintenance of the dataset. *Start/End dates:* December 2018 – June 2019	☺
4	Release the open data set on data.govt.nz and make it available via the data.govt.nz open data Application Programming Interface (API), and promote the opportunities of reuse that the dataset provides with government agencies, non-governmental organisations, business, and the public. *Start/End dates:* December 2018 – June 2019	☺

Progress key: ☹ **some delays**   ☺ **underway**   ☺ **completed**

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- Ownership of specific dataset fields have been agreed by relevant agencies (State Services Commission, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet,

Archives New Zealand). Other agencies interested in this work are being kept informed (Office of the Auditor General).

- Starting engagement towards getting agreement on an open standard for the dataset. https://www.digital.govt.nz/blog/exploring-the-standard-for-government-organisations-data-give-us-your-feedback/

HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

N/A

HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- Continuing to blog in the open and use public and private Twitter accounts amplify and extend the reach of this work.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Ongoing engagement with agencies to confirm the maintenance model.

- Further engagement and agreement on an open standard for the dataset.

- Identifying and working with interested parties on opportunities for reuse.

LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHEVED

- Exploring open standards for the government organisations dataset https://www.digital.govt.nz/blog/exploring-the-standard-for-government-organisations-data-give-us-your-feedback/

- Prototype government organisation register https://catalogue.data.govt.nz/dataset/government-organisation-register