



Expert Advisory Panel

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 24 June 2020, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Level 2, The Reserve Bank Building

Expert Advisory Panel attendees Rachel Roberts, Suzanne Snively, Farib Sos, Sean Audain, Simon Wright

Apologies Jacqueline Paul

State Services Commission Officials Catherine Williams, Phil Newman, Larry Fergusson, Stephen Moore, Victoria Hume

Agenda #	Topic
1	Scheduled meeting with Peter Hughes, State Services Commissioner
<p>EAP expressed extreme disappointment that Peter Hughes was unable to attend today's meeting as planned. It was requested that this be passed onto the Commissioner and that EAP would appreciate understanding why he could not attend.</p> <p>CW apologised on behalf of Peter Hughes.</p> <p>It was agreed that CW would contact Peter's office to secure a meeting with EAP to occur after the forthcoming meeting with Minister Hipkins. It is preferred that this meeting be for longer than 30 minutes, to enable time for knowing each other as well as discussion of OGP activities and plans.</p>	
2	Scheduled meeting with Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for Open Government, 02 July 2020
<p>CW updated EAP that the Minister has expressed interest in a stronger NAP this time and is conscious of it being developed in the light of NZ's Covid-19 response and recovery.</p> <p>Discussion was held about whether EAP had specific topics they wish to raise with Minister Hipkins.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Minister be invited to share his vision for open government and OGP in New Zealand as a starting point for the kōrero.</p> <p>It was agreed that EAP would email PN with bullet points of any specific topics for discussion and that these would be passed directly to the Minister's office. These should be with PN by close of business Friday 26 June.</p> <p>It was agreed that SSC would provide a short summary of other open government initiatives occurring outside OGP ahead of the meeting. Annex 1.</p>	
3	NAP4 Engagement
<p>CW outlined an approach to NAP4 development and engagement, building on the advice provided by EAP. We plan to use the next few months to plan public engagement well, implement engagement from about October 2020 – March 2021, and then draft the plan for approval and submission by the end of August 2021.</p> <p>EAP expressed support for the approach, especially the value of a well-developed engagement plan and of working closely with agencies on their approach to generating commitments.</p>	

Discussion ensued around options for engagement – whether to go wide and open or consider a targeted and thematic approach.

It was agreed that there is a need for good facilitation conversations that enable audiences to understand the relevance of OGP for them, thereby generating deeper engagement in the development of NAP4 and a stronger set of commitments in the Plan.

It was agreed that there is value in involving additional civil society voices in engagement planning and SSC is encouraged to stay in regular contact with interested parties.

It was agreed that NAP4 engagement planning will be done by SSC and EAP together in a collaborative way.

4 Role of EAP in community outreach

EAP asked questions about the ongoing momentum of OGP if there is a change of Government in September. EAP members then raised the prospect of their civil society/private citizen status having a different ability than SSC to outreach to the community, particularly to members of political parties and politicians.

In response CW stated on three occasions that, as EAP operates under the auspices of SSC, EAP members may not engage in any discussions with politicians or political parties that may be perceived as representing the views of SSC about open government or OGP.

EAP members are reminded that as members of a group who provides advice to the SSC they are seen to be associated with the SSC and may be perceived to be speaking for the SSC. Where that possibility exists, they need to make it clear what “hat” they are wearing and that they are not undertaking the activities as an EAP member.

5 Next Steps

It was agreed that:

- SSC will circulate a Zoom meeting link for EAP’s meeting with Minister Hipkins, see below:
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://parliamentnz.zoom.us/j/91282978479?pwd=Z3VSWGZJWkp4MTY2U2psU0FoSDMxdz09>
Meeting ID: 912 8297 8479
Password: 700302
- Officials will send their next quarterly reports by 10 July
- The next EAP & Officials meeting is on 22 July
- The IRM researcher wishes to meet with Officials and with EAP in the next couple of months
- SSC will work with EAP to schedule an initial engagement planning workshop

The meeting ended at 1:30 pm.

Annex1: Examples of current initiatives that support open government in New Zealand

Transparency and accountability

Initiatives that improve how government agencies release information:

Initiative	Lead agency	Link
Proactive release policy (policy to support proactive release of Cabinet material).	SSC	https://ssc.govt.nz/resources/official-information-proactive-release/
Official information – practice leadership	SSC	https://ssc.govt.nz/resources/official-information-guidance/

Initiatives that make government information easy to use and understand:

Government web accessibility standards (updated July 2019)	DIA	https://www.digital.govt.nz/standards-and-guidance/design-and-ux/accessibility/
Open Government Data Programme	Stats NZ	https://www.data.govt.nz/about/open-data-nz/
Legislation online and access to secondary legislation	PCO	http://www.pco.govt.nz/sl/
Captioning audio description services	MCH/NZ on Air	https://able.co.nz/
ReadSpeaker website function	Customs	https://www.customs.govt.nz/

Initiatives that help to hold government to account:

Strong Public Media work programme - to examine the viability of establishing a new, fit-for-purpose public media entity.	MCH	https://mch.govt.nz/strong-public-media
Media sector support package	MCH	https://mch.govt.nz/media-sector-support-package

Initiatives that increase transparency in the public and private sectors:

Initiative	Lead agency	Link
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Anti-corruption work programme	SFO	https://www.sfo.govt.nz/awareness
Establishing an independent fiscal institution	TSY	https://treasury.govt.nz/news-and-events/news/establishing-independent-fiscal-institution
Protected Disclosures Act reform	SSC	https://ssc.govt.nz/resources/protected-disclosures-act-reform/
Open Budget initiatives	Tsy	https://budget.govt.nz/

Initiatives that protect and strengthen peoples' rights:

Initiative	Lead agency	Link
Digital inclusion work programme (Digital Inclusion Blueprint, Digital Inclusion Action Plan, Digital Inclusion Outcomes Framework)	DIA	https://www.digital.govt.nz/digital-government/digital-transformation/digital-inclusion/
Privacy law reform	MoJ	https://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/key-initiatives/privacy/
Data Ethics Advisory Group	Stats	https://www.data.govt.nz/about/government-chief-data-steward-gcgs/data-ethics-advisory-group/
Algorithm Charter	Stats	https://data.govt.nz/use-data/analyse-data/government-algorithm-transparency-and-accountability/draft-algorithm-charter/
New Zealand government procurement open data	MBIE	https://www.mbie.govt.nz/cross-government-functions/new-zealand-government-procurement-and-property/open-data/
Accessibility Charter	MSD	https://www.odi.govt.nz/guidance-and-resources/the-accessibility-charter/
Privacy, Human Rights, and Ethics Framework	MSD	https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/phrae/index.html

Participation

Participation in policy

Policy Project	DPMC	https://dPMC.govt.nz/our-programmes/policy-project
Education Conversation Kōrero Mātauranga	MoE	https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/education-conversation/

Hāpaitia Criminal Justice Reform	-MoJ	https://safeandeffectivejustice.govt.nz/about-this-work/what-we-heard/community/
Digital Identity Transition Programme	DIA	https://www.digital.govt.nz/standards-and-guidance/identity/digital-identity/digital-identity-transition-programme/
Farming Systems Change Project	MPI	https://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/dairy/farm-systems-change/

Responsiveness

Initiative	Lead agency	Link
Public Service Legislation Bill	SSC	https://ssc.govt.nz/our-work/reforms/the-legislative-process/

Initiatives that help people access the quality services they are entitled to

MyMSD	MSD	https://my.msd.govt.nz/
Digital Health Strategy	MoH	https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/digital-health/digital-health-strategic-framework
Enabling Good Lives	MSD	https://www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/
Smart Start	DIA	https://smartstart.services.govt.nz/
Whānau Ora	TPK	https://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/whanau-ora

Initiatives that support strong Crown- Māori relations

Crown-Māori relationship (Engagement, data and indicators, public sector capability)	Te Arawhiti	https://www.tearawhiti.govt.nz/te-kahui-hikina-maori-crown-relations/engagement/
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