



## Amending the remit of the Digital Executive Board

<b>Date:</b>	25 July 2023		
<b>To:</b>	Hon Andrew Little, Minister for the Public Service		
<b>Action Sought:</b>	Ministerial consultation on draft LEG paper	<b>Due Date</b>	8 August 2023
<b>Cc:</b>	Hon Ginny Andersen, Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications		
<b>Report No:</b>	2023-0215		
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<b>Encl:</b>	Yes – draft LEG paper	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
<b>Security Level:</b>	IN CONFIDENCE		

## Executive Summary

1. On 3 July, Cabinet agreed to refocus the functions of the Digital Executive Board to drive and lead a whole-of-system approach to transform digital public services.
2. The change in the Board's functions has implications for its remit, which needs to be amended to include system leaders with relevant roles, and to remove those agencies that do not have a direct role in the new functions.
3. Amending the remit of the Board requires an Order in Council to amend Schedule 2 of the Public Service Act 2020 (where the remit of the Board is listed).
4. We have drafted the attached Cabinet paper for you to take to the LEG Committee to seek authorisation to submit the Order to the Executive Council.
5. We suggest you refer the draft LEG paper to the relevant Ministers for ministerial consultation, with feedback due on 8 August. This will allow lodgement of the paper in advance of the LEG Committee meeting on 17 August.

## Recommended Action

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We recommend that you:

- a **refer** the draft LEG paper to the relevant Ministers for consultation, with feedback due on 8 August
- b **agree** that Te Kawa Mataaho release this briefing once Cabinet has taken decisions on the attached Cabinet paper

*Agree/disagree.*

Hon Andrew Little  
**Minister for the Public Service**

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### **Purpose of Report**

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6. This report provides you with a draft Cabinet paper which is required to amend the remit of the Digital Executive Board in line with Cabinet's decision [GOV-23-MIN-0022].
7. The draft Cabinet paper seeks Cabinet authorisation to submit to the Executive Council the Public Service (Digital Executive Board) Order 2023 which will amend the remit of the Board listed in Schedule 2 of the Public Service Act 2020.

### **Cabinet agreed to amend the remit of the Digital Executive Board**

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8. On 3 July, Cabinet agreed to refocus the functions of the Digital Executive Board to drive and lead a whole of system approach to transform digital public services.
9. Following this reset, the Board will be accountable for supporting digitisation and integration of public services around common citizens, clients, and customers by:
  - a) leading and managing the whole-of-system transformation of digital public services, including producing and implementing a system blueprint for digital public services that enables clear sequencing and prioritisation of investment; and
  - b) joining current work programmes at key points of overlap to build on progress already being made across the public service.
10. The change in the Board's functions has implications for its remit, which needs to be amended to:
  - a) include system leaders that have roles and expertise necessary to support integrated service delivery and transformation of digital public services; and
  - b) remove those agencies that do not have a direct role in these functions.
11. Agencies in the new remit will be:
  - a) Department of Internal Affairs (Government Chief Digital Officer and Chief Privacy Officer);
  - b) Government Communications Security Bureau (Government Chief Information Security Officer);
  - c) Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (Head of Service);
  - d) Statistics New Zealand (Government Chief Data Steward); and
  - e) Inland Revenue (System Lead Service Transformation).
12. The membership of the Board is designated by the Public Service Commissioner, drawn from the chief executives of the departments included in the board's remit.

### **An Order in Council is needed**

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13. Amending the remit of the Board requires an Order in Council to amend Schedule 2 of the Public Service Act 2020 (where the remit of the Board is listed).
14. We have drafted the attached Cabinet paper for you to take to the LEG Committee to seek authorisation to submit the Order to the Executive Council.

15. The Order itself has been drafted by the Parliamentary Counsel Office and will be sent to the Cabinet Office on lodgement date.

## Next Steps

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16. We suggest you refer the draft LEG paper to the relevant Ministers for ministerial consultation, with feedback due on 8 August. We do not anticipate any feedback on this paper given it is a procedural paper giving effect to a Cabinet decision. However, we can make any necessary amendments to the paper ahead of lodgement on 10 August, for consideration by the LEG Committee on 17 August.
17. Following this timeframe, the Order will come into force on 21 September, following the 28-day gazetting period:

Ministerial consultation	25 July – 8 August
Lodge LEG paper	10 August
LEG Committee	17 August
Cabinet and Executive Council	21 August
Publish Gazette notice	24 August
<i>28-day gazette period</i>	<i>28 days</i>
Commencement	21 September

18. Prior to lodgement, we will also provide your office with the Executive Council advice sheet (goatskin) to sign.