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Minute of Decision

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Initial Improvements to Information Privacy and Security and Plan of Action to April 2015

Portfolios: State Services / Internal Affairs

On 18 November 2013, following reference from the Cabinet Committee on State Sector Reform and Expenditure Control, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that in March 2013, Cabinet directed the Government Chief Information Officer (GCIO) to undertake a range of actions to improve privacy and security capability across the State sector and directed the State Services Commissioner, in consultation with the GCIO, to report to the Minister of State Services on progress after six months [CAB Min (13) 6/2D].
- 2 **noted** the following initial improvements in privacy and security over the last six months:
 - 2.1 agencies have completed security assessments of all high risk publicly accessible information systems;
 - 2.2 agencies are reporting an uplift in practice and understanding and have plans in place to further improve their capability by March 2014;
 - 2.3 guidance and advice was provided to agencies to support capability building;
 - 2.4 the Privacy Leadership Programme led two groups to share expertise and lift capability, developed the privacy leadership toolkit and the privacy maturity assessment framework, tool and guide;
 - 2.5 access to market capability is being addressed through the new security services panel, which will help drive consistency, cost effectiveness and transparency;
- 3 **noted** that a model for a streamlined framework is being developed to enable sustained improvement to privacy and security;
- 4 **noted** the plan of action attached as Appendix A to the submission CAB (13) 685 for the Information Privacy and Security Governance Group through to April 2015;
- 5 **noted** that a number of related initiatives underway across government contribute to the proposed plan of action;

- 6 **noted** that the Minister of State Services and Minister of Internal Affairs will receive an update on progress against the plan of action by June 2014;
- 7 **noted** that the Minister of State Services intends to release a copy of the submission and attachments under CAB (13) 685.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (13) 685