

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP OFFICIALS GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 20 September 2016, 1-2:30pm
Reserve Bank, level 2.

Attendees	State Services Commission, Department of Internal Affairs, Land Information New Zealand, The Treasury, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Te Puni Kōkiri.
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Agenda #	Topic
1	Welcome
Apologies noted from Ministry of Justice and Statistics New Zealand.	
2	Update on plan
Discussion focussed on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The need for New Zealand's action plan 2016-18 to be written in plain English, and to ensure that there is uniformity in how the commitments are described and presented.	
3	Developing the plan
<p>The 'Transparency of International Treaties' draft commitment suggested at the co-creation workshop sought the "release where possible (of) all documents involved in International Treaties, their negotiation and implementation".</p> <p>Discussion noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Much of this is already published by MFAT. All legally binding international instruments can be found on the NZ Treaties Online (NZTO) website at: http://www.treaties.mfat.govt.nz//. This includes basic information about a treaty including a summary, key dates relating to signature, ratification and entry into force, the other parties to bilateral and plurilateral treaties and either a copy of, or a link to, the treaty text. NZTO also lists all treaties that New Zealand is in the process of becoming bound by, including treaties that are under negotiation, and includes information about the progress of negotiations and next steps in the treaty making process.- The group suggested that this be referenced in the introduction of the National Action Plan.	
4	Wrap up
Dates for the next meeting were discussed but not confirmed.	