OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP NEW ZEALAND

Commitment 7: Improving policy practices

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Lead agency: Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

To ensure that policy advice to government is better informed by insights from those most affected by government policy and programmes, by input from diverse points of view, and by data and evidence.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

- Progress is being made on the delivery of an online policy toolkit. The toolkit is being designed to provide a number of web-based products for policy practitioners. It has been built with users to ensure it's approachable and easy to use.

- A method of ensuring information is kept up-to-date post-launch has been confirmed, with a wiki-style approach to authorship agreed.

- We have hosted a roundtable for senior policy leaders with Professor Mark Moore from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. The session was designed to learn about the concept of 'public value' and how policy leaders could use Moore's 'strategic triangle' as an analytical framework for deciding how best to create value for New Zealand and New Zealanders (link below).

- We have supported a session with chief executives and their departments to understand and meet their policy stewardship responsibilities. Policy leaders (Tier 2s and strategic advisors) came together to discuss what success in policy stewardship would look like. How does policy stewardship relate to other forms of stewardship? What would we be doing if we were doing it well? A report summarising the session and suggestions for ensuring better policy stewardship is linked below.

- We have hosted a roundtable with Professor Tony Bovaird and Dr Elke Loeffler, visiting experts on co-production in government. The session explored what is meant by 'co-production' and how a co-production approach might be applied to various aspects of government activity – policy, regulation, service delivery – to build public value. A link to the report is provided below.

LINKS

- The Policy Project: Policy Capability Framework
- The Policy Project: Policy Skills Framework
- The Policy Project: Policy Quality Framework
- Understanding Public Value – roundtable discussion (PDF, 284 KB)

- [Policy Stewardship – session discussion](#) (PDF, 496 KB)
- [Co-production in government: why, when and how? Roundtable discussion](#) (PDF 809 KB)
- [Public Governance International: New Synthesis Framework](#)

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Completing a review of Commitment 7 for the Open Government Partnership Midterm Self-Assessment.
- Launch change management and communications campaign for the online toolkit.