

Open Government Partnership New Zealand

National Action Plan 2018-2020

Progress report to: 30 September 2019

Commitment 9: Increase visibility of government data stewardship practices

Lead agency: Stats NZ / Government Chief Data Steward

Objective: To increase the visibility of data practices for government-held data.

Ambition: New Zealanders will:

- understand how government is managing, using, and protecting their data and be able to hold government to account.
- have confidence and trust in the management and use of data that government holds on their behalf.

OGP values: Transparency, Accountability

Milestones		Progress
1	Develop and publish an overview of government's data stewardship practices <i>Start/End dates:</i> August 2018 to 30 November 2018	
2	Engage with citizens and government on the data stewardship overview to ensure it provides visibility of the right things and is addressing key needs <i>Start/End dates:</i> 1 December 2018 to 31 April 2019	
3	Promote the data stewardship practices to government agencies and support them to implement good practice <i>Start/End dates:</i> 1 May 2019 (ongoing)	
4	Engage with citizens and government to identify where effort should be focused to address gaps in government's data stewardship practices <i>Start/End dates:</i> 1 May 2019 to 30 November 2019 (then periodically ongoing)	

Progress key:



some delays



underway



completed

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- Stats NZ has published a draft data stewardship framework comprising 8 high-level elements that cover the full scope of data stewardship, and has sought feedback from government agencies on the draft framework.

- Our engagement with central government agencies revealed the varying levels of data stewardship awareness and maturity across government, the issues agencies face, and the demand for guidance on specific data stewardship practices. Achieving consistency across government, and providing a cohesive view of practices will require a multi-faceted approach and ongoing engagement (with both government agencies and civil society).
- Feedback suggests we should reduce the number of elements to 7, by incorporating *Common standards* into *Data capability and quality* – the distinction between these 2 elements was not obvious to others.

HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- We will be developing an engagement strategy to raise awareness and seek public views on the draft stewardship framework. We'll be inviting feedback on the framework elements and the resources needed to help people and organisations better manage and use data.

HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- We will publish the key findings from our analysis of feedback from government agencies. This will be followed by a report summarising findings from our public engagement.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Publish key findings from government agencies' feedback.
- Develop a public engagement strategy.
- Publicise the next steps we will be taking, including the specific data stewardship practices we will be describing and publishing.

LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- [Draft data stewardship framework](#)