

**Directions to support a whole of government approach given  
by the Minister of State Services and the Minister of Finance  
under section 107 of the Crown Entities Act 2004**

Presented to the House of Representatives pursuant to  
section 108 of the Crown Entities Act 2004

## Direction regarding ICT functional leadership

1. The Minister of State Services and the Minister of Finance, pursuant to section 107 of the Crown Entities Act 2004, direct the entities as follows:
  - (1) in relation to the Government Chief Information Officer's (GCIO) mandate for functional leadership of government ICT:
    - (a) entities must secure the agreement of the GCIO to strategic ICT plans and ICT investment intentions before finalising or implementing them;
    - (b) entities must:
      - (i) when they have a need for goods or services available through the relevant capabilities; and
      - (ii) either do not have current contracts for such goods or services or have such contracts that expire or can be terminated without penalty (for example at the end of a current contract term),  
adopt, where relevant within timeframes negotiated with the GCIO:
        - (iii) the mandatory ICT common capabilities; and
        - (iv) any new ICT common capabilities contemplated by the Government ICT Strategy and Action Plan to 2017 that the GCIO and Head of State Services specify jointly are mandatory for departments (pursuant to the power of specification to this effect conferred on them by Cabinet (CAB Min (12) 35/4C refers)) (the effect of this clause 1(1)(b)(iv) is that a joint specification by the GCIO and Head of State Services to departments applies automatically, under this direction, to entities);
    - (c) if an entity wishes to be exempt from the requirement to adopt:
      - (i) a mandatory ICT common capability; or
      - (ii) any new mandated ICT common capability,  
the entity must secure the agreement of the GCIO or, failing that, the Head of State Services or, failing that, the Minister of State Services and the Minister of Finance;
  - (2) in relation to the GCIO's ICT assurance function, the entities must:
    - (a) if the GCIO requests, provide any information to the GCIO for the purpose of ICT assurance; and

- (b) if issues of concern are raised about ICT assurance, work directly with the GCIO on those issues,

except to the extent that any requirement in this clause 1 would be inconsistent with section 113 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 and provided that District Health Boards shall not be required to comply with clause 1(2) of this direction before 1 July 2015.

2. For Crown agents that are entities, this direction supersedes and replaces the whole of government direction regarding all-of-government shared authentication services dated 21 July 2008 (18 September 2008) 141 New Zealand Gazette 3844. To avoid doubt, that earlier direction continues to apply to Crown agents that are not entities.
3. For the purposes of this direction:
  - (1) "entities" means the Crown entities that are the subject of this direction, being the Accident Compensation Corporation, District Health Boards, the Earthquake Commission, the Housing New Zealand Corporation, the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, the New Zealand Transport Agency, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, and the Tertiary Education Commission;
  - (2) "Government ICT Strategy and Action Plan to 2017" means the document by that name (as may be updated from time to time) available at [www.ict.govt.nz](http://www.ict.govt.nz);
  - (3) "ICT" includes information management, technology infrastructure, and technology-enabled business processes and services; and
  - (4) "mandatory ICT common capabilities" means the ICT common capabilities that Cabinet has directed departments to adopt, being one.govt, Infrastructure-as-a-Service, and the login and identity verification services of RealMe (formerly igovt) (SEC Min (12) 10/2) and the security and privacy panel (SEC Min (13) 2/6).

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