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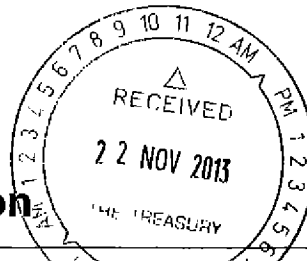


Cabinet

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RealMe Funding Options and Future State

Portfolio: Internal Affairs

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

- 1 **noted** that the RealMe services - the Login Service and the Identity Verification Service (IVS) - are an all-of-government common capability that provide individuals with an easy and secure way to access government services online and to verify their identity via the Internet;
- 2 **noted** that the RealMe services are key components of the *Government ICT Strategy and Action Plan 2017* agreed by Cabinet in June 2013, essential to the achievement of Better Public Services Results 9 and 10, and provide cornerstone infrastructure for the government's agenda of transformative change [CAB Min (13) 20/12];
- 3 **noted** the Department of Internal Affairs' intention to develop RealMe into a platform that will transform how the public interacts and does business online;
- 4 **noted** that the long-term sustainability of RealMe is reliant on determining an appropriate mix of funding to unlock the benefits and achieve transformational change;
- 5 **noted** that:
 - 5.1 there is no agreed appropriation for funding the RealMe services beyond 2013/14;
 - 5.2 the cost cannot be absorbed within the Department of Internal Affairs' existing baselines;
- 6 **noted** that no new capital expenditure is sought at this time, as capital funding requirements will be met from existing capital funding and depreciation streams;
- 7 **noted** that the paper under CAB (13) 684 proposed that the Login Service is core ICT infrastructure that will be funded by direct Crown funding;

- 8 **noted** that the paper under CAB (13) 684 proposed that the IVS be funded by way of a mix of fixed and transaction based fees charged to participating government agencies, with direct Crown funding required until revenue from government agencies and through the partnership with New Zealand Post Ltd increases to meet the operating costs of the IVS;
- 9 **agreed in principle** to fund the operation of the RealMe services for 2014/15 through to 2018/19, **subject to** the report in paragraph 10 and suitable sources of funding being identified as part of the final Budget 2014 package;
- 10 **invited** the Minister of Internal Affairs to report to SEC in February 2014, in time for the 2014 Budget process, with options for the funding of RealMe services, including greater up-front contributions or levies from relevant agencies or higher transaction charges;
- 11 **noted** that a final decision on the above proposals, including agreement to financial recommendations, will be made when the Minister of Finance presents the final Budget 2014 package to Cabinet;
- 12 **invited** the Minister of Internal Affairs to report to SEC on the implementation of the RealMe services, including private sector and State sector integration, consumer use, costs and revenue;
- 13 **noted** that the Minister of Internal Affairs will provide regular updates on the implementation of the RealMe services to the Ministerial Committee on Government ICT.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (13) 684; SEC (13) 54
