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Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 6 January 2022. You requested:

Government Department Strategies Index – updating the GDS Index to 31 December 2021 (our reference: OIA 2021/18)

Thank you for all your hard work in 2021.

Every few years we score the existing GDSs that are in operation using a scorecard. Early next year we aim to update and score the content of the existing GDSs in operation as at 31 December 2021. Your response to our 15 January 2021 OIA request enabled us to create a list of GDSs in operation as at 31 December 2020. The output was Working Paper 2021/02 – List of Government Department Strategies as at 31 December 2020 (available here). We also have a table on our GDS Index website that includes a pdf of each GDS; the table is searchable and found here.

Background information on the GDS Index

The Institute is interested in understanding how government department strategies (GDSs) operate individually and collectively to effect change. We maintain a GDS Index, which can be viewed on our website here. For the purposes of the Index, a ‘government department strategy’ must contain all four criteria:

- 1. be a publicly available statement or report;*
- 2. be generated by government departments with a national rather than a local focus;*
- 3. contain long-term thinking, in such a way that that the strategy links to a long-term vision or aim, and ideally provide clarity over the factors that may impinge on the attainment of that vision or aim; and*
- 4. guide the department’s thinking and operations over the long term (i.e. contain a work programme to achieve change over two years or more).*

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Four questions

To help us update the 31 December 2020 Index, we would appreciate your response to each of the following four questions:

1. What GDSs have been archived (between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021)?

This refers to those GDSs that were in operation as at 31 December 2020 but are no longer in operation as at 31 December 2021.

Please state the (i) date (e.g., month and year) and (ii) briefly explain the reason the strategy was archived. For example, please explain if the strategy has been replaced by a another strategy (please name) or the strategy has moved to another department (please name).

2. What GDSs are new (as in published between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021)?

Please list all new GDSs published in the 2021 calendar year, being those that are not on the list as at 31 December 2020 (i.e. that are current but not listed on our table here).

3. What GDSs have been moved/shared between departments (between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021)?

Please list GDSs that are now being shared/no longer being shared between another department/s in 2021. For example if the strategy was solely managed by your department but is now being shared (please name the other departments and the strategy). Alternatively if the strategy was shared between departments but is now solely managed by your department (please name the other departments and the strategy).

4. What GDS were both new and archived in the 2021 calendar year?

This means they are both new to our 31 December 2020 table but also archived between 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. These are very rare but there can be cases where an old strategy is found or a new strategy is replaced very quickly due to unforeseen circumstances.

Once we receive your answer to the four questions above, we will create a 31 December 2021 table and send you a link to enable you to complete a final review (and sign off) before we prepare the scorecard for each GDS in operation.

Information being released

The following GDS was archived during the 2021 calendar year:

He Tirohanga Mokopuna – 2016 Statement on the Long-term Fiscal Position

- Archived September 2021
- Replaced by the *2021 Combined Statement on the Long-term Fiscal Position and Long-term Insights Briefing* (see below)

The following new GDS was published during the 2021 calendar year:

He Tirohanga Mokopuna 2021: The Treasury's combined Statement on the Long-term Fiscal Position and Long-term Insights Briefing

- Published 29 September 2021
- URL: www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/lftp/he-tirohanga-mokopuna-2021

No GDSs were moved/shared between departments during the 2021 calendar year.

No GDSs were both new and archived in the 2021 calendar year.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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