

## COVID-19 technology solutions oversight report back

The Government Chief Digital Officer (GCDO) has a functional leadership mandate to provide oversight, due diligence, and assurance for new and emerging government technology solutions. This includes assuring Ministers and New Zealanders that technologies will be effective, while ensuring issues of privacy, security, and digital inclusion are recognised and addressed. There are a range of potential technological solutions the Government could use in its response to COVID-19, with more solutions likely to be presented in the future. Government needs a consistent way to assess these options to support long-term strategic thinking. As agreed by Cabinet, the GCDO will provide an analysis of the technology response oversight requirements from an all-of-government perspective, a proposed governance structure, and a Covid-19 technology support plan to support this [CAB-20-MIN-0175 refers]. We are currently scoping up this work and developing a timeline for the Cabinet report back.

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## Bluetooth Enabled Card – Proof of concept

Work is underway to assess the feasibility of Bluetooth-enabled cards to assist with contact tracing as part of the government's Covid-19 response [CAB-20-MIN-0175 refers]. The GCDO through the Digital Public Service branch is working with the Public Private Partnerships team on the proof-of-concept for the card. A number of different workstreams are assessing wider implications and implementation considerations, including policy, regulatory and communications. We are working with officials from a number of agencies, including the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

A briefing will be provided to responsible Ministers (Minister of Finance, Minister of Internal Affairs, Minister of Health and Minister for Government Digital Services) within the next week with details of the approach being taken to this work, including an update on progress, key issues, and seeking an opportunity to meet to discuss further. It is likely the proof of concept work will be completed in early June 2020 enabling recommendations to Cabinet in mid-June.

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