

**Agenda for Stats NZ officials' meeting with the Minister**

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**Date:** Monday, 25 February 2019

**Time:** 1130 - 1200

**Stats NZ officials attending:**

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- Liz MacPherson, Chief Executive and Government Statistician
- Eleisha Hawkins, Director – Office of the Government Statistician, IANZ
- Margaret Delany, DCE/DGS – Organisational Capability and Services
- Rosemary McGrath, Chief Architect
- Member of the Office of the Government Statistician and Chief Executive

**Items for discussion and papers**

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1. s(2)(1)(iv)  
  - [REDACTED]
2. Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand
  - *Update on Maori partnership*
  - *IANZ and the Public Finance Act - following your request on 1 February weekly report*
  - *IANZ and the Natural Step's Four System Conditions - following your request on 1 February IANZ report and material for international peer review.*
3. Any other business

**Aide memoire to the Minister of Statistics:  
Meeting with the Data Iwi Leaders Group on 22 February 2019**

<b>Date</b>	14 February 2019	<b>Note by</b>	22 February 2019	<b>Priority</b>	High
<b>Will be discussed at</b>	The meeting with the Data Iwi Leaders Group, 0800 – 0900, 22 February 2019				

**Purpose**

- At the first Iwi Chairs' Forum hui for 2019 at Waitangi, the following data considerations were raised with the Prime Minister and your Ministerial colleagues:
  - The National Iwi Chairs have serious concerns with the process and results of the 2018 Census. We know this will have severe consequences for our iwi data; for population-based funding for our whanau; for our Māori political voice (electoral boundaries); for the revitalisation of our language (through the lack of quality robust data); for truly measuring the well-being of our whanau, hapu and iwi;*
  - The National Iwi Chairs request an urgent meeting with the relevant Ministers to ascertain the extent of the inaccuracies of the 2018 Census data and we request a commitment to co-design relevant and real solutions to iwi/Māori data needs.*
- A meeting has been scheduled for 22 February with the Data Iwi Leaders Group in respect to the above, to assure the leaders of our commitment to work together to address iwi/Māori data needs. Liz MacPherson and Rhonda Paku will also attend in support.

**Talking points**

- High quality data for iwi is important to the Government. Iwi Chairs can be assured that we are committed to supporting them and Stats NZ to co-design relevant and real solutions.
- That said, the analysis and output of census data is something that can only be pursued at an organisational level – Ministers cannot be involved in the creation of statistics.
- The best thing the Chairs can do is continue to work closely with Stats NZ. I expect Stats NZ to work together with iwi on the data available to support them.
- Stats NZ will be able to give a clearer picture of when census data will be available and what it will look like in April 2019.

**Background**

- The planned first release of 2018 Census data in March is no longer possible.
  - Stats NZ will be able to give a clearer picture of when census data will be available and what it will look like in April 2019.
  - Stats NZ is developing and extending a range of statistical methods to adjust for limitations in the data collected and to understand the quality of the results produced. This includes using government data about real people, (such as births, tax, health and education records), to compensate for the information it is missing.
  - These methods are drawn from long-term plans to transform the census, but Stats NZ is using them sooner than expected.
- Stats NZ is exploring how to accommodate the limits of government data and how to best combine the data with the extensive information it has collected from millions of New Zealanders during the 2018 Census.

- Research shows that government data has strengths and weaknesses and that there are some gaps and inconsistencies in what other data sources can tell us, for example, who lives together in a household and Māori descent and iwi data.
  - Where there are gaps that may be difficult to mitigate, we are also considering complementary strategies to support information needs.
  - Stats NZ is also working with iwi and Māori focused organisations as the impact of the lower response rates on Māori descent and iwi data becomes clearer.
5. Stats NZ has acknowledged it didn't make it easy enough for everyone to take part in the census.
- A number of contributing factors are being tested and validated as part of the independent review that is currently underway and is due to report in July 2019.
  - The review is being led by New Zealand management consultant Murray Jack and Canadian census expert, Connie Graziadei.
  - Stats NZ has also established an External Data Quality Panel to help assess and review the methods being developed, and are continuing to work with their international colleagues too.

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## Ministers

- Hon James Shaw (Minister of Statistics)
- Hon Peeni Henare (Minister of Whānau Ora, Youth and Community and Voluntary Sector)

## From the Data Iwi Leaders Group

- Rahui Papa (Waikato- Tainui)
- Sir Toby Curtis (Te Arawa)
- Karen Verko (Ngāti Pikiao)
- Kirikowahi Makiri (Data Iwi Leaders Technician)

## From Stats NZ

- Liz MacPherson (CE, Government Statistician, Chief Data Steward)
- Rhonda Paku (Kaihautu, Director, Māori)
- Kathy Connolly (GM Census)

## Key points

Iwi leaders raised their concerns that officials may use the absence of data being available as an excuse not to engage. They asked for ongoing conversations to come up with solutions. Ministers and Liz agreed to talk with their respective colleagues to make them aware of the situation and the importance of this not impacting on engagement.

The iwi leaders were clear that they expected urgency on this. This was acknowledged by Minister Shaw who also made the point that Stats NZ is not the best resourced government agency.

The iwi leaders talked about their priorities:

- Improving iwi, whanau, hapū data in key administrative data sources – DIA and Ministry of Health – they want be involved in the design
- Collection of specific datasets with the top priority being te reo
- Iwi information for those in the settlement process.

They were very supportive of a strong partnership and suggested that a joint presentation of a co-created framework to improve data for Iwi to the next Iwi Leaders Group meeting in May could be the first of its kind. This got a lot of support from both Ministers and Liz.

The iwi leaders shared a number of ideas they had to progress things including expanding regional digital hubs to digital and data hubs.

## Meeting Agenda: Digital and Data Ministers

Meeting time and place	20 February 2019, 4:30-5:30pm Bowen House, Level 7, Minister Shaw's board room
Attendees	Minister of Statistics (co-Chair) Minister of Justice Minister of Education and State Services Minister of Internal Affairs, and Minister for Children, and Seniors Minister of Community and Voluntary Sector, Youth and Whānau Ora Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media; and Minister of Civil Defence
Apologies	Minister of Government Digital Services; and Research, Science and Innovation (co-Chair) [advisor to attend] Minister of Social Development and Disability Issues [advisor to attend] Minister of Health

Item and lead	Key issues	Papers
1 Work programme for 2019 (Minister Woods and Minister Shaw)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purpose: discuss the key digital and data initiatives in which this group may like to focus on in 2019</li> <li>9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]</li> <li>This is a snapshot of current initiatives. Officials will update the work programme after the Budget.</li> </ul>	9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]
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# Digital and Data Ministers summary and actions – Meeting 20 February 2019

## In attendance

Hon James Shaw (Chair)

Hon Tracey Martin

Hon Kris Faafoi

Advisers representing Ministers Sepuloni and Woods.

On 20 February 2019, the Digital and Data Ministers discussed 4 agenda items. The grouping discussed:

## Item 1 – A3 of Forthcoming initiatives

1. **Noted** that and there is a lot of material for this group to engage with across the year.
2. **Noted** that initiatives of importance are:
  - Indicators Aotearoa NZ, 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted], 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]  
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  - 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]  
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  - Algorithms Assessment. 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]  
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3. **Invited** Secretariat to keep A3 up to date.

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## **Agenda for Stats NZ officials' meeting with the Minister**

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**Date:** Monday, 18 February 2019

**Time:** 1545 - 1630

### **Stats NZ officials attending:**

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- Liz MacPherson, Chief Executive and Government Statistician
- Dean Rutherford, General Manager – Products, Services & Insights
- Scott Ussher, Manager – Income & Poverty
- Rhonda Paku, Kaihautu – Te Tohu Rautaki Angitu Māori
- Margaret Delany, DCE/DGS – Organisational Capability and Services
- Member of the Office of the Government Statistician and Chief Executive

### **Items for discussion and papers**

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1. Child poverty measures
  - *Update on development and release of new child poverty measures*
2. Wealth measurement update
  - *Update, following your request on 1 February weekly report*
3. Iwi Chairs' meeting
  - *Discussion ahead of Friday 22 February meeting with the Iwi Chairs*
4. March Baseline Update
  - *Briefly discuss and sign Stats NZ's MBU*
5. Any other business