

**Subject:** GDS Index update – confirming joint strategies with MBIE  
**Date:** Wednesday, 4 December 2024 at 1:31:35 PM New Zealand Daylight Time  
**From:** Wendy McGuinness  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Patrick Shonakan, Molly Woods  
**Priority:** High  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thanks for your response on 21 October 2024. We are about to publish our *2023 GDS Index*. Based on your response below and the responses from DIA and DOC, we have treated the following two strategies as still active but no longer held by MBIE:

- Government Tourism Strategy (held by DOC).
- The Digital Strategy for Aotearoa 2022/23 Action Plan for the Digital Strategy for Aotearoa (held by DIA).

Given this has implications for DOC and DIA, we have copied them both into this correspondence.

If anyone has any issues, questions or concerns, please get back to me before the end of the week.

Many thanks,

Wendy

PS: Idea to think about – it would be great if departments could standardise their OIA addresses – e.g, all OIA@xxxx.

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**From:** Wendy McGuinness <wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org>  
**Date:** Wednesday, 20 November 2024 at 10:26 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Patrick Shonakan <ps@mcguinnessinstitute.org>  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT FW: GDS Index – confirming joint strategies (MBIE)  
CRM:0268375 [UNCLASSIFIED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Just a gentle reminder – we are keen to confirm the following:

1. We do not seem to have received a response to our request (24 October, below) – can you confirm an eta? (see green highlight).
2. We do not seem to have received a response to the remaining part of our request (21 October, far below) (see yellow highlight).

It would be great if we could get a response to both of these as soon as possible, as we are aiming to publish very soon.

Many thanks,

Wendy

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**From:** Wendy McGuinness <wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org>  
**Date:** Thursday, 24 October 2024 at 11:18 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Patrick Shonakan <ps@mcguinnessinstitute.org>  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT FW: GDS Index – confirming joint strategies (MBIE)  
CRM:0268375 [UNCLASSIFIED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your response, unfortunately the first two comments are at odds with what we have received from other departments, specifically:

DOC's OIA response stated that the 'Government Tourism Strategy' is still active.

DIA's OIA response stated that the 'The Digital Strategy for Aotearoa' is still active.

Please confirm with DOC and DIA whether these are active (or not) and get back to us with your joint view. In the meantime, we will remove you as jointly holding the third strategy below based on your response.

Many thanks,

Wendy

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, 21 October 2024 at 10:16 AM  
**To:** Wendy McGuinness <wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT FW: GDS Index – confirming joint strategies (MBIE) CRM:0268375 [UNCLASSIFIED]

Kia ora Wendy

Thank you for your below emails regarding the Government Department Strategies (GDS).

We have consulted with relevant teams regarding the below listed GDS, please see the comments in the below table:

| MBIE Comment                                                                              | Name of strategy                                         | Publication Date | Duration  | GDS replaces | Jointly held?                     | Transferred from | Link to GDS                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| MBIE did not include this strategy in our initial response as it is not currently active. | 1. Government Tourism Strategy                           | May 2019         | 2019–2020 | N/A          | Jointly held between DOC and MBIE | N/A              | <a href="https://www.mbie.govt.nz/immigration-and-tourism/tourism/new-zealand-aotearoa-govt-tourism-strategy/">https://www.mbie.govt.nz/immigration-and-tourism/tourism/new-zealand-aotearoa-govt-tourism-strategy/</a> |
| MBIE did not include this strategy in our initial response as it is not                   | 2. The Digital Strategy for Aotearoa 2022/23 Action Plan | Sept 2021        | 2022–2032 | N/A          | Jointly held between DIA          | N/A              | <a href="https://www.digital.govt.nz/digital-government/strategy/digital-strategy-for-aot-action-plan/">https://www.digital.govt.nz/digital-government/strategy/digital-strategy-for-aot-action-plan/</a>               |

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| currently active.                                                                                                                                        | for the Digital Strategy for Aotearoa                                        |          |           |                                             | and MBIE                                      |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| MBIE was part of the initial development of the strategy and the cabinet approval process however MBIE is not actively involved in the ongoing strategy. | 3. Antarctic and Southern Ocean Research Directions and Priorities 2021–2030 | Dec 2021 | 2021–2030 | Antarctic and Southern Ocean Science (2011) | Jointly held between LINZ, MPI, MBIE and MFAT | N/A | <a href="https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/environment-and-the-southern-ocean/aotearoa-new-zealand/antarctic-research-directions-and-priorities/">https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/environment-and-the-southern-ocean/aotearoa-new-zealand/antarctic-research-directions-and-priorities/</a> |

We are currently preparing a response relating to the below GDS and will be with you later in the week:

| Name of strategy                                                                                       | Publication Date | Duration  | GDS replaces | Jointly held?                     | Transferred from | Link to GDS                                                                                                                                               | Provided by |
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| 4. Charging Our Future: National electric vehicle charging strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand 2023-2035 | October 2023     | 2023-2035 | N/A          | Jointly held between MBIE and MoT | N/A              | <a href="https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/EV-Charging-Strategy.pdf">https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/EV-Charging-Strategy.pdf</a> | MoT         |

If you have any further question please let me know.

Thank you



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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org);  
**Received:** Mon Oct 14 2024 21:56:38 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [ps@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:ps@mcguinnessinstitute.org);  
**Subject:** GDS Index – confirming joint strategies (MBIE)

Kia ora,

**A: Acknowledgement**

It has been almost a month since we made our OIA request (see far below). We have since followed up with two requests for an acknowledgment email. Given we have not heard back from you, we think the MBIE OIA inbox may have a technical issue. Given this If we do not receive confirmation by **Monday 21 October 2024**, we will flag this with the Ombudsman.

**B: An additional request**

Furthermore, we would like to expand our request as follows (see last row):

Thank you for responding to our OIA 2024/01 (your ref DOIA 2324-1576). As part of our consolidation process, we check GDS OIA responses for inconsistencies across different departments.

As part of this process, we have identified three strategies that list MBIE as a joint owner that were not listed in your OIA response.

| Name of strategy                                                                               | Publication Date | Duration  | GDS replaces                                | Jointly held?                                 | Transferred from | Link to GDS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Prov by |
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| 2. The Digital Strategy for Aotearoa 2022/23 Action Plan for the Digital Strategy for Aotearoa | Sept 2021        | 2022-2032 | N/A                                         | Jointly held between DIA and MBIE             | N/A              | <a href="https://www.digital.govt.nz/digital-government/strategy/digital-strategy-for-aotearoa-and-action-plan/">https://www.digital.govt.nz/digital-government/strategy/digital-strategy-for-aotearoa-and-action-plan/</a>                                                                             | DIA     |
| 3. Antarctic and Southern Ocean Research Directions and Priorities 2021–2030                   | Dec 2021         | 2021–2030 | Antarctic and Southern Ocean Science (2011) | Jointly held between LINZ, MPI, MBIE and MFAT | N/A              | <a href="https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/environment/antarctica-and-the-southern-ocean/aotearoa-new-zealand-antarctic-research-directions-and-priorities/">https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/environment/antarctica-and-the-southern-ocean/aotearoa-new-zealand-antarctic-research-directions-and-priorities/</a> | MFA     |
| 4. Charging Our Future:                                                                        |                  |           |                                             |                                               |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |

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Many thanks,

Wendy

**From:** Wendy McGuinness [wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org)

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 October 2024 at 3:47 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Arne Larsen [al@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:al@mcguinnessinstitute.org), Annie McGuinness [am@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:am@mcguinnessinstitute.org), Dana King [dk@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:dk@mcguinnessinstitute.org)

**Subject:** Re: GDS Index – confirming joint strategies (MBIE)

Hi again,

I might have missed this, but can you please confirm you have received this OIA.

Many thanks, Wendy

**From:** Wendy McGuinness [wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org)

**Date:** Thursday, 26 September 2024 at 4:03 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Arne Larsen [al@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:al@mcguinnessinstitute.org), Annie McGuinness [am@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:am@mcguinnessinstitute.org)

**Subject:** Re: GDS Index – confirming joint strategies (MBIE)

Hi there,

Can you just confirm you have received this request; and ideally get back to us in the next few days with a response. We are hoping this will not take too much time.

Many thanks, Wendy

Please also copy in Arne and Annie (copied in).

**From:** Wendy McGuinness [wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org)

**Date:** Monday, 16 September 2024 at 2:28 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Arne Larsen [al@mcguinnessinstitute.org](mailto:al@mcguinnessinstitute.org)

**Subject:** GDS Index – confirming joint strategies (MBIE)

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Best wishes,

Wendy

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