
Communiqué

ICT Policy Board – 11 December 2013

The ICT (Information and Communications Technology) Policy Board held its 13th meeting on 11 December 2013.

Data Centres and Managed Services

The ICT Policy Board considered the *Strategic Review and Business Case – Data centres and related IT infrastructure and services* document.

The ICT Policy Board noted in discussion that, for such services

- The costs under the current arrangements may increase in the future
- The risks associated with service provision should be appropriately managed
- The government is the largest purchaser and should closely manage the interaction with industry

The ICT Policy Board endorsed the recommended option of a panel of service providers with no in-house data centre facilities, which includes

- a) Phased migration from agency owned and managed data centre services and ICT server and storage facilities to the use of a panel of service providers,
- b) Creation of mandated whole-of-government panel contracts for the supply of services, including infrastructure as a service (cloud) services, to government, and
- c) Clear policy and process for managing and approving exemptions to the above.

The ICT Policy Board noted

- The recommended option was consistent with the objectives of the Tasmanian Government ICT Strategy¹ with a number of agencies already moving in this direction of a service-based approach
- The need to communicate the approach within, and external to, government

The ICT Policy Board further endorsed

1. To seek the endorsement of Heads of Agencies of the recommended option
2. The development of an overall implementation plan
3. That each agency must develop a Transition Plan to outline their approach to the adoption of the recommended option
4. To seek Cabinet endorsement of the recommended option

¹ Tasmanian Government ICT Strategy
<http://www.egovernment.tas.gov.au/ict/strategy>

ICT Project Fund quality assurance framework

The ICT Policy Board endorsed the *quality assurance framework* for those projects funded through the ICT Project Fund, noting the framework consisted of the three components of:

1. Project governance by agencies
2. Project reporting to the ICT Policy Board
3. Project reviews by the ICT Policy Board

The ICT Policy Board noted the framework is intended to:

- Complement the Structured Infrastructure Investment Review Process (SIIRP)
- Inform the ICT Policy Board of project risks and issues
- Complement and reinforce the expectation that agencies will be expected to establish their own project governance and quality assurance structures

Networking Tasmania (NT) III Discussion Paper

The ICT Policy Board endorsed the proposed direction for NT III as outlined in the *NT III Discussion Paper*.

The ICT Policy Board noted the discussion paper is intended to generate discussion amongst NT II stakeholders, including customers and potential suppliers, on the future requirements that will be delivered under the next generation of purchasing agreements – to be known as NT III.

ICT Benchmarking Data Collection 2012-13

The ICT Policy Board noted the preliminary results from the second round of the annual ICT Benchmarking exercise and the opportunity for further examination of the trends evident within the data and consistency in data collection practices.

ICT Strategy – Major Actions – Status Report

The ICT Policy Board noted the report on the status of the Major Actions of the Tasmanian Government ICT Strategy. The ICT Policy Board noted the significant program of work and the solid progress being achieved through the program of Major Actions.

Other Issues

The ICT Policy Board noted the activities of the Agency ICT Reference Group.

The ICT Policy Board will meet again in April 2014.

Further information

For further information on the ICT Policy Board, see http://www.egovernment.tas.gov.au/about/modernising_ict_governance

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