



MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT
GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

Minutes for NIE Working Group Meeting

Date: Monday 5 May 2014, 2pm

Attendees: Lavinia Tama (LT), Edward Parker (EP), Boyd Ellison (BE), Peter Tierney (PT), Ana Tiraa (AT), Vanessa Jenner (VJ), Petero Okotai (PO)

Apologies: Michelle Aisake (MA)

Absent: Jeanine Daniel (JD), Edward Herman (EH), Josh Daniel (JD), Teu Teulilo (TT)

1. Status Report

- AMC (circulated) will be signed off this week and a communication to stakeholders will be sent (PT)
- Inception Report will be circulated for any further major feedback(VJ)
- Budget not likely to be signed off until Aug/Sept and therefore PEFA will be later
- SRIC received an unqualified audit which can be submitted as evidence for our application
- Should be engaging with PSC re longer term sustainable training solutions

2. Procurement

- Workshop content being finalised for CI alignment and runs next week (EP)
- New templates to be used in procurement training and feedback by participants utilised to finalise before sign off with RN (EP)
- Database almost finalised and ready for publication/communication (BE)
- Tender waiver guidelines drafted (EP)
- Manual continues to be updated (EP)

3. Follow up action items

- Send around final AMC once signed off (VJ)
- Feedback on inception Report due Friday 9 May (ALL)
- Workshop meeting with Prof Patel on Friday 9 May (EP)
- Procurement follow up with HOM's (BE)
- Environmental Assessment follow up (VJ/Akairo)
- SRIC audit circulated once finalised (AT)
- Follow up with PSC/Ombudsman re progressing action items (VJ)
- Follow up funding sources/technical assistance for capability building (VJ)

. Next Meeting

Monday 19 May, 2pm at DCD offices

4. Issues Register

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Response</i>	<i>Status</i>
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Audit of all Govt Ministries	Audit is being fasttracked for MFEM, but we do not yet have clarity on need for audited accounts across government for NIE <i>and</i> PEFA	Frankfurt to give advise on NIE requirements Edward to update on overall plan	
Dates of Board meetings unknown	The board meeting timeline is not published for 2014 so there is no way to confirm the board meeting to ensure we meet the 3 month deadline	Frankfurt to follow up with accreditation panel	
Caretaker Government	Budget delays and PEFA delays	Delay submission to Q3	Still confirming AF Board dates for Q1 2015.