

MINUTES

.nz POLICY COMMITTEE

2 April 2019

Status: Final

Present: Kate Pearce (Chair), Kelly Buehler, Joy Liddicoat (via Zoom)

In Attendance: Jordan Carter, Ellen Strickland, Brent Carey, Kate Townsend, Ben Creet and Diane Robinson (minute taker)

Apologies: Keith Davidson

The Chair opened the meeting at approximately 12:07pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 5 February 2019 were ratified.

(Cr Buehler/Cr Liddicoat)

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2. Triage Issues

Ellen advised the Committee that there were no triage issues to report.

There has been some more interest in the .ac.nz space. Staff will be seeking engagement with the University sector Chief Information Officers to discuss further.

3. .nz Policy Review Update

Ellen introduced Kate Townsend the new .nz Principal Policy Advisor (contractor). Kate will be working with the policy team four days a week until July and then will be based in Auckland from July.

The new chair of the .nz Policy Panel has been appointed 'Sue Chetwin'.

The Communications and HR team are working on the arrangements for the recruitment of the Advisory Panel (advertisement open for 6-8 weeks).

It was discussed that it is important that this Panel has the diversity and mix of people cognizant of the issues.

The Policy team will start working with Sue Chetwin to gather information for the .nz Policy panel to review when they are established.

The detailed timeline has remained unchanged, as follows:

- First meeting of the Advisory Panel in June 2019
- Issues report scheduled for completion in August 2019
- Public engagement on solutions October 2019
- Solutions report scheduled for completion in February 2020

Kate Pearce thanked staff on their work in the selection of our new Chair and welcomed Kate Townsend onboard.

4. Interim Policy Changes

Brent provided a high-level summary of the background detailing the emergency response and actions taken to deal with the aftermath from the terrorism event that happened in Christchurch on 15 March 2019 against the Muslim community.

The action taken by the Domain Name Commission was an emergency response and created a temporary .nz policy, which is specific and time bound to address the spread of “objectionable” material” (live video footage) in the .nz domain name space. DNCL sought assistance from INZ for a temporary policy approach.

On 29 March the INZ Council received a [letter](#) from the Domain Name Commissioner and INZ Chief Executive. The Council agreed INZ staff should present options and make a recommendation on an interim policy approach to the .nz Policy Committee.

- Joy acknowledged the work undertaken to put in place a temporary approach and the [letter](#) that was presented to Council. The decisions that were made were the right ones. Well done to Brent and Jordan.
- Responses to “objectionable material” at the time of the Terrorist Attack were happening in minutes, not hours or days.
- A new capture tool has been built by INZ for checking the .nz domain space. There are also other intelligence tools / agencies that are monitoring the .nz domain space.

Substantive discussion: policy discussion about interim policy changes:

- Looking at .nz policy – What are the objectives? What are the gaps? What are the issues?
 - This situation has brought up a range of issues for the .nz policy review - specifically relating to terrorism, objectionable material, force majeure, cyber security.
 - Staff would like to develop an Interim policy to be considered now by Council and to create a process around the temporary policy that supports DNC's actions.
 - Challenges to act upon cyber-attacks are slowed by time in motion, processes internally and externally (government, law enforcement).
 - Are we enforcing action from Government or taking action ourselves?
 - Staff should review different scenarios and the involvement of organisations in each situation. Think about who the contact externally would be for each of the scenarios?
 - Existing requirement for Court order or Competent Tribunal.
 - We also have wider powers to process:
 - Unlawful registrant action
 - Unlawful registrar action
 - Details that are incorrect
 - Noted that a blog was written by the Domain Name Commissioner.<https://www.dnc.org.nz/index.php/commissionersresponse-to-christchurch-attacks>

AP01/19 Staff to develop an Interim Policy and send to Council in May 2019

4. Cybersecurity Update – Dave Baker

InternetNZ is looking at introducing Registry Lock into .nz.

- Effectively creates a higher threshold than username/password for making changes to DNS settings.

- 3rd party authentication with Registry / someone, to prove that they had authority to change DNS records.
- Discussions will be held on the RAG and at the .nz Conference.
- This could have potential impacts for .nz policy. Last Friday signed off budget for security function.
 - Contracting Dean Pemberton to get that started while the process of getting a Chief Security Officer on board.

4. Any Other Business

None.

With no other further business, the Chair called the meeting closed at 12:55pm

Date of next meeting: 6 August 2019, 12:00pm