



Memo: Progress on DPMC's AI Adoption

To: Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister

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Background

This memo provides an update on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC) progress in adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies.

DPMC is committed to being a system leader in AI adoption across the New Zealand government. Ben King has directed the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) to pursue the "muscular adoption" of AI in our work programmes, which has enabled us to pursue an aggressive timeline to ensure rapid adoption and to realise maximum benefit from this technology.

s9(2)(g)(i)

. We view AI adoption as a transformative opportunity to enhance public sector productivity, improve decision-making, and deliver better services to New Zealanders, more efficiently.

Key Updates

Microsoft CoPilot Rollout

Microsoft CoPilot Basic has been rolled out across all DPMC desktops. A pilot programme for the licensed version of Microsoft CoPilot is set to commence shortly, involving 20 users to test its extended functionalities.

s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(f)(iv)

We will keep you informed as we meet Ben's challenge of "muscular adoption" of this exciting new technology over the coming months.

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