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Date: March 2018

Title: ERS Minute Refresh of New Zealand's Cyber Security Strategy and Action Plan.

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Part of Recommendation 8.4
s 6(a) – security or defence of New Zealand.

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Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee

Minute of Decision

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Refresh of New Zealand's Cyber Security Strategy and Action Plan

Portfolio Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media

On 27 March 2018, the Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 3 November 2015, the previous government approved the New Zealand Cyber Security Strategy, the supporting Action Plan, and the National Plan to Address Cybercrime [NSC-15-MIN-0012];
- 2 **noted** that the Cyber Security Strategy, the Action Plan and the associated National Plan to Address Cybercrime have provided an overarching framework for cross-government work under four goals (cyber resilience, cyber capability, addressing cybercrime, and international cooperation), and that good progress has been made;
- 3 **noted** that New Zealand is affected by increasing malicious cyber activity, with widespread use of connected devices and emerging technology intensifying the challenge;
- 4 **noted** that, in the face of increasing malicious cyber activity, cyber security is essential to building a connected nation, promoting digital rights, online trust and confidence, and harnessing the value of digital technology for economic growth, community benefit, and innovation;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media intends to develop a Digital Strategy for New Zealand to achieve a joined-up response by government to digital technologies;
- 6 **agreed** that, complementary to the planned Digital Strategy and the government's other digital initiatives, it is timely to undertake a comprehensive refresh of New Zealand's cyber security settings to ensure that the government is investing the right resources in the right way across government to respond to growing cyber security threats;
- directed** the National Cyber Policy Office within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to lead this refresh in close collaboration with the full range of relevant government agencies, private sector and non-government organisation partners, and analysis of international best practice;
- 8 **agreed** that the refresh of New Zealand's Cyber Security Strategy and Action Plan will propose new actions to improve New Zealand's cyber security, including possible recommendations in the following areas:
 - 8.1 institutional cyber security arrangements;

- 8.2 government information security;
- 8.3 addressing cybercrime;
- 8.4 cyber diplomacy, deterrence and s6(a)
- 8.5 opportunities in cyber industry, research and skills;
- 8.6 the security challenges of emerging technology;
- 9 **endorsed** the Terms of Reference for the refresh of New Zealand's Cyber Security Strategy and Action Plan, attached to the paper under ERS-18-SUB-0004;
- 10 **invited** the Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media to report back to the Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee in July 2018 with a revised Cyber Security Strategy and Action Plan.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Rt Hon Winston Peters (Chair)
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Clare Curran

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