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The approach: How does the department plan to use the broader environment in which it exists (element 1) to leverage its strengths and embrace its weaknesses (element 2) so that it can provide benefits in accordance with its vision (element 3)?

The approach is to improve biosecurity by establishing three sectoral advisory groups to interpret the goals of Biosecurity New Zealand and make science priority recommendations, which will be given to a high-level science advisory committee and approved by the minister of biosecurity.

Read more about the GDS’s vision on page ii. Is the strategy illustrated? Yes, see page 22.

III Assessing stakeholder usefulness

If a public servant new to the policy area had an hour to read this GDS, would they be able to understand the approach (element 4) and the implementation and review processes (element 5)?

The key points of the issue and the ways the outcomes sought will be achieved are very well explained. There is comprehensive explanation of the time frames for delivery and the agencies involved in this.

If an uninformed member of the public had 30 minutes to read this GDS, would they be able to understand the purpose (element 3), the approach (element 4), the implementation and review processes (element 5) and how this approach fits with the broader goals of government (element 6)?

The overall purpose and strategic outcomes are easy to understand, despite being long. The structure is strong and has explanations of technical terms. It is very clear who is responsible for monitoring progress and how this will occur.