



Launch of 2018 GDS Index

New Zealand's government department strategies under the microscope

The McGuinness Institute invites you and other interested parties to the launch of the *2018 Government Department Strategies Index* and the *GDS Handbook*. All are welcome.

This lunchtime event is also to thank government department officials who have helped facilitate the research.

DATE	Thursday, 2 May 2019
TIME	12.15 – 1.30 pm A light lunch will be provided
LOCATION	McGuinness Institute, Level 2 5 Cable Street, Wellington
RSVP	By Tuesday, 30 April 2019
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THE GDS INDEX

The *2018 Government Department Strategies Index* provides a list of government department strategies (GDSs) operational as at 31 December 2018. The launch of the *2018 GDS Index* provides a refresh of the Institute's *2015 GDS Index*.

The purpose of the Institute's GDS research is to put a spotlight on government department strategies. By doing so, we aim to add to a discussion on how New Zealand might create GDSs that are more effective at delivering outcomes, more durable through changes of government, more transparent for the public and that promote more meaningful public engagement.

The *GDS Index* does not assess the quality of the strategy itself but rather assesses the information outlined in the strategy document against a *Scorecard*. For more information on the *GDS Index*, please go to gdsindexnz.org.

THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT STRATEGIES HANDBOOK – HE PUNA RAUTAKI

The *GDS Handbook* is a first for the Institute. It includes a list of all GDSs in operation as at 31 December 2018, bringing together key information on each of them and a summary of the Institute's *Scorecard* assessment (see the radar chart on the right). The *GDS Handbook* provides the public and private sectors, as well as New Zealand citizens, with a window into the workings of government.

SPEAKER

Wendy McGuinness

Wendy McGuinness is the CEO of the McGuinness Institute. She will discuss why GDSs are important corporate documents, the process the Institute took in conducting the research, and the obstacles and challenges experienced. This work is intended to contribute to a broader discussion about how to build strategic capability in the public service.

