

Digital Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Date:	Wednesday 11 February 2026
Time:	1.00pm - 3.00pm NZDT
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Charter • DSP Landscape Overview Miro Summary
Co-Chairs:	Anil Srinivasa (Inland Revenue) and Tim Kirkpatrick (Tax Traders)
Secretariat:	Maggie Leese (DSPANZ)
Members:	<p>Andy Dingfelder (iPayroll) Chris Mar (Datacom) Don Hounsell (MYOB) Eric Troebner (Tax Management NZ) Erin Adams (Xero) Karl Farrand (Taxlab) Katherine Truman (SAP) Katie Leitch (MYOB) Mayce Green (ReadyTech) Mike Behling (Taxlab) Philip Yarr (The Access Group) - proxy Richard De Zwart (ReadyTech)</p>
Inland Revenue Participants:	<p>Glenn Richards Justine Duthie Mark Tapara Nick Wilkins Paul Young Tracey Turner</p>
Guests:	Adwin Singh (Inland Revenue), Estelle Le Lievre (Inland Revenue), Jeni Vaughan (Inland Revenue), Kathleen Littlejohn (Inland Revenue), Nadja Holfelder (Inland Revenue), and Susan MacArthur (Inland Revenue).
Apologies:	Brooke Cole (Inland Revenue) and Edwin McLean (The Access Group).

Item	Description	Lead
1	<p>Welcome Anil Srinivasa welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Mark Tapara to provide an opening karakia.</p>	Anil Srinivasa (Inland Revenue), Mark Tapara (Inland Revenue)
2	<p>Acceptance of previous minutes Tim Kirkpatrick moved to accept the minutes from the 23 October 2025 meeting. The minutes were taken as read and accepted.</p>	Tim Kirkpatrick (Tax Traders)
3	<p>Action item review 22.02.2024-1: Anil Srinivasa noted that this action item remains on hold while IR has been going through a re-organisation. IR will provide an update on the re-organisation and introduce the Enterprise Leader for Inland Revenue's Digital Group at the next meeting.</p>	Anil Srinivasa (Inland Revenue)
4	<p>Introductions Tim Kirkpatrick welcomed new and returning members to the DAG and invited participants to provide brief introductions. It was noted that Kathleen Littlejohn, who leads the intermediaries work, will replace Paul Young as the policy representative.</p>	Tim Kirkpatrick (Tax Traders)
5	<p>Charter & Expectations of Attendees Maggie Leese provided an overview of the proposed changes to the DAG Charter and thanked members for their feedback. The group accepted the Charter changes, and the updated version will be circulated to members.</p> <p>Members were reminded about the expectations of participating in the DAG.</p>	Maggie Leese (DSPANZ)
6	<p>DSP Landscape Overview Tim Kirkpatrick led an interactive Miro session that enabled members to share industry megatrends and envision what the next 5-10 years could look like for the tax and social policy ecosystem. A summary of the activity has been circulated to members alongside these minutes.</p>	Tim Kirkpatrick (Tax Traders)
7	<p>Security Update Adwin Singh provided an update on the progress of the DSP Operational Security Framework (OSF). IR has been updating the OSF and supporting information based on feedback from the pilots. IR is now working on what should be prioritised out of the external quality assurance report.</p> <p>Adwin acknowledged the overall change management plan, which takes into consideration other changes impacting DSPs. Anil Srinivasa shared that IR is refreshing the DSP terms of use for Gateway Services, alongside introducing the</p>	Adwin Singh (Inland Revenue), Nadja Holfelder (Inland Revenue)

	<p>OSF. Inland Revenue is aiming to launch both of them before the end of February subject to internal approval processes.</p> <p>Members discussed the OSF auditing process, how the framework will be updated to align with emerging security best practices, and changes to the certification processes for accessing Gateway Services.</p>	
8	<p>Simplifying Small Business Tax Initiative Update Estelle Le Lievre shared that the Simplifying Small Business Tax (SSBT) team recently conducted research and presented preliminary high-level insights to members. IR is now looking at how to promote practices which businesses advise help reduce effort and IR data shows helps to improve tax compliance. We welcome feedback from members about IR's key messages for small businesses.</p> <p>Members requested that the research be shared with the DAG, pending sharing approval, for comparison and contrast with DSP's own research.</p> <p>Jeni Vaughan shared that IR is looking at how financial information is captured and used. Members discussed how the IR10 and other financial data is used by IR and across government. IR is interested in understanding the taxpayer experience with the IR10 in software. Mark Tapara will facilitate further consultation and conversation between IR and interested DSPs on this topic.</p>	Estelle Le Lievre (Inland Revenue), Jeni Vaughan (Inland Revenue), Susan MacArthur (Inland Revenue)
9	<p>Any other business No other business was raised.</p>	Tim Kirkpatrick (Tax Traders)
10	<p>Meeting close Anil Srinivasa thanked members for their attendance. Mark Tapara provided a closing karakia.</p>	Anil Srinivasa (Inland Revenue), Mark Tapara (Inland Revenue)

Actions

Date Raised	Description	Responsible
22.02.2024-1	<p>Paused: Anil Srinivasa and DSPANZ will discuss data minimisation and retention further and report back to the group.</p> <p>Update 23.05.2024: Anil will report back to the group post Budget on whether Inland Revenue can progress this work.</p> <p>Update 22.08.2024: Inland Revenue will not pick up new initiatives until the end of the year. This item will remain open.</p> <p>Update 10.10.2024: Anil acknowledged the information collection framework has been shared with members and will be published in November. Anil will reconnect with the</p>	Anil Srinivasa, Maggie Leese

	<p>team to understand the resourcing requirements to undertake this work.</p> <p>Update 18.02.2025: Anil Srinivasa shared that, with Inland Revenue welcoming a new Chief Data Officer, changes are happening within the data analytics team. Once work has started internally in March, Anil will bring this topic to the DAG.</p> <p>Update 12.06.2025: This item will be placed on hold.</p>	
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