

MINUTES Risk and Assurance Board 17 August 2015

Location	Ministry of Education, St Paul's Square, EIS Board Room (SPS 8.4)	
Attendees	Garry Wilson (Chair), Roy Tiffin, and Wayne Cameron (independent external members).	
	Ellen MacGregor-Reid (Deputy Secretary Strategy, Planning & Governance); Zoe Griffiths (Deputy Secretary People, Capability & Resources); James Jong (Chief Internal Auditor), (minutes) and (Ernst & Young).	
	Also attending for specific agenda items were the following Ministry staff: Jason Parry, Sarah Apperley, Hamish McCaw,	
Agenda item	Topic	
A. Meeting opening		
1. Apologies	There were no apologies.	
2. Conflicts of Interest		
3. Previous Minutes		
4. Actions		
B. Special Items		
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7.	Move to Bowen St	Zoe presented an overview of the Wellington accommodation project (including Bowen and the Justice Centre) covering the background to the changes and the five project workstreams. Key responsibility-holders were introduced followed by a tour of the Bowen St worksite. Details of the project were discussed and questions answered by subject matter experts during a Q&A session. Topics covered in the Q&A session included: assurance obtained around structural integrity and justification of expense for the inter-floor stairs and particularly the associated voids on 12 floors; key risks (to the project, IT, organisational and operational change management and physical and personnel security); project governance; managing cultural change and communications (both internally and externally). Finally, the critical paths leading to the go/no deadline and the rigour needed behind this decision were discussed. Action: Zoe to provide a change-readiness paper plus a copy of the latest quarterly report on the project to Treasury for the RAB's consideration at the 17 September meeting. Zoe to prepare issues explanations for the key issues raised.
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E. Closing		
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.20pm	

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