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On 24 July 2023, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the opportunities and risks presented by AI for New Zealand merit further focused work on New Zealand's policy approach;
- 2 **directed** the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Department of Internal Affairs, Statistics NZ, and other relevant agencies to report back to responsible Ministers by early 2024 on the development of a cross-agency work programme on AI;
- 3 **agreed** that the scope of the cross-agency work programme referred to in paragraph 2 should encompass the public sector and wider New Zealand economy, address governance and economic and social development objectives, and consider national security implications related to AI, connect with relevant existing work across the government, and take into account the international AI policy environment;
- 4 **agreed** that New Zealand should explore opportunities for engaging in the development of multilateral AI governance tools, and strengthen its understanding of relevant multilateral fora and initiatives on AI;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications will refer to the development of a cross-agency work programme on AI in future Ministerial outreach and communication on the topic.

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