



Working with Government

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Who am I?

Government sector background

Australia & NZ

- Transport sector in WA and NSW

15 years in NZ public sector

- Ministry of Transport (1.5 years); Office of the Auditor-General (6 years); Ministry of Economic Development (1.5 years); Ministry of Education (2.5 years); and Ministry for the Environment (3.5 years)

9 years at CIO level

- Information Management, Document & Records Management functions, Classic IT functions; Library/Information Centre services; Web team; Ministerial Correspondence

Show me the money!



Government sets Budget in May

- Lead in time for budget bids variable
- Some agencies might not know their exact budget until the Vote is tabled
- Once identified, I've known some agencies to take until August/September to get an approved budget.

Baseline updates – October & March

- Treasury's mechanism for finding out how things are going
- Internal mechanisms probably in place and reporting on progress
- October: Little change in approach or plans
- March: last opportunity to fine tune and identify new spending.

Show me the money!



Certainty, prices and other pressures...

- Contracts – disclose budget?
- Fixed price vs. Time & Materials – my view
- Deliverables
 - Specific
 - Time bound
 - Linked to payment
- Intellectual property rights (*State Services Commission work “**New Guidelines for Treatment of Government Intellectual Property Rights**”*)
<http://www.e.govt.nz/resources/news/2008>
- Liability clauses!

Accountability Framework

Front page of the Dom/Press/Herald

**Ministry of the Environment first
budget cuts**

**Clark feels 'let down' by
Environment Ministry**

*Did ministry flout its own
policies?*

AT LARGE – SIMON UPTON

**Ministry apologises for
Leigh misinformation**

Hugh Logan resigns

**Ministry takes
steps to green
budget**



**Ministry botched Curran
hiring - report**

**Ministry releases
report**

**Ministry jumps gun on
report**

Accountability Framework cont'd

Transparent – Government Electronic Tendering Service (GETS)

- Internal policies and processes
- Legal sign off
- Auditors and other parties
 - State Services Commission
 - The Treasury
 - Internal auditors

Accountability Framework cont'd

Level playing field

(Process, process, process....)

- What one knows - everyone has to know
- Give me the answer to my question (s) – then include added value options
- I prefer group briefings & sharing all questions. No subsequent 1:1s

Accountability Framework cont'd

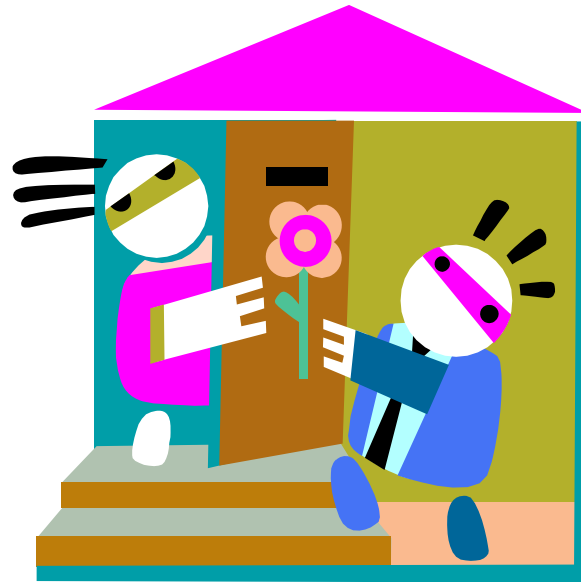
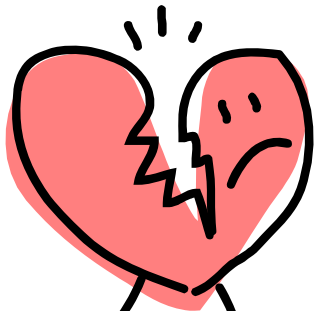
Ministers and Official Information Act requests

- Premise - Release unless a good reason to withhold
- Commercial in confidence (Well.....)
- Reviews of decision to release information - Ombudsman

Our relationship

I know what you want ...but it's not what I
can give you = Divorce?

Should we just be friends?



Questions?

