

Stats Matter

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What's been happening?

Over the past three months, the Stats Matter team has met with a range of State Government and external stakeholders to discuss the Strategy.

More than 30 meetings and presentations have taken place and over 200 people have been directly involved in the consultation process.

What we heard

The team received strong support for the Strategy at all levels and the five major actions to implement the Strategy were consistently embraced.

Common concerns included:

- the need to ensure adequate resourcing and governance of the project;
- the inevitable tension between maintaining confidentiality and optimising services through data integration and sharing; and
- what defining 'state significant statistical assets' will mean for those statistical assets that don't make the list.

What we've done

Based on comments received and discussions held, key additions to the Strategy have been made that include a revised governance structure and updated indicators of success.

A final draft Strategy is now being prepared for submission to Cabinet in June 2013.

What Agencies Are Doing

Although there was general acceptance of the statistical issues identified across government, there was also a common request to look beyond barriers and focus on the things that are working well.

The project team asked about projects and initiatives currently underway in agencies that demonstrate good statistical practice.

It is anticipated that some of these projects could help drive the Strategy by providing examples of best practise learning models and experiences.

We will start featuring these projects in future bulletins.

Where to from here?

We encourage you to provide input to the Stats Matter Strategy.

Particularly, if you have a project that contributes to the Stats Matter vision, please contact us to let us know about it.

Contact and Further Information

For more information or to provide input to the Stats Matter Strategy please contact the Office of eGovernment, DPAC

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