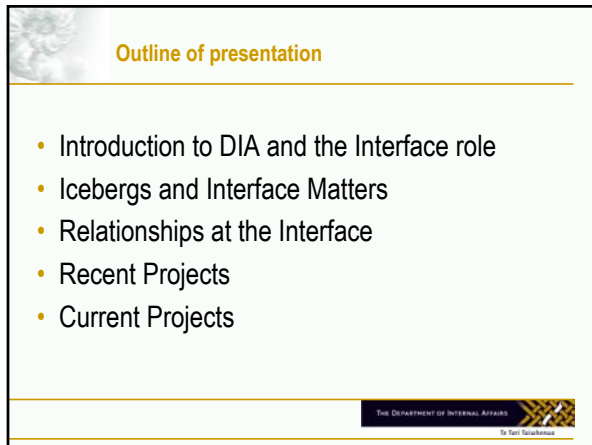


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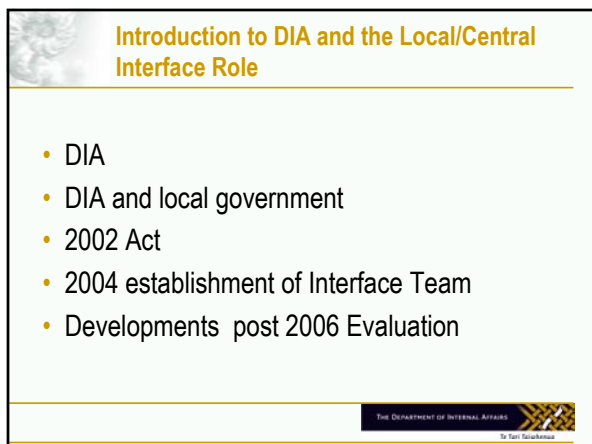
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- Introduction to DIA and the Interface role
- Icebergs and Interface Matters
- Relationships at the Interface
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Introduction to DIA and the Local/Central Interface Role

- DIA
- DIA and local government
- 2002 Act
- 2004 establishment of Interface Team
- Developments post 2006 Evaluation

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The relevance of Icebergs to Interface Matters!

- Certainty and Uncertainty
- Count on fluidity
- Risk of underinvestment “beneath the surface”
- Consequences
- Collisions

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Relationships at the Interface

Partnering Continuum

- Coexistence**
 - Know of each others existence
 - No direct relationship with other agencies
 - No dependency or need to collaborate
- Networking**
 - Information sharing is the basis
 - Informal discussions
 - About knowing and understanding who's doing what
- Cooperation**
 - No long term relationship implied
 - Acknowledgement of common issues, interests
 - No ongoing commitment to each other
- Collaboration**
 - Has trust implicit
 - Based on negotiated and agreed actions and principles
 - Shared decision making
 - Giving up power and control
- Partnerships**
 - Work from an agreed shared value base e.g. trust, honesty, openness
 - Sharing risks and rewards, resources, accountability, visions, ideas, and decision making
 - Degree of formality and two way contractual and relationship obligations
 - Agreements (MOU's)

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Relationships at the Interface

- Preparedness to work differently
- Clarity re purposes, processes and priorities
- “Aha” moments – and strategic brokering
- Multiple layers, and some ambiguity
- Skills, tools, resources – creativity and innovation
- Calendar year 2008 - “a key” –multi-year approaches

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Some recent projects

- Regional stocktake of Central Government Information with Statistics NZ (released February 2007)
- Your Local Council "Info Sheets" 1-5 (released July 2007)
- Non-Profits Institutions Satellite Account (released August)
- Putting Pen to Paper Profiles (released September 2007)
- Government Funding of Non-Profit Organisations (due for release)
- Research on Barriers and Enablers to Participation in Local Government (due for release)
- Implementation of Interface Evaluation findings – strengthened team

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Some Current Projects

- www.localcentral.govt.nz redevelopment
- Central Government Interagency Group foci
- LGNZ/DIA Maori engagement project
- Evaluations of the Local Government legislation - Baselines 2002 and 2006
- Future Shape of Communities in five, ten, and twenty years

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DIA Interface Team

- Thank you

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