

Utilising international collaboration to assist Statistics New Zealand in delivering on its modernisation program

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In 2011 the New Zealand Government invested in Statistics New Zealand's Statistics 2020 Te Kapehu Whetu business transformation (modernisation) programme. This organisation-wide programme of change aims to deliver more value from official statistics and the Official Statistics System, ensure the longer-term sustainability of our national statistics office, and the ongoing reliability and relevance of the statistics it produces. Just prior to the Government's funding of Te Kapehu Whetu, a number of National Statistical Offices Chief Executives, including that of Statistics New Zealand, had agreed to collaborative development of a number of projects across the end-to-end statistical production process. Statistics New Zealand has led some of these projects and been participants in others. This paper discusses our learning's and experiences to date, along with challenges of aligning 'local' requirements with those of the wider international community, and finally some discussion of the justification of costs and benefits.

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