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DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [redacted])

Ok. Let me get organised. Be just a few mins.

8/8/18 10:06 PM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [redacted])

Ok. Can talk.

8/8/18 10:31 PM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [redacted])

It's such an immense privilege to have this opportunity! Thank you 🙏😊

8/8/18 10:33 PM (Viewed 8/8/18 10:36 PM)

Clare Curran (64 [redacted])

This is such new territory for NZ. It feels a bit Star Trek

8/9/18 9:06 AM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [redacted])

Yes..! Well, when nothing is sure, everything is possible... 🙏 ✨

8/9/18 9:54 AM (Viewed 8/9/18 9:55 AM)

Clare Curran (64 [redacted])

So my private secretary for DIA [redacted] will be in touch within hours to talk contract stuff.

8/9/18 9:56 AM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [redacted])

Sounds good 🙏

8/15/18 8:34 PM (Viewed 8/15/18 10:24 PM)

Clare Curran (64 [redacted])

So text when you are up, for a quick call

8/15/18 10:37 PM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [redacted])

Hello there. I can chat now

8/15/18 10:44 PM (Viewed 8/15/18 10:46 PM)

Clare Curran (64 [redacted])

Hi I'm really tired and hope it's ok if we talk at 7.15am nz time tomorrow. The appointment went through Cabinet cttee today fine. Still to go to full Cabinet Monday. I'm keen to talk through announcement and other matters but have run out of oomph tonight. All is good tho. Full steam ahead. Talk in my morning

8/15/18 10:47 PM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [redacted])

Very good! Makes total sense. Speak at 715! Have a good rest.

8/16/18 7:56 AM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [redacted])

On reflection of our call-I think other than the fact that you are only new once like we spoke about, it's a key risk to announce the appointment when the conflicts and contract etc is not all completed. One key reflection is that it's not done until it's done and we should get all our ducks in a row, nail all the conflicts, clean it all up and then announced. My gut is telling me it risks being rushed and not fully thought out.

8/16/18 7:59 AM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [redacted])

For example if media ask Qs about things like that and we don't have answers yet...it might risk looking silly.

8/16/18 8:01 AM (Viewed 8/16/18 8:05 AM)

Clare Curran (64 [REDACTED])

We will not put you in that position. I realise you have questions but we are working quickly through the issues. [REDACTED] will make contact in a couple of hours

8/16/18 10:28 AM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [REDACTED])

Ok. I still feel it's rushed and with risk. I would be more comfortable if we had more time to prepare properly. I appreciate if week of Sept 10 is too far but hopefully there is a happy medium between Monday and then! Will wait to hear from you.

8/16/18 9:35 PM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [REDACTED])

Good evening! How did it go - any update on comms plan? Also didn't hear from anybody at DIA today re conflicts, FYI. I'm up and about if you want to chat. D

8/17/18 7:04 AM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [REDACTED])

Hi Clare. I just had a good chat w [REDACTED] Thursday NZT sounds like a much better option. I got contract late last night so will work thru that and all other issues w [REDACTED] and start on the comms planning. Feeling much more comfortable for all concerned! Have a great day and let me know if you want to chat 🙌

8/17/18 8:27 AM (Viewed 8/17/18 8:44 AM)

Clare Curran (64 [REDACTED])

That's great. I'm on the case. I want DIA lawyers to clarify conflicts of interest for you today and answer any other questions. I'll call again in next few hours. In the meantime see this? https://apolitical.co/solution_article/mapped-the-worlds-best-digital-governments/?utm_source=The+Apolitical+Platform&utm_campaign=42010556e5-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_08_15_11_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a11f6796a2-42010556e5-185551785

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Clare Curran (64 [REDACTED])

And this https://apolitical.co/lists/digital-government-world100?utm_source=Access+Granted+NZ+email&utm_campaign=52e57369b4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_08_15_03_13&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f45883ab83-52e57369b4-55902151

8/17/18 8:44 AM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [REDACTED])

Thx. I saw that list of "people" but hadn't seen the list of countries.

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DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [REDACTED])

As an aside, I almost invested in that company - Apolitical. The founder studied at Auckland Uni.

8/17/18 9:41 AM (Viewed 8/17/18 9:53 AM)

Clare Curran (64 [REDACTED])

Can I call you in an hour or is that too late

8/17/18 10:01 AM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [REDACTED])

Yes it's Ok! I have guests over for dinner so can speak for maybe 15-20 if that works? Or could do longer call much later in about 4/5 hours.

8/17/18 10:50 AM

DGH Unlocked iPhone 5s (+19 [REDACTED])

Standing by if you still want to call

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Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

! Email address

1 message

Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>
To: Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Sat, Mar 3, 2018 at 11:19 AM

Dear Clare
Hope you are well. Please share the email address I should get in touch with.

I will be hearing back to New York tomorrow. All the best and hope to speak soon.
Derek



Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

Qs and Thoughts

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Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

Sat, Aug 11, 2018 at 9:12 AM

To: Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Hello Clare,

So excited to be moving forward with this. It's such an amazing opportunity and privilege to help shape New Zealand.

[REDACTED] has sent me a draft offer letter, which I will review and get back to her on logistic and administrative next steps but I assume I should lay out my more essential questions and thoughts here with you.

As we spoke about, below I'm laying out my main questions and thoughts I would like to start to work through with you over the coming days. (* Let me know if I should be dealing with [REDACTED] on any of the below.)

Let's chat again very soon please!

Derek

1. Resources and team - this is my number one, most pressing consideration and has been from the outset - I am excited to really dive into this as soon as you have time to
 - All of the objectives (digital equal / economy / connected nation) etc require a lot of thinking, coordination, mapping and communicating - the resources for this are my primary concern
 - Aside from those above objectives - developing a stakeholder-fed strategy requires a dedicated, sharp and creative team full time
 - The original cabinet paper notes two dedicated staff members from GDCO and MBIE - is this still the thinking? Would love to chat more about this with you and whoever else would be involved in resourcing. How would we handle external hires/contractors/support if deemed best?
 - I have an idea of the type of team I think would be ideal and imagine it to be a mix of internal and external people - as well as some international thinkers
2. Operational budget/funding
 - To carry out the functions in the role well, there also needs to be some operational budget for things like convening, communications, design, content etc for stakeholder and community collaboration as well as the outputs you would need (published material, web content etc) for that engagement
3. Conflicts or Disclosures
 - I submitted a draft proposal of issues and potential conflicts in the interview process. On the phone you mentioned it's best we work through this together first - I have attached the memo to this email so you can see how I laid it out.
 - Each one needs to be worked through carefully so that everybody understands them fully but I think the most sensitive one is [REDACTED] - if your advice comes back that I can keep my [REDACTED] role and just be acutely aware of managing any conflicts I would much prefer this - especially given the CTO contract is just one year and can be terminated
4. Timing - [REDACTED] has also asked about this so I will share the below with her too -
 - My family and I will be on the ground on Monday the 10th of September - my preference would be to announce in person during that week. My preference for a start date would be October 1st to give me a few weeks to get settled as we have just bought a new house, its got renovations etc, getting [REDACTED] in school and all that stuff. Not sure how this sits with you.
5. Location
 - It hasn't been mentioned in any material to date that this role requires being located in Wellington so I have assumed location is not critical. I understand from [REDACTED] that I will get an office at DIA (I assume in Wellington).
 - I have some ideas around location - I would prefer to mostly work embedded/"In Residence" in the community at various organisations around the country - but would like an Auckland base as well
6. "Announcement"
 - Would like to hear your thoughts on how you have been thinking about this. The announcement itself is an opportunity to kick off a broader engagement campaign and enlist self-selected leaders who wish to collaborate. My preference would be to not 'waste' the announcement by just making it one way - but by using it to kick off a two way conversation from the outset

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Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Sat, Aug 11, 2018 at 2:48 PM

To: Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

Thanks for this will read, absorb and respond over weekend

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Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Sat, Aug 11, 2018 at 3:51 PM

To: Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

Good thoughts. I think the [REDACTED] one is probably a biggie. Will talk that through with a few people. The other potential conflicts don't leap out at me though Cabinet Office will have a view.

I agree some thought should go into the the announcement. I'm relaxed about timing. I think it must suit you and family. Could you work out a wee proposal around a broader engagement plan and an event to kick it off?

And regarding resources I will have more substantial things to say next week though paid staff will be from DIA (possibly MBIE). I am very keen to a group of strong support people to be gathered around you, including [REDACTED] and others yet to be determined. These will be your "team" and you will have to be mindful that they will be lending goodwill. Re budget, I'll have more details to say about that next week.

We should set up an actual time to talk next week. I can do 8am Tuesday or Wednesday (NZ time) or 7.30am Thursday.

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Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Aug 13, 2018 at 4:23 AM

To: Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Good morning Clare,

I think speaking 730am your Thursday would be good because you might have more thoughts on staff, budget, conflicts by then. Can we confirm that time?

Also that will give me time to share some more thoughts on those and the other issues below over the coming days.

Speak soon,

Derek

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Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 2:23 PM

To: Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Clare

Can you confirm the time below still works and we can speak then?

Thanks!

Derek

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Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 7:16 PM

To: Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

7.15am nz time. But I also may call Tuesday evening my time to update you on cabinet cttee.

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Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>
To: Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 7:56 PM

Sorry Wednesday evening not Tuesday.
But confirming 7.15am Thursday NZ time for me to call u

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Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>
To: Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 2:44 AM

Hi there
Ok got it. So:
- you may call this evening ie Wed NZT to update re Cabinet Committee.
- we will speak at 715am Thurs NZT re all else.

Thanks
Derek
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Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

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Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Aug 19, 2018 at 6:18 PM

To: Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

So

By tomorrow there will be a draft media release, backgrounder on you, draft set of potential questions that you/me/PM might be asked (challenging ones included) and a set of dot points for me to talk to when you are announced.

I want to talk up your returning home. The whole Kiwis come home thing is really important as a message for this govt. I know you weren't born a Kiwi but I think you might identify as one?? I hope so as this is a really strong point. Plus the journey you have been on and your insights having lived so long overseas as well as your actual achievements. What kind of country could NZ be? That's the question we want to be able to answer and how to get there i practical terms. And then the importance of social inclusion and social benefits of a bigger focus on tech. Just a few small things...

We can talk tomorrow. I hope the discussions with the DIA people are working out and that you will be able to sign a contract soon.

This is getting exciting.

C

Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Aug 20, 2018 at 2:38 PM

To: Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Hello Clare

Thanks for your note.

I've been getting updates over the weekend which is good.

We have also been working with [REDACTED] on the media strategy and other channels I need to update in near real time (eg [REDACTED] investors etc).

I definitely - most definitely - identify as a Kiwi. It's so essential to me and is a major reason I wanted to come home - to contribute to somewhere I care deeply about on an intimate level. I also so strongly believe in our ability to become a global beacon of hope and creativity for progress.

I have spoken with [REDACTED] at DIA several times over the weekend and most recently just now after your Cabinet meeting which I heard went well!

I worked with my lawyers over the weekend to send over a marked up version of the contract documents this morning NZT which I know [REDACTED] spoke to you about a few hours ago.

I am OK with all the proposed solutions including the Oct 1 [REDACTED] and 3 months severance. So hopefully the next version [REDACTED] sends me (which I am waiting up for here to receive so I can get it back to him your today) is one 99% ready for signing! [REDACTED] has been exceptional to work with.

So we are just a few days away now - very exciting indeed.

Let's speak tomorrow?

Derek

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Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

some ideas to get started on workplan

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Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 1:24 PM

To: Derek Handley <[REDACTED]>

Hi there

I've attached some thoughts around how to get us started. I'm asking officials to put together a bunch of reports and briefings on the things I've been working on where the govt is to date on things like artificial intelligence, internet of things, 5G, digital rights, digital identity, digital inclusion etc...

I'll try not to bombard you (too much) but will no doubt be sending you a bunch of things to read. Light reading for the plane :-)

Let's start working on a work plan and here's a starter for 10. Sorry not very analytical, just top of mind.

It's worth reading the Future of Work report that a bunch of Labour MPs did in opposition (led by Grant Robertson. We are carrying on that work in govt

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/nzlabour/pages/2371/attachments/original/1478147232/43229_LoO_Future_of_Work_Full_Document_FINAL_2_LR.pdf?1478147232

https://www.labour.org.nz/grant_robertson_launch_of_the_future_of_work_commission_report

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/103592251/jacinda-ardern-announces-future-of-work-forum-bringing-together-government-unions-and-business>

And here's Labour's ICT policy for the 2017 election (Note this is Labour's policy and therefore not necessarily govt policy https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/nzlabour/pages/4112/attachments/original/1504908762/ICT_Policy.pdf?1504908762

just some things to get started on :-)

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Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 3:31 PM

To: Clare Curran <[REDACTED]>

Great! Thanks for sharing.

I'm up to speed with the plans and remaining item we need to achieve via [REDACTED] at DIA. Just spoke to him and am off to bed now as is coming on midnight.

Let me know if you want to chat tomorrow or whenever.

Derek

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