

## Digital NZ

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**From:** sq(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 March 2018 10:51 a.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** Re: Introductions and CTO's [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi sq(2)(a)

Thank you for responding and I'm sorry I missed your email until now.

Are you able to give any timeframe as to when applications are likely to re-open? I've got a few interesting offers sitting in my inbox and it would be great to give the interested parties a timeframe for me giving them an answer.

No stress if not

sq(2)(a)

On 18 Feb 2018, at 18:38, Digital NZ <[DigitalNZ@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:DigitalNZ@mbie.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi sq(2)(a)

Thanks for getting in touch. We will be in touch when applications re-open.

Best,

sq(2)(a)  
POLICY ADVISOR  
Digital Economy

Commerce, Consumers & Communications Branch  
Building, Resources and Markets | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

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15 Stout Street, PO Box 2847, Wellington 6140, New Zealand  
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**From:** sq(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 February 2018 8:19 p.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** Fwd: Introductions and CTO's

To whom it may concern,

I was asked by Minister Curran to forward my expression of interest to this address,

I am unsure how the public sector works in this regard or even if this email is monitored but I would like to make a formal expression of interest in the role of "Chief Technology Officer" that has been created by the current Prime Minister and cabinet.

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**From:** s(1)(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 March 2018 11:29 a.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** Re: Introductions and CTO's [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hey q(2)(e)

No problem, had assumed this would most likely be the case but just wanted to check.

Talk soon

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On 28 Feb 2018, at 22:24, Digital NZ <[DigitalNZ@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:DigitalNZ@mbie.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi s(1)(2)(a)

Sorry – we haven't heard from the Minister yet when she's likely to re-open applications.

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**From:** s 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 March 2018 2:13 p.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** Register interest for Govt CTO role

Hi,

I was provided with this email address from the Hon Clare Curran in regards to the Govt CTO role.

Could you please let me know when the role is open again for applications.

Thanks and regards,

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**Sent:** Saturday, 24 February 2018 1:26 AM  
**To:** Hon Clare Curran <[Clare.Curran@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Clare.Curran@parliament.govt.nz)>  
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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2018 9:27 AM

To: Hon Clare Curran

Cc: Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <9(2)(a)>

Subject: Introductions and CTO's 9(2)(a)

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**Sent:** Friday, 2 March 2018 12:38 PM  
**To:** Kate MacDonald  
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Hello,

Thanks for the reply. The Minister is currently looking at the next steps for the process for appointing the CTO. I will add your name to a database of names and someone will email you when the CTO application process starts. We have no date for this as yet, but the position will be advertised on the MBIE and [ict.govt.nz](http://ict.govt.nz) websites.

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Another CTO application.

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**Sent:** Sunday, 4 March 2018 5:54 a.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** Re: Chief Technology Role - application for s9(2)(a) [NCLASSIFIED]  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi,

Thank you for your reply and for considering my application for the CTO role.

I understand from media reports that no applicants were successful and the search may be widened.

If this is still the case: I am still very much interested in the role and would like to express my interest again. If there is anything that excluded me from the first round, then I am very open to having a discussion should this be deemed appropriate. By looking at the advert again, I have proven myself in scenarios not too dissimilar to that advertised:

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Hi s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your application for the role of Chief Technology Officer for New Zealand.

We have now completed our initial selection process to determine which applications will proceed to the next stage, which includes consideration of applications by a panel of independent experts. Unfortunately your application has not progressed to the next stage of the process.

We received a large number of applications from a range of highly qualified candidates and the standard for the shortlist was extremely high. We acknowledge that many of the candidates had a lot to offer. This



Government is committed to working in partnership with industry. As we develop a digital strategy for New Zealand and new initiatives get under way, there will be further opportunities to participate if you are interested.

Thank you again for the time and effort involved in submitting your application.

Kind regards,

Digital Economy team

Commerce, Consumers & Communications Branch

Building, Resources and Markets | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

**From:** s9(2)(a) [mailto: s9(2)(a)]  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 January 2018 4:46 a.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** Chief Technology Role - application for s9(2)(a)

Kia ora,

Please find attached my resume in support of my application for the Chief Technology Officer role advertised on the MBIE website.

I am deeply excited at the prospect of helping drive out and shape New Zealand's technical agenda. I believe technology has and will continue to offer some amazing benefits, and that getting the right foundations in place is absolutely critical to reap the rewards and manage risk plus ever on-going change. I also believe that technology does not exist in a vacuum and any successful strategy and roadmap must also consider the human aspects, various viewpoints and the environment in which everything exists and interacts.

In my current role, s9(2)(a) where have been driving a vision of an ecosystem, that would enable customers, employees and partners to connect in and create plus consume services across a range of digital channels in a safe and trusted environment. I have also experienced first hand the benefits of a connected society, s9(2)(a) most government services online and integrated.

My humble beginnings start in s9(2)(a) where I worked at a s9(2)(a) and there in s9(2)(a) where worked as a developer before heading over s9(2)(a) and working for s9(2)(a)

have worked from hands-on roles up to lead architect roles responsible for whole company architectures and advising senior executives on technical matters - covering the mundane and the new+exciting. Developing out roadmaps that are both creative/visionary and pragmatic/executable is in my blood you could say.

I would love to have the option of returning to New Zealand, and this is exactly the sort of challenge that would drive me.

Please reach if you have any questions regarding my resume or anything else.

Best regards,

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## Digital NZ

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 March 2018 10:23 a.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** Re: Position of CTO for the NZ Government

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

To whom it may concern,

I was recently in contact with Hon Clare Curran about the position of CTO for the NZ Government. Clare advised me to send an email to this address to register my interest in the future position.

About myself:

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### EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

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Looking forward to your reply with interest

Kind regards



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**Kate MacDonald**

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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 March 2018 11:57 AM  
**To:** Kate MacDonald  
**Subject:** Followup: Opportunity to apply for CTO role

Hi Kate

Just following up to understand when this role will be readvertised.

Kindest regards

9(2)(a)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

**From:** Kate MacDonald <9(2)(a)>  
**Date:** 17/02/18 13:42 (GMT+12:00)  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Opportunity to apply for CTO role

Hello,

It sounds like a very interesting CV!!

Good luck with the process,

Regards,

Kate

**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 February 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** digitalnz@mbie.govt.nz  
**Cc:** Kate MacDonald <9(2)(a)>  
**Subject:** RE: Opportunity to apply for CTO role

Hello Kate,

Thanks for your mail and I will definitely apply.

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Kindest regards

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**From:** Kate MacDonald [ 9(2)(a) ] **On Behalf Of** C Curran (MIN)  
**Sent:** 16 February 2018 16:53  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Opportunity to apply for CTO role

Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you very much for your letter and your interest in the widened Chief Technology Officer role. Hon Clare Curran has asked me to reply to your email and Imogen has passed me your details.

Digital technologies are evolving at a rapid pace, and are already disrupting many aspects of our society. The Minister's aim is to have a CTO who would have a broad mandate to serve as an advisor for the New Zealand government as it responds to the challenges and opportunities of our rapidly evolving digital world.

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**Kate MacDonald**

**Private Secretary Government Digital Services**

**Office of the Hon Clare Curran, Minister for Government Digital Services**

**Room 4.5L Executive Wing | Private Bag 18 888|Parliament Buildings|Wellington 6160**



**From:** [9\(2\)\(c\)](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 February 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** C Curran (MIN) <[c.curran@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:c.curran@ministers.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Opportunity to apply for CTO role

Hello: [9\(2\)\(c\)](#)

Thanks for your time on the phone.

I would the chance to apply for this role as a New Zealander.

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Kindest regards

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Lower Hutt

New Zealand

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## Digital NZ

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 March 2018 12:20 p.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** Cläre Curran Referral: CTO Role

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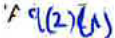
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## Kate MacDonald


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**From:** Kate MacDonald  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 March 2018 3:20 PM  
**To:**   
**Subject:** RE: Followup: Opportunity to apply for CTO role

Hello,

There is no timeline for a reappointment process yet. The Minister is hoping to work with an Advisory Group to help her refine the CTO job description. She is in the middle of appointing that group now, so any discussion on the CTO role will be later, once the group is up and running.

Kind regards,  
Kate

**From:**   
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 March 2018 11:57 AM  
**To:** Kate MacDonald <Kate.MacDonald2@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Followup: Opportunity to apply for CTO role




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## Digital NZ

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 March 2018 2:32 p.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** Re: Clare Curran Referral: CTO Role [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s9(2)(a),

Many thanks for the confirmation. I look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

s9(2)(a)

On 6 March 2018 at 14:03, Digital NZ <[DigitalNZ@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:DigitalNZ@mbie.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi s9(2)(a)

Thanks for getting in touch. We are keeping a record of those who are interested and we'll let those people know as soon as the Minister re-opens applications.

Best,

s9(2)(a)

POLICY ADVISOR

Digital Economy

Commerce, Consumers & Communications Branch

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s9(2)(a)

sq(2)(a)

**From:** sq(2)(a)

**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 March 2018 12:20 p.m.

**To:** Digital NZ

**Subject:** Clare Curran Referral: CTO Role

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## Digital NZ

**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 March 2018 1:05 p.m.  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Amy White  
**Subject:** RE: CTO [IN CONFIDENCE] [IN-CONFIDENCE]  
**Attachments:** FW: Chief Technology Officer vacancy

Hey 9(2)(a)

Thanks for sending that through! We've actually had an individual send our CE a CV for the CTO role. Our CE has just replied to them an hour or so ago. However, it would be great if you could add them to your register.

That email (and our CE's response) is attached FYI

Thanks

9(2)(a) | Policy Analyst | Department of Internal Affairs  
Direct Dial: 9(2)(a) | Ext: 9(2)(a) Mobile: 9(2)(a)

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**From:** Amy White  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 March 2018 12:05 PM  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** FW: CTO [IN CONFIDENCE] [IN-CONFIDENCE]

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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 March 2018 11:57 AM  
**To:** Jill McKenzie; Amy White; Ruth Fischer-Smith  
**Subject:** RE: CTO [IN CONFIDENCE] [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi,  
So we're all on the same page – the Minister's office has been directing people who email her about applying for the CTO role to email [DigitalNZ@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:DigitalNZ@mbie.govt.nz) (it's just me on the other side) to register their interest, and telling them that we'll get in touch again when applications re-open. So if this comes up again, feel free to just direct them to that inbox, and they'll get a nice 'thanks, we'll let you know when applications re-open' email in reply.

Between Kate forwarding them, and emails direct from those people, we've got about 30 people on that list already!

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9(2)(a)  
15 Stout Street, PO Box 2847, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

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**From:** Jill McKenzie  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 March 2018 11:17 a.m.  
**To:** Amy White; Kim Connolly-Stone  
**Cc:** Stevie Jepson  
**Subject:** RE: CTO [IN CONFIDENCE] [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Thanks Amy – not that we're aware of, but happy with DIA's proposed response.

If you guys want to send through the email address at any point we could add the person to our list/folder so they are contacted once the CTO process restarts (in whatever form)?

J

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**From:** Amy White 9 (2) (a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 March 2018 11:04 a.m.  
**To:** Kim Connolly-Stone; Jill McKenzie  
**Subject:** FW: CTO [IN CONFIDENCE]

This is FYI – not sure if you have been contacted by this person too but wanted to keep you in the loop.

Cheers

Amy

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**From:** Ruth Fischer-Smith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 March 2018 4:51 PM  
**To:** 9 (2) (a)  
**Cc:** Amy White  
**Subject:** FW: CTO

Can you do this pls 9 (2) (a) Happy for you to send straight to Karl when ready. Amy FYI that we've got at least one rogue CTO app.

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**From:** Karl Le Quesne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 March 2018 3:13 PM  
**To:** Ruth Fischer-Smith; Helen Jamison  
**Subject:** RE: CTO

A reply in draft would be great thanks  
Karl

**Karl Le Quesne** | Director, Office of the Chief Executive  
**The Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua**  
Direct Dial: 9 (2) (a) | Mobile: 9 (2) (a)  
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**Internal Affairs**



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**From:** Ruth Fischer-Smith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 March 2018 11:44 AM  
**To:** Karl Le Quesne; Helen Jamison  
**Subject:** RE: CTO

That's right, thanks Karl. The Minister intends to use the DEDIMAG group to assist her in appointing the CTO.

Did you want us to draft a reply for you in accordance with the below?

Ruth

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**From:** Karl Le Quesne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 March 2018 11:28 AM  
**To:** Ruth Fischer-Smith; Helen Jamison  
**Subject:** CTO

Hi

A consultancy has sent Colin a CV for someone to be considered for CTO. As I understand it the new process to a CTO is not open yet – is that right?

Could we go back and say thank you, the search has not restarted yet, and we'll let you know when it has?

Karl

**Karl Le Quesne** | Director, Office of the Chief Executive  
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**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
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**Attachments:**

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Dear Ms Curran,

With reference to the news article in ITP Techblog(1) concerning your search for a Chief Technical Officer(CTO). 9(2)(a) is a digital security company of experts and the role you are searching for fits our company offering well. We have found that many organisations do not require or cannot afford a full time CTO. They make use of our 9(2)(a) that provides access to all the collective experience of 9(2)(a)

I have attached our offering for your consideration and would be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

(1) <https://techblog.nz/1425-CTO-choice-delayed>

Regards

9(2)(a)

**Kate MacDonald**

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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 23 March 2018 9:29 PM  
**To:** C Curran (MIN)  
**Subject:** CTO Position

Hello Ms Curran,

I read with interest your decision to create a role in your government for a CTO to build your digital strategy for New Zealand. Whilst I am based in the UK my wife and I have keen interest in New Zealand since 9(2)(a) have been considering for some time to look at a position in your country and was quite surprised to see your vision for the country's structure.

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I am passionate that technology has a place, it has to bridge the divide across nations but it has to be done with balance and I would be honoured to be part of such a process in an area of the world where the time is right to do it right and do it well.

Many thanks for your time.

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**Kate MacDonald**

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**From:** (b)(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 23 March 2018 10:14 PM  
**To:** C Curran (MIN)  
**Subject:** CTO - Followup CV  
**Attachments:** (b)(2)(a)

Hello Ms Curran,

My apologies I can't find a way to apply formally for your role so I have attached my CV to this email.

I fully understand if the position is now closed.

Best Regards

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From:  
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Dear Ms Curran,

I've had time to read over all the documentation on this role and the rationale in your report to government about creating it. I feel there is something I should share with you and maybe give you an example that may resonate with your current thinking. I feel my experience to date lends itself whole heartedly to the vision you are trying the harness with this role and I would welcome the chance to discuss any possible opportunity further with you.

I sent you my CV but I cannot include in there a lot of the work I have been involved in. I have 9(2)(e) and therefore I can't talk about some of my past. That said when I read your role it passionately resonated with me. I can say is that this work was very much involved in accessing new technologies, considering for public safety and 9(2)(a) This was in the public sector, in internal government and in defence. I feel its important you know this although I can't break my confidentiality I will try and answer any broad questions you may have.

I believe you have the same set of challenges that any country has. Although I can't go into specifics, please consider this. How do you allow a government minister to actively use social media or message his family and friends using parliamentary equipment. Do you create policy that says no employee is allowed access to those sites and and you try and close down and restrict as much as you can. The problem is this doesn't allow you embrace technology it immediately puts you on the defensive and we both know they will find a way. How you stop an employee picking up a USB stick in the car park and plugging it into his/her laptop. Again you can't but what you can do is build a technology backbone that protects these people and takes away the burden of threat to allow them to go about their business. Train and provide them with the skills they need to recognise the threats but use technology to help. This is true across your government, your people and the country as a whole. Make New Zealand a technology player but do it in a way that protects your citizens.

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9(2)(a) In the last 10 years I have been a key global stakeholder in driving innovation and change through the use of technology. I am passionate that technology has a place in our society but it has to be balanced. I have witnessed both sides, the defence market where technology is everything, almost at any cost and I have witnessed the reluctance to embrace technology from the hardcore doctors realising its not always good to implement change. We have three children who have grown up with technology and I see how that has changed their lives and made them very different to that of my generation, some good but some not. I would find it an immense honour to in some way be able to harness the power of technology in a controlled way to bring its brilliance to the public but to protect them in their ignorance of use. Having spent many years in the government security arena I know all too well how the willingness to change and embrace growth can open up our populations to people trying to exploit its weaknesses.

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## Kate MacDonald

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**From:** Imogen Feslier Holmes on behalf of C Curran (MIN)  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 March 2018 2:49 PM  
**To:** Kate MacDonald  
**Subject:** FW: Chief Technology Officer Application

**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Sunday, 25 March 2018 10:53 PM  
**To:** C Curran (MIN) <c.curran@ministers.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Chief Technology Officer Application

Hello Kate,

Has the application process started?

Thanks  
9(2)(a)

On Thu, Feb 22, 2018 at 5:46 PM, C Curran (MIN) <c.curran@ministers.govt.nz> wrote:

Hello,

Thanks for this. I will forward it on to [digitalnz@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:digitalnz@mbie.govt.nz), for you. The applications will be open for anyone, including people who may have applied before.

Kind regards,

Kate

**From:** Imogen Feslier Holmes On Behalf Of C Curran (MIN)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 February 2018 11:49 AM  
**To:** Kate MacDonald 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Chief Technology Officer Application

**From:** '9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 February 2018 11:46 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: FW: Chief Technology Officer Application

Thanks Kate,

This is my application.

It is based on the simple premise that the primary purpose of the CTO is to discover and implement solutions that meet the needs of every local community and family.

Will the 60 who applied in round one be permitted to apply again in round two?

Regards

9(2)(a)

On Sun, Feb 18, 2018 at 8:24 PM, C Curran (MIN) <9(2)(a)> wrote:

Hello,

We're happy for you to submit an application in a non-traditional way! And you're not late – the Minister has yet to put out a call for applications for the next CTO round. An email will be sent to people to let them know when the application round opens, so you will have a bit of time to do your application.

Kind regards,

Kate

**From:** F 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 February 2018 2:49 PM  
**To:** C Curran (MIN) <9(2)(a)>  
**Subject:** Re: Chief Technology Officer Application

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CTO Application\_ 9(2)(a)

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**Private Secretary Government Digital Services**

**Office of the Hon Clare Curran, Minister for Government Digital Services**

**Tel: ([redacted]) Mobile: ([redacted]) Room 4.5L Executive Wing | Private Bag 18 888 | Parliament Buildings | Wellington 6160**



**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 February 2018 12:03 PM

To: C Curran (MIN) < 9(2)(e) >  
Subject: Chief Technology Officer Application

Dear Minister Clare Curran,

My name is 9(2)(a)

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New Zealand is on the cutting edge of every global technology shift from movies and rockets to accounting.

I am passionate about leveraging the Marae as a local technology hub across New Zealand. It can have a vibrant positive impact on connecting the social fabric, history, the present and the future of every community.

Interestingly Prime Minister 9(2)(e) a few days ago. By her example she is showing us that these technologies can impact quality of life processes at every level, from political to personal, and local to international.

I am interested in starting a national grass roots campaign for people to gather at their local Marae, too learn about the transformational impacts of technology on communities, culture, social cohesion and mana.

Kind Regards

9(2)(a)

## Kate MacDonald

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**From:** Kate MacDonald on behalf of C Curran (MIN)  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 March 2018 3:36 PM  
**To:** C Curran (MIN)  
**Subject:** RE: Chief Technology Officer Application

Hello,

No, the CTO process has not started yet. The Minister has just set up the Digital Economy, Digital inclusion Ministerial Advisory Group. It has had its first meeting and she is hoping to talk with them in the coming weeks about the next steps for the process.

We will send an email to all interested parties once the CTO process starts again.

Kind regards,  
Kate

**From:** 9(2)(a) 1]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 25 March 2018 10:53 PM  
**To:** C Curran (MIN) <[c.curran@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:c.curran@ministers.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: Chief Technology Officer Application

Hello Kate,

Has the application process started?

Thanks

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On Thu, Feb 22, 2018 at 5:46 PM, C Curran (MIN) <[c.curran@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:c.curran@ministers.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hello,

Thanks for this. I will forward it on to [digitalnz@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:digitalnz@mbie.govt.nz), for you. The applications will be open for anyone, including people who may have applied before.

Kind regards,

Kate

**From:** Imogen Feslier Holmes **On Behalf Of** C Curran (MIN)

**Sent:** Thursday, 22 February 2018 11:49 AM

**To:** Kate MacDonald 9(2)(1)

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**Subject:** FW: FW: Chief Technology Officer Application

**From:** 9(2)(1)

**Sent:** Thursday, 22 February 2018 11:46 AM

**To:** C Curran (MIN) <[c.curran@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:c.curran@ministers.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Re: FW: Chief Technology Officer Application

Thanks Kate,

This is my application.

It is based on the simple premise that the primary purpose of the CTO is to discover and implement solutions that meet the needs of every local community and family.

Will the 60 who applied in round one be permitted to apply again in round two?

Regards

9(2)(1)

On Sun, Feb 18, 2018 at 8:24 PM, C Curran (MIN) <[c.curran@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:c.curran@ministers.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hello,

We're happy for you to submit an application in a non-traditional way! And you're not late – the Minister has yet to put out a call for applications for the next CTO round. An email will be sent to people to let them know when the application round opens, so you will have a bit of time to do your application.

Kind regards,

Kate

**From:** F. [redacted] 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 February 2018 2:49 PM  
**To:** C Curran (MIN) <[c.curran@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:c.curran@ministers.govt.nz)>  
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## Digital NZ

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**From:** sq(2)(u)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 March 2018 9:10 a.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** ! Expression of Interest: Chief Technology Officer

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to request, confidentially, to be updated when the CTO role is re-opened for applications.

Is it possible to advise me when the process moves to the next stage as I understand that during the initial process the Minister Curran did not confirm a candidate.

Sincerely,

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Proactively Released

## Digital NZ

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 March 2018 9:15 a.m.  
**To:** Digital NZ  
**Subject:** Re: ! Expression of Interest: Chief Technology Officer [UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear 9(2)(a)

I would greatly appreciate that, as well as that my interest to have a look at it, when the time comes, is considered with express confidentiality.

I'm sure this whole process is very confidential anyway(!).

Thank you so much and all the best,

s9(2)(a)

On Mar 26, 2018, at 4:11 PM, Digital NZ <DigitalNZ@mbie.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi s9(2)(a)

Thanks for getting in touch. Yes, you're correct that Minister Curran has not appointed a CTO yet. We can certainly let you know as soon as the second round of applications re-opens.

Best,

9(2)(a)  
POLICY ADVISOR  
Digital Economy

Commerce, Consumers & Communications Branch  
Building, Resources and Markets | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 March 2018 12:00 PM  
**To:** Kate MacDonald  
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**From:** Kate MacDonald on behalf of C Curran (MIN)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 March 2018 1:50 PM  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: CTO Position

Dear Mr 9(2)(a)

Thank you very much for your letter and your interest in the widened Chief Technology Officer role. Hon Clare Curran has asked me to reply to your email.

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**From:** Kate MacDonald  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 March 2018 1:51 PM  
**To:** 'Digital NZ'  
**Subject:** FW: CTO Position  
**Attachments:** 9(2)(a)

Hello,

Another CTO applicant for that list.

Thanks,  
Kate

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The calibre and standard of shortlisted applicants was extremely high, with candidates bringing a wealth of knowledge, experience and insights. This inevitably resulted in some difficult decisions in determining the final shortlist to be interviewed.

Your application and the particular strengths you have to offer in supporting New Zealand to maintain its status as a world leading Digital Nation were highly regarded.

This government remains committed to working in partnership with a broad range of stakeholders. In light of your expertise, we will be exploring the opportunities to engage with you further in the coming months as we develop a digital strategy for New Zealand and as new initiatives to grow the digital economy and achieve digital equity get underway.

Thank you again for the time and effort involved in submitting your application.

Kind regards

Hon Clare Curran

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**Sent:** Thursday, 29 March 2018 8:27 AM  
**To:** Kate MacDonald  
**Subject:** FW: CTO Position

**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 March 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** C Curran (MIN) <c.curran@ministers.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: CTO Position

Dear Kate,

Many thanks for the Ministers reply. I would be honoured to be part of the process and will indeed put my name forward for the widening search.

I look forward to hearing from you when the position is next advertised but in the meantime if I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

Please give my thanks to the Minister.

Best Regards

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