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**SUBJECT: WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT DATA GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT SURVEY 2024**

As part of the implementation of the Digital Government Act 2022, the Department of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is undertaking the Whole of Government Data Governance Assessment Survey 2024, scheduled for, May 2024.

This survey aims to comprehensively gather information on how organizations manage and govern their data across various dimensions in the current digital landscape of the entire government, including sub-national and national levels. Recognizing the critical need for establishing robust baseline data governance practices, the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) seeks to evaluate data governance maturity and readiness for Digital Government, facilitating informed decision-making processes. In today's rapidly evolving digital environment, data plays a central role in enabling effective decision-making.

Effective data governance practices are crucial for Papua New Guinea's ICT advancement, providing a foundation for secure, compliant, and efficient data management. Through assessing the current data governance landscape, we can identify areas for improvement and establish robust frameworks aligned with international standards. This mitigates risks such as breaches and privacy violations while enhancing the efficacy of ICT initiatives, and driving informed decision-making and socioeconomic progress. The survey aligns with the objectives outlined in the Marape-Roso Government Medium-Term Development Plan IV 2023 – 2027, particularly under SPA 8.1 Integrated Digital Government System.

The survey comprises one phase of an online survey specifically focused on Data Governance, scheduled from May 10th to May 30th, 2024.



The outcomes of the online survey will;

- Validated during a workshop to provide valuable insights into the current state of data governance practices. Responses will reveal strengths such as well-defined policies, alongside areas needing improvement, including data security, management, and regulatory compliance.
- Survey results may highlight common challenges such as data silos or resource constraints. This validation process ensures that conclusions drawn are accurate, relevant, and aligned with the collective understanding of every stakeholder or agency that participated in the survey.
- The workshop offers an opportunity to delve deeper into specific areas identified in the survey, address any discrepancies or uncertainties, and develop action plans, roadmaps, and strategies based on the validated findings.

We kindly request your assistance with relevant officers responsible for ICT functions, Data officers, and DTO Officers in your department /agencies to participate in the online Questionnaires. The survey will be available on the DICT website as well as on the DICT LinkedIn page.

Please find attached the survey questionnaire for your review. We cordially invite your participation in this significant initiative. Your input will be invaluable in shaping the direction of our data governance efforts. Thank you for your contribution and commitment to this important endeavor. We look forward to your participation.

Yours Sincerely,



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