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.UK Policy Stakeholder Committee Meeting

18th June 2015

Attendees: Tania Baumann; Liz Coll; Carolyn Kimber; Vicki Nash; Dave Thomas

Apologies: Tim Brown; Garreth Cameron; Pete McDougall; Simon Rice; Gilad Rosner

Secretariat: Leanne Kenny

Policy Forum

The Secretariat updated committee members on the feedback received from delegates of the recent Policy Forum. Delegates were very positive about the content and the speakers, but expressed concern that not enough time was given to discussing the issues. The Secretariat acknowledged this and members agreed that the agenda was ambitious. In addition the calibre of speakers and quality of presentations resulted in more time being dedicated to this element of the agenda rather than audience questions.

The committee provided some useful points to consider for future events:

- Ensure the Chair asks for questions from the audience before the session to give the speaker the opportunity to address these during their presentation – a ‘3 areas of concerns or interest from the audience’ approach.
 - Invite input from stakeholders at the planning stage so they have the opportunity to shape the programme.
 - Avoid scheduling Nominet events close together.
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Consultation - Contact data collection and publication in the .UK WHOIS

The Secretariat provided a confidential briefing to the committee on the feedback received to the consultation. The Secretariat would provide a summary of the feedback and their recommendations on how to proceed to the Nominet Board at their next meeting.

Nominet update and Policy work programme

The Secretariat updated the committee on Nominet’s future strategy which focuses on ensuring we can operate as a commercial organisation and deliver public benefit.

The Secretariat discussed with the committee whether including a planning session on the future policy work programme at the September meeting would be beneficial. Committee members agreed this would be helpful.

Horizon scanning and stakeholder engagement

Committee members discussed the progress of the revision of the Data Protection Regulation and highlighted concerns as to whether the proposed regulation would help consumers. Some felt the revisions focused more on competition and enabling the market to work efficiently than on protecting data.

One committee member drew attention to the recent publication of the Competition and Markets Authority findings on the commercial use of consumer data.

There was no recent stakeholder engagement activity to report.