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PAL Project resumes

Media Briefing

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Key Points

Aim, scope, and benefits of the project have not changed:

- ◆ The project will improve the way in which NZ legislation is made available to the public
- ◆ The aim is to provide public access to up-to-date official legislation in both printed & electronic form
- ◆ The system will implement a new XML-based drafting and publishing system within the PCO
- ◆ A website will provide free public access to Bills, Acts, Statutory Regulations, & SOPs

Basis of resumption of project

- ◆ PCO and Unisys have agreed on commercial basis on which the project will be completed
- ◆ Unisys will complete the project to agreed time and quality criteria
- ◆ Government has provided additional funding to PCO to complete the project and cover ongoing operating costs
- ◆ PAL system will be housed and supported by Unisys
- ◆ Details of project costs, and additional funding, provided in media statement of 1 April 05

Technical issues

- ◆ Technical issues that delayed the project in 2003 have been carefully analysed by independent experts
- ◆ Technical review conducted by InQuirion concluded that the PAL system, when implemented, will be operationally stable, maintainable, and capable of future enhancement, if certain issues are addressed

Project planning & management

- ◆ Implement recommendations of technical review
- ◆ Undertake “proof of concept” of new system components (eg upgrade of print rendering engine)
- ◆ Identify opportunities to standardise and simplify

Project planning & management

- ◆ Independent quality assurance services engaged to provide ongoing monthly project management health check and regular reporting to the project steering committee
- ◆ Independent technical expert engaged to provide ongoing technical advice and assistance to PCO

Project plan

- ◆ Development of comprehensive set of print output specifications and example documents for use in design, development, and testing
- ◆ Development of comprehensive functional specification that integrates original user requirements and functional specification documents, original design documents, and functional requirements subsequently identified
- ◆ Upgrades to existing technology solution

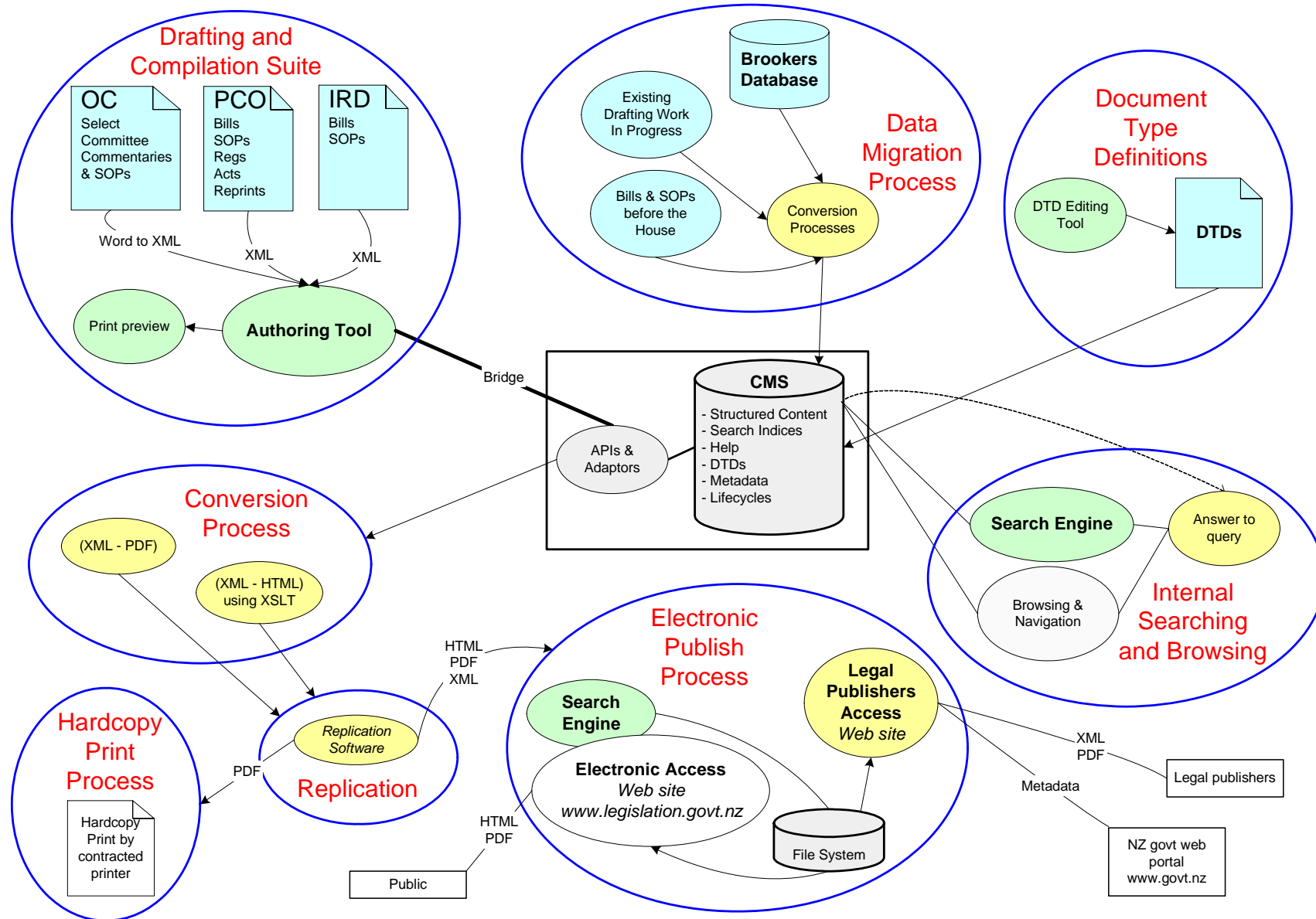
Project plan cont'd

- ◆ Design and development work
- ◆ Comprehensive testing programme, including systems testing, performance and stress testing, and user acceptance testing
- ◆ Further training of PCO, Office of the Clerk, and Inland Revenue Department Tax Drafting Unit staff before implementation of the system in live production

Key project dates

- ◆ Restart date Quarter 1 2005
- ◆ Proof of Concept review Quarter 4 2005
- ◆ Comprehensive testing programme Quarter 4 2006
- ◆ Implementation Quarter 4 2006/
Quarter 1 2007

PAL System – Technical Architecture



Key issues from technical review

- ◆ Performance, functionality, and future fit of print rendering engine
- ◆ Upgrade to latest version of content management system
- ◆ Support for macrons in Maori text on website
- ◆ Future development of website
- ◆ Ongoing maintenance and support arrangements

Interim arrangements continue

- ◆ Interim website of NZ legislation from Brookers at www.legislation.govt.nz
- ◆ Legislative materials (Bills, Acts, Statutory Regulations, SOPs) from Knowledge Basket at www.knowledge-basket.co.nz
- ◆ Hard copies of legislation: Bennetts
- ◆ Unofficial electronic legislation: Legislation Direct
- ◆ Prepublication services: Legislation Direct

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◆ See also PCO website:
www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/pal