

Debrief on information security exercise

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Background

The Security and Reliability Council (SRC) functions under the Electricity Industry Act 2010 include providing advice to the Electricity Authority on reliability of supply matters.

The SRC has previously received four papers on the topic of information security:

- a paper describing the electricity industry's arrangements for information security (22 October 2015)
- an updated version of the above paper (15 March 2016)¹
- an update on cybersecurity-related matters (19 October 2016)²
- an update on progress against SRC actions relating to information security (28 March 2017).³

In the last of these papers, the secretariat undertook to “monitor further developments [on running an information security exercise] and report back to the SRC if the above developments fail to progress.”

Since then, a subset of Control Systems Security Information Exchange (CSSIE) members have been working together with the aim of running such an exercise for the New Zealand electricity sector. Facilitated by Transpower, an exercise was held during February 2018. A representative from Transpower will attend the 28 March 2018 SRC meeting to give a confidential presentation about the exercise and be available to answer any questions from the SRC.

The SRC may wish to consider the following questions.

- Q1.** What further information, if any, does the SRC wish to have provided to it by the secretariat?
- Q2.** What advice, if any, does the SRC wish to provide to the Authority?

¹ The paper is available from <http://www.ea.govt.nz/development/advisory-technical-groups/src/meeting-papers/2016/15-march-2016/>

² The paper is available from <https://www.ea.govt.nz/development/advisory-technical-groups/src/meeting-papers/2016/19-october-2016/>

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