

STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT OUTLOOK

Ministry of Research, Science & Technology

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Mission

The Ministry of Research, Science and Technology (MoRST) provides policy advice on New Zealand's RS&T system and manages the government's investment through Vote RS&T. The policy advice focuses on the performance of the NZ RS&T system and how it may be strengthened for the benefit of New Zealand.

MoRST is to amalgamate with FRST into a new department. While the amalgamation will change the roles and functions of MoRST and FRST significantly, it is also expected that the strategic priorities and core business objectives will continue in the new department.

Policies & Programmes

MoRST manages the funding agreements with the agencies that invest Vote RS&T. The ministry assesses the performance and outputs of the RS&T system through regular surveys and evaluations, and uses this information to shape its policy advice. The Ministry works with other agencies across government to support the effective use of science and technology in government decisions and in the development of New Zealand's economy, environment and communities.

The five core business objectives are:

- Provide scientific and technical advice
- Provide advice on New Zealand RS&T system
- Provide effective management and delivery of the government's RS&T funding
- Strengthen New Zealand's international RS&T links
- Engage New Zealander's with science and technology

Overarching Purchasing Objectives

MoRST's main purchasing activities relate to:

- Providing policy advice on New Zealand's RS&T system
- Providing specialist technical advice to inform government decisions

General Information

Total number of employees:	84
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