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MINISTER'S SPEECH - INAUGURAL DTO WORKSHOP

“Digital Transformation Journey - Setting the Direction for PNG & Empowering all Stakeholders”

9am, 10th November 2022 - Hilton Hotel, Port Moresby

**ICT Managers,
System Administrators,
Network Engineers,
IT Technical Officers,
Cyber Analysts,
Our Partners to this Workshop namely: the PNG
University of Technology and the Business Council
Our Development Partners and Stakeholders**

I thank you for accepting the invitation by my Ministry and the Department of ICT to participate at this inaugural **Digital Transformation Officers Workshop**.

This Digital Transformation Officers' Workshop is a significant milestone for our digital transformation journey.

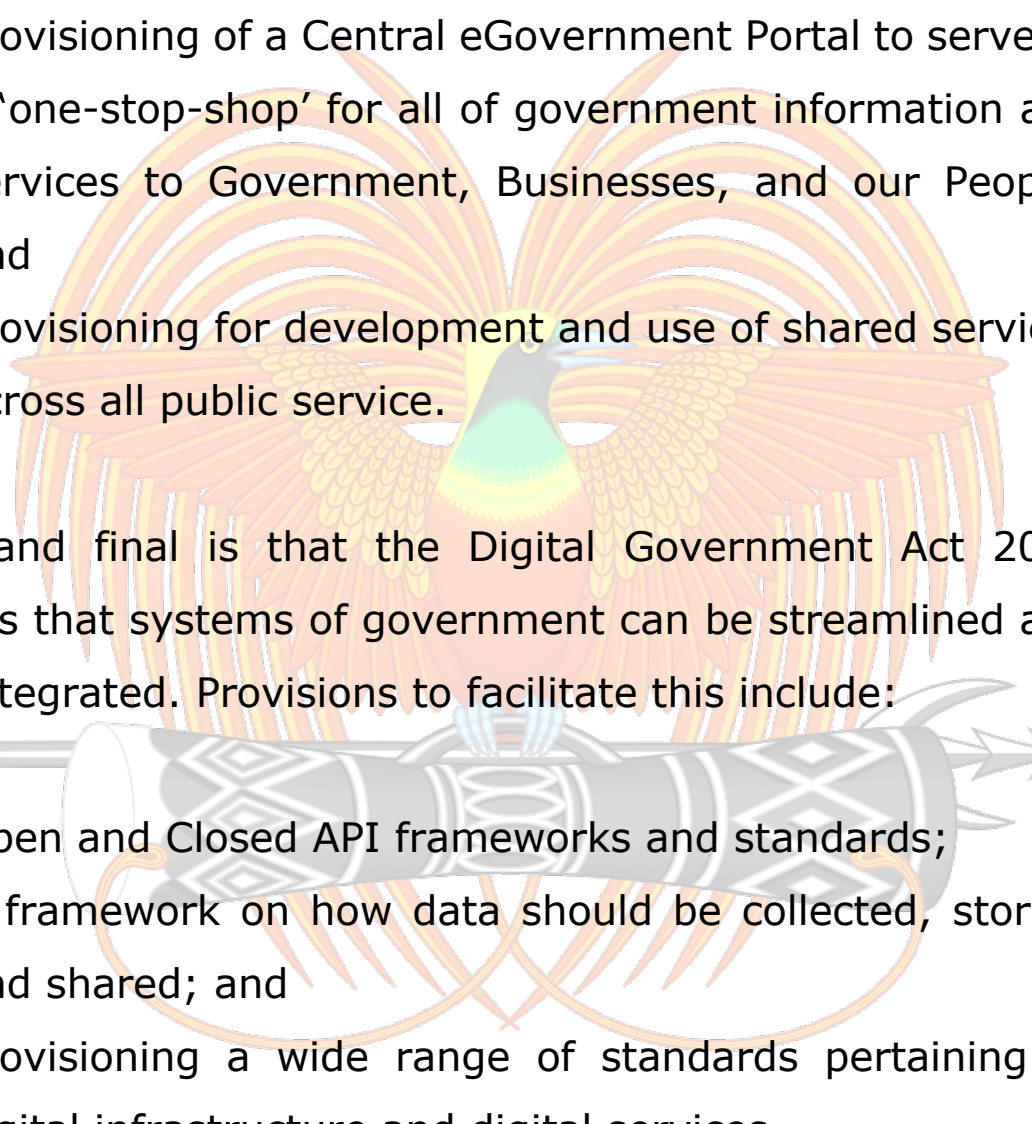
Many of you will be aware of the Digital Government Act 2022 which I brought to the National Parliament in April this year.

Please allow me to highlight important provisions of the Digital Government Act 2022 that is key to driving the digital transformation agenda.

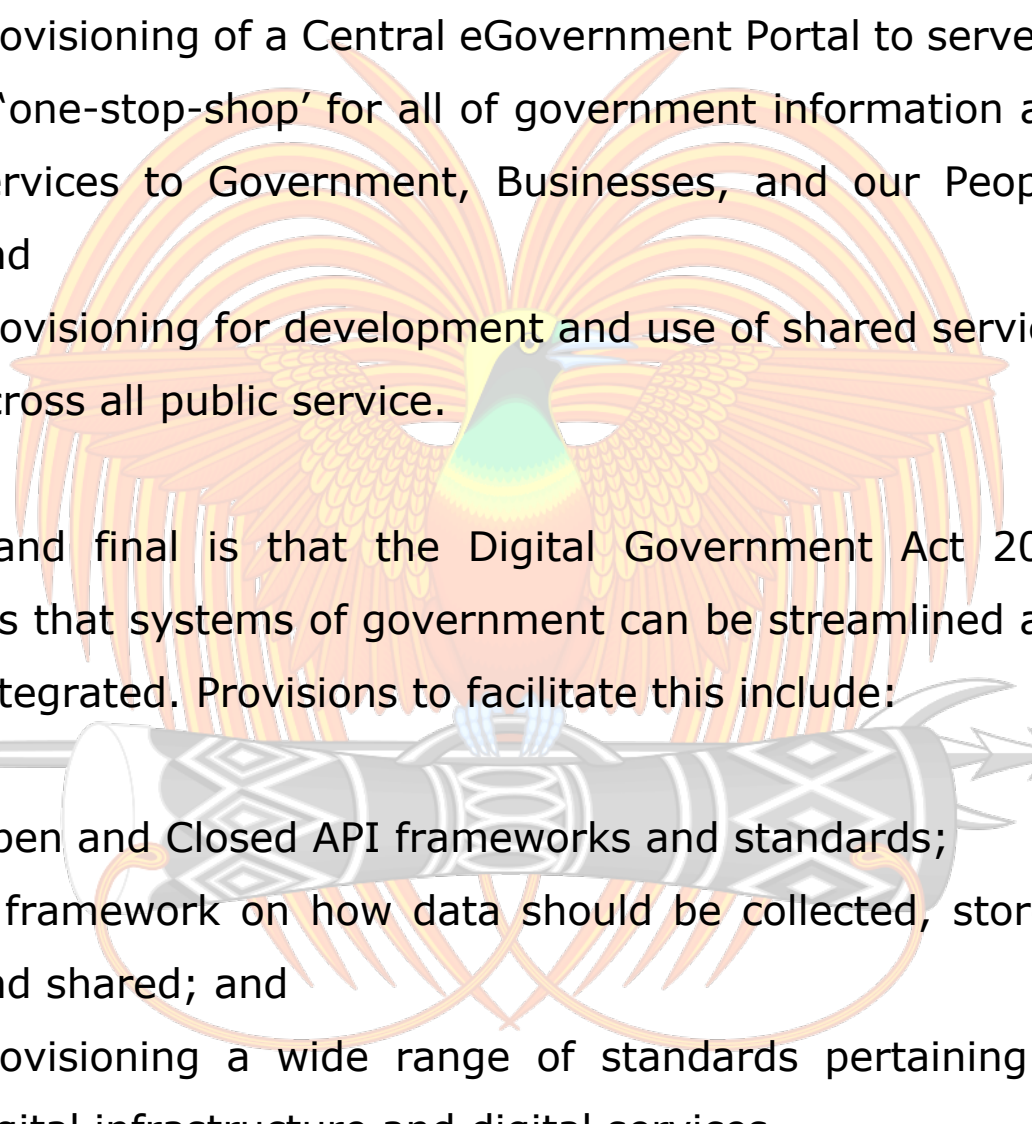
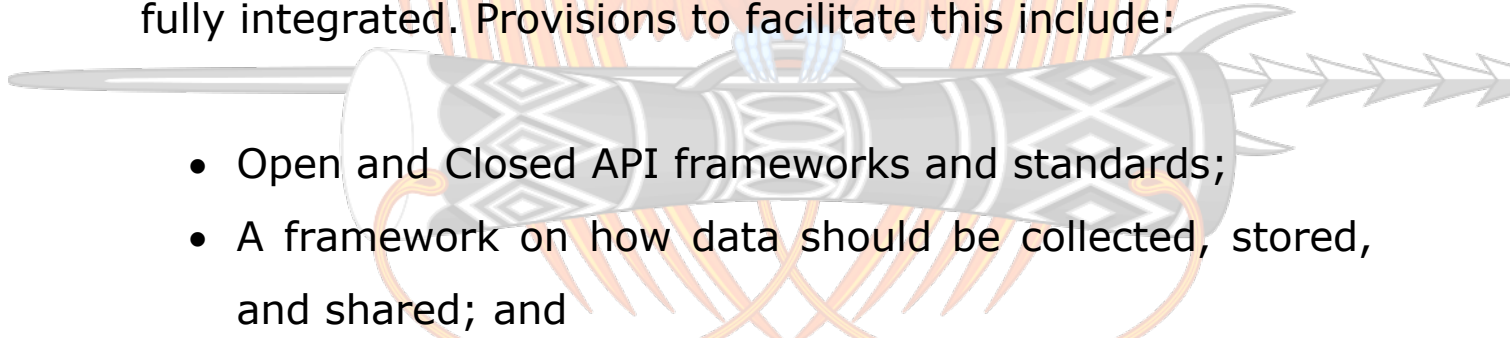
Firstly, the Act puts in place essential governance frameworks. These include:

- Provisioning of **Digital Transformation Officers** (referred to as DTOs) across Public Service to be the deliverers of digital transformation within each public body;
- Establishment of the **Public Service ICT Steering Committee** to coordinate the digital transformation journey; and
- Establishment of the **Public Service ICT Audit Committee** to oversee commissioning and enforcement of ICT audit activities.

Secondly, the Digital Government Act 2022 establishes essential operations and programs. These include:

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- Establishment of a National Cyber Security Centre to monitor, secure, prevent, and investigate cyber threats across all of our critical digital infrastructures;
 - Establishment of a Private Government Cloud and Private Government Network for secure storage and transmission of data and services;
 - Provisioning of a Central eGovernment Portal to serve as a 'one-stop-shop' for all of government information and services to Government, Businesses, and our People; and
 - Provisioning for development and use of shared services across all public service.

Third and final is that the Digital Government Act 2022 ensures that systems of government can be streamlined and fully integrated. Provisions to facilitate this include:

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- Open and Closed API frameworks and standards;
 - A framework on how data should be collected, stored, and shared; and
 - Provisioning a wide range of standards pertaining to digital infrastructure and digital services.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Digital Government Act 2022 will be presented comprehensively to you in upcoming session but what I want to point out is that this important piece of legislation now sets the foundation to transform our public service.

I understand that you all have been nominated as the Digital Transformation Officer for your respective agencies. This means you are now responsible for leading the digital transformation journey in your agency.

This DTOs' Workshop serves as a critical milestone. This workshop will now unpack all the efforts my department has made to commence our journey. These efforts include just to name a few, the cloud based digital building blocks, government shared services, and cyber security initiatives.

One important effort is the training and capacity building.

As Minister, I have spent the last 11 months negotiating capacity building opportunities with development partners and organizations including the Australian Government, the ITU, the Internet Governance Forum and the Global Forum for Cyber Expertise (GFCE) and we have piloted a few already within the National Cyber Security Centre.

My Ministry and the Department will commit to working closely with these partners to step up on capacity building programs. I will also explore options with the Ministry for Public Services on introducing special allowances for those that obtain specialized ICT skills.

Ladies and Gentlemen, your attendance to this workshop as Digital Transformation Officers is now very important. You are the team that will transform our public service.

I want to conclude by wishing you all the best in this workshop. This Government, and particularly My Ministry have done our part to introduce the Digital Government Act 2022.

It is now your turn to work under this legal framework to drive the digital transformation agenda in the public sector, and it will only happen if we work collaboratively and coordinate well.

Thank you and God Bless