

## **.nz NEWSLETTER – December 2006**

### **:: DNC OFFICE ::**

The DNC office would like to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season. The office will be closed on the statutory holidays. If you need to contact the DNC over the holiday period, please email any issues to [info@dnc.org.nz](mailto:info@dnc.org.nz). Our responses to enquiries may be slightly delayed over this period.

### **.nz Statistics**

In November the number of active .nz domain names increased from 252,928 to 257,872, a net increase of 4,944. This net growth followed another strong month of new registrations with 7,519 new .nz domain names being registered over November.

### **Registering, Managing and Cancelling (RMC) Policy Review – Extended Second Consultation Period**

A consultation paper regarding the review of the Registering, Managing and Cancelling Domain Names Policy has been published and public comments are being sought. The paper can be seen at <http://dnc.org.nz/rmc-2ndconsult>.

This consultation has a particular focus on obtaining views of whether there should be any change to the current registration requirements, as proposed in two of the submissions received after the first round of consultation (<http://dnc.org.nz/rmc-review>).

Currently the .nz space operates on a 'first come first served' basis with no restrictions on who can register in the open second level domains. If some of the proposals suggested in the submissions are accepted, there will be changes to this principle and the involvement of both registrars and the DNC in the actual registration of domain names and their use. Given this, it is considered important that a wide range of views are obtained.

The consultation period has now been extended until **midday on Wednesday 14 February 2007**.

Submissions can be sent by email to [policies@dnc.org.nz](mailto:policies@dnc.org.nz), by fax to (04) 495 2115, or by mail to P O Box 11881, Wellington. As submissions are received they will be published on the DNC website at <http://dnc.org.nz/rmc-2ndconsult>.

## **Registrars Advisory Group (RAG) Elections – Call for nominations**

We are now inviting nominations for six registrar representatives on the Registrar Advisory Group (RAG). All six representatives are being replaced this year; this is due to the fact that some of the current members are no longer associated with authorised registrars.

Nominations need to meet the following criteria:

- One nomination per registrar.
- Nominees need to have a clear relationship with an authorised registrar.
- Nominees must be a named person; you cannot put forward a general representative that will be filled by an unspecified person.
- Include a short biography of the nominee (around 100 words)

Nominations, with biographies, should be sent to [registrar@dnc.org.nz](mailto:registrar@dnc.org.nz) and need to be received by January 15 2007.

For more information on the RAG group a background article has been posted at <http://dnc.org.nz/content/ragbackground.html> .

## **DRS summary – The first six months**

The .nz Dispute Resolution Service has now been in operation for six months. Over that period, we have received a total of 51 complaints. Unfortunately the quality of complaints remains an issue with 17 (33%) of the complaints received being declared invalid for a variety of reasons including them involving non .nz domain names. People are encouraged to read the material provided to assist them and also take note of the various alerts that may appear throughout the process.

Of the 34 valid complaints lodged in the first six months:

- 8 were settled prior to mediation. That is, as soon as the registrant was notified the matter was addressed.
- 9 responses to complaints were received and therefore those 9 disputes went to mediation.
- Of the 9 disputes sent to mediation, 7 were resolved.
- 5 disputes have been determined by an Expert, with one dismissed and four ordered transferred.

The highest month for complaints was August with 12 being received. This followed 11 in the first month of June and 6 in July. In September, 7 complaints were received, 5 in October and 10 in November.

## **December NZOC meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the NZOC meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> of December have been posted and can be [http://dnc.org.nz/content/Minutes\\_11\\_Dec\\_06.pdf](http://dnc.org.nz/content/Minutes_11_Dec_06.pdf) .

## Statistics

Figures as at 30 November 2006:

	<i>Active names as at 1 November</i>	<i>Active names as at end 30 November</i>	<i>New registrations November</i>	<i>Renewals November</i>	<i>Net Growth</i>
.ac	1238	1252	24	276	14
.co	216115	220423	6549	48424	4308
.cri	18	18	0	4	0
.geek	831	837	19	190	6
.gen	1054	1063	18	281	9
.govt	868	874	8	666	6
.iwi	56	56	1	10	0
.maori	453	460	14	79	7
.mil	21	21	0	10	0
.net	14969	15276	491	3103	307
.org	14741	15009	367	3024	268
.parliament	3	2	0	2	1
.school	2561	2581	28	1095	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>252928</b>	<b>257872</b>	<b>7519</b>	<b>57164</b>	<b>4944</b>

Note: these figures do not include names in the 'pending release' status. They incorporate all active domain names in the .nz register. For more statistics, see <http://dnc.org.nz/statistics>

### :: .nz REGISTRY SERVICES ::

The NZRS team wish all the Registrars and users of the .nz SRS and DNS a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The NZRS office will be shut during the public holidays but the after hours service will operate as normal through out the period. Details of the after-hours service are available on the NZRS website.

### Release of SRS Source Code

There was a release of the SRS Open Source Code on Friday 8th December 2006. The SRS Open Source Code is available on Sourceforge. The Project is called "Domain Name Registry System" .

The link to access the project is <http://sourceforge.net/projects/dnrs/>

### SRS Availability

SRS Availability	SLA	September	October	November
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%	99.90	99.99	99.97	99.96
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### SRS Response Times

Response time performance figures on the production environment for the previous three months were:

Avg Response time (in seconds)	SLA Target (From 1 May 2006)	September	October	November
Domain Details Query	≤1.5	0.05	0.03	0.04
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.44	0.45	0.46
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.56	0.48	0.53
GetMessage performance	≤0.8	0.04	0.03	0.03
Whois	≤0.8	0.16	0.12	0.11
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	1,599	1,691	1,568
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	211	217	238
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.8	0.20	0.15	0.16

### DNS Availability

DNS Availability	SLA	September	October	November
%	100	100	100	100

### Whois Availability

Whois Availability	SLA	September	October	November
%	99.90%	99.99	99.97	99.96

### Unscheduled Outages

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	18 mins 23 sec
WHOIS Unscheduled	17 mins 53 sec

### Scheduled Outages and Updates

12 Nov – 4 hours	Scheduled Maintenance upgrade
26 Nov 2 hours	Scheduled switch of front ends

### Any Comments?

If you have any questions or concerns about the SRS, please don't hesitate to contact us. For registry or technical matters, contact Nick Griffin at [support@nzrs.net.nz](mailto:support@nzrs.net.nz). For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at [info@dnc.org.nz](mailto:info@dnc.org.nz).

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