

## **.nz NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2004**

**:: DNC OFFICE ::**

### **Summary of the .nz market**

For January, the level of active .nz domain names increased from 142,468 to 144,092, a net increase of 1,624.

Since the last newsletter one registrar has been authorised and one has connected to production. There are now 47 parties authorised as registrars, with 42 of those connected to production and offering .nz registration and management services.

### **NZOC Meeting**

The .nz Oversight Committee (NZOC) met on Thursday 19 February. A copy of the minutes is available at <http://www.dnc.org.nz/story/30160-30-29.html>.

### **2LD Policy Review**

The 2LD Working Group (WG) has considered all submissions received during the first public consultation of the 2LD policy review. The WG now invite comment on a proposed new Second Level Domain policy that is available at:

[http://www.dnc.org.nz/content/proposed\\_new\\_2LD\\_policy.pdf](http://www.dnc.org.nz/content/proposed_new_2LD_policy.pdf)

Key features of the proposed policy include:

- The continued registration of .nz domain names at the third level
- A simpler process for creating new second level domains
- Criteria set for creating new second level domains
- Different processes for creating moderated and open second level domains

All comments are welcome. Please submit any comments via email to [policies@dnc.org.nz](mailto:policies@dnc.org.nz). Submissions close on 5 April and all submissions received will be published on the DNC site.

### **Zone Transfer Policy Review**

The DNC invites comments on a proposed new Zone Transfer Policy that is available at [http://www.dnc.org.nz/content/proposed\\_new\\_zone\\_transfer\\_policy.pdf](http://www.dnc.org.nz/content/proposed_new_zone_transfer_policy.pdf)

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## New Premises

NZRS, InternetNZ and the DNC are relocating to new offices in early March. The shared premises are located at Exchange Place on Willeston Street in Wellington.

Work has proceeded on plans for the new premises and the move to the new premises will take place over Wednesday 3 March and Thursday 4 March.

During this time it may be difficult to contact the staff of the NZRS and DNC offices. The phones will be disconnected from 2pm on Wednesday 3 March and are expected to be reconnected (with the same numbers applying) on Thursday 4 March. Any urgent matters should be emailed to [info@dnc.org.nz](mailto:info@dnc.org.nz) or [support@nzrs.net.nz](mailto:support@nzrs.net.nz) and they will be responded to as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience that may occur during this time.

## DNC Staff

Stuart Anderson commenced work as a Compliance Officer with the DNC office in January. Stuart has been employed as a permanent, part-time person to focus on registrar compliance monitoring.

## Statistics

Figures as at 31 January 2004:

	<i>Active names as at 1 January</i>	<i>Active names as at end 31 January</i>	<i>New registrations January</i>	<i>Renewals January</i>	<i>Change over month</i>
.ac	812	814	10	215	2
.co	120773	122148	2768	31878	1375
.cri	27	27	0	6	0
.geek	583	584	37	239	1
.gen	848	878	6	56	30
.govt	700	704	6	239	4
.iwi	45	47	2	18	2
.maori	310	310	4	14	0
.mil	14	14	0	3	0
.net	8071	8143	187	1814	72
.org	8191	8309	178	1885	118
.school	2094	2114	25	848	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142468</b>	<b>144092</b>	<b>3223</b>	<b>37215</b>	<b>1624</b>

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

## **:: .nz REGISTRY SERVICES ::**

### **Outages and Updates**

There were no scheduled or unscheduled outages during January. The SRS availability was 100% for the month.

### **SRS Availability**

<b>SRS</b>	<b>Availability</b>	November	December	January
%		99.91	99.8	100

### **SRS Response Times**

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

Avg Response time (in seconds)	November	December	January
Domain Details Query	0.369	0.361	0.383
Domain Update	0.265	0.401	0.393
Domain Create	0.475	0.539	0.462
GetMessage performance	0.485	0.397	0.724
GetMessage (volume)	42,817	50,886	73,231
Whois	0.196	0.206	0.213
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume)	352,796	379,632	644,555
Whois Server Queries (volume)	234,634	225,716	240,113
UDAI Valid Query	0.229	0.196	0.210

### **Open Source**

On 30 January NZRS released the SRS software under a GPL licence on sourceforge. We are pleased that the SRS has been downloaded over 12 times and in addition copies are to be distributed to several groups who have requested this.

### **RFI/RFP**

During January NZRS published the RFI for the provision of services to support and maintain the SRS and DNS systems. We are very pleased with the response to the RFI and are currently working through the process.

## **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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