# .nz NEWSLETTER – October 2005

## :: DNC OFFICE ::

In September the number of active .nz domain names increased from 197,113 to 200,712, a net increase of 3,599. The milestone of 200,000 active .nz domain names was reached on 26 September.

There were 5,665 new domain names registered over the month. This shows a steady increase in the number of new domains created during September over the last few years with 4,448 new registrations in September 2004 and 3,936 in September 2003.

### .nz Oversight Committee (NZOC) Meeting

The NZOC held a meeting on Monday 10 October. A copy of the minutes will be available shortly. Items discussed at the meeting included:

- *.parliament.nz Application*

NZOC considered material that the Parliamentary Service had provided in order to address concerns regarding the application meeting the criterion that the new 2LD "does not conflict with, duplicate or cause confusion about, any existing 2LD, and is a useful addition to the current DNS hierarchy". This material included:
- A revised application
- A revised moderation policy setting out more clearly what organisations would be eligible for a .parliament.nz domain name
- Four documents that are able to be linked to online, entitled:
  - What is Parliament?
  - Government Accountability to the House
  - The Legislative Process
  - On the Constitution of New Zealand: An Introduction to the Foundations of the Current Form of Government

Following a detailed discussion NZOC agreed that the .parliament.nz application had met the criteria as specified in the 2LD policy for the creation of a new 2LD. A recommendation from NZOC that .parliament.nz be created will go before the InternetNZ Council's next meeting on 28 October 2005.

- *Transfer to Another Registrar Policy review*

NZOC approved a revised version of the Transfer to Another Registrar Policy and this version will go to the InternetNZ Council for final approval at their meeting on 28 October.

Changes to the policy are to clause three which relates to transfer principles and include specific reference to when the UDAI must be provided to the registrant, what the UDAI is for and allows the registrars to include a statement with the UDAI, explaining what the purpose of the UDAI is.

**New Senior Support Analyst for the DNC Office**

We are pleased to announce that Alison McKenzie will be joining the office on 31 October as the Senior Support Analyst. Alison joins us from the Department of Internal Affairs where she was an advisor.

From 31 October, the staff in the DNC Office will be:
Stuart Anderson – Compliance Officer
Adam Griffiths – Support Analyst
Alison McKenzie – Senior Support Analyst
Debbie Monahan – Domain Name Commissioner

**Statistics**

Figures as at 30 September 2005:

| | Active names as at 1 September | Active names as at end 30 September | New registrations September | Renewals September | Change over month |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| .ac | 1072 | 1081 | 18 | 257 | 9 |
| .co | 167989 | 171174 | 4912 | 43837 | 3185 |
| .cri | 25 | 25 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| .geek | 659 | 354 | 8 | 142 | -5 |
| .gen | 918 | 930 | 19 | 252 | 12 |
| .govt | 787 | 793 | 10 | 229 | 6 |
| .iwi | 54 | 54 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| .maori | 384 | 376 | 11 | 74 | -8 |
| .mil | 17 | 19 | 2 | 11 | 2 |
| .net | 11195 | 11409 | 367 | 2698 | 214 |
| .org | 11595 | 11770 | 299 | 2931 | 175 |
| .school | 2418 | 2427 | 19 | 1058 | 9 |
| *TOTAL* | *197113* | *200712* | *5665* | *51503* | *3599* |

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

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## SRS Availability

System availability for September was 99.94%, against the SLA standard of 99.9%

| SRS Availability | July | August | September |
|---|---|---|---|
| % | 99.99 | 99.91 | 99.94 |

## SRS Response Times

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

| Avg Response time (in seconds) | July | August | September |
|---|---|---|---|
| Domain Details Query | 0.57 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Domain Update | 0.54 | 0.59 | 0.62 |
| Domain Create | 0.62 | 0.63 | 0.73 |
| GetMessage performance | 0.42 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| GetMessage (volume 000's) | 43 | 42 | 319 |
| Whois | 0.21 | 0.24 | 0.23 |
| Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's) | 1762 | 1829 | 1847 |
| Whois Server Queries (volume 000's) | 380 | 407 | 432 |
| UDAI Valid Query | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.32 |

## DNS Availability

| DNS Availability | July | August | September |
|---|---|---|---|
| % | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## Unscheduled Outages

Unscheduled outages on the SRS during September totalled 25 minutes and 51 seconds. A summary of the outages follows.

| Date | Duration | Description |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 1 | 187 Seconds | Read only micro outages |
| Sep 16 | 81 Seconds | Read only micro outages |
| Sep 29 | 55 Seconds | Read only micro outages |
| September | 131 Seconds | Offline micro outages |

| Date | Duration | Description |
|---|---|---|
| Sep 16 22:43 | 18 minutes 17 seconds | Whois stopped working |

## Scheduled Outages and Updates

The maintenance window for September was utilised on 25 September.

| Date | Duration | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 25 September 07:00 | 2 hours | Scheduled Maintenance Window |

## 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.  For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at info@dnc.org.nz.

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