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SEC Panel Sub-Committee Report

1. Purpose

This paper provides the Panel and SEC Parties with an update on recent activities undertaken by its Sub-Committees. This includes the key issues discussed, along with details of specific points the Sub-Committees would like to highlight.

It also includes an update on the progress of SEC Modifications and the recent and upcoming decisions of the Change Sub-Committee under delegated authority from the Panel.

The Panel is requested to note the updates and agree that the report may be published on the SEC website.

2. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to **NOTE** the contents of this report.

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Report overview

The monthly Sub-Committee report provides the SEC Panel and Parties with an update on recent activities from the Panel's Sub-Committees, including key topics discussed, risks and issues, and change items.

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Section 1 of this report '[Key Sub-Committee topics](#)' provides an overview of the Sub-Committees' activities on the key topics which have been discussed across several Sub-Committees during the last month. This month's key topics are:

1. [Communications Hubs and Networks \(CH&N\)](#)
2. [Future Service Management \(FSM\)](#)
3. [Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification version 1 \(SMETS1\)](#)
4. [Device Issues, including non-communicating installations](#)

Section 2 '[SEC Change](#)' provides an update on the progress of SEC Modifications and the recent and upcoming decisions of the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) under delegated authority from the Panel.

Section 3 '[Sub-Committee Activities](#)' provides details of any discussion held by the Sub-Committees that have met during the last month which are not included in the Section 1 Key Sub-Committee topics.

The Sub-Committees that have met during the last month are:

- [The Communications Transition Group \(CTG\)](#)
- [The Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee \(TABASC\)](#)
- [The Testing Advisory Group \(TAG\)](#)
- [The Operations Group \(OPSG\)](#)
- [The Security Sub-Committee \(SSC\)](#)
- [The Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority \(SMKI PMA\)](#)
- [The Performance Assurance Board \(PAB\)](#)

1. Key Sub-Committee topics

Topic	Sub-Committee activities
Communications Hubs and Networks (CH&N) <i>The DCC CH&N programme is aimed at delivering future-proof Communications Hubs (CHs) & Networks with an efficient supply chain by introducing new CHs which use the 4G network.</i> <i>The initial rollout of 4G CHs began in the Central and South Regions during December 2024, with approval to proceed with the mass rollout starting during Q2 2025.</i>	TABASC: The DCC provided details of the 4G Dual Band Communications Hub (DBCH) Home Area Network (HAN) Remote Diagnostics, along with an overview of the information available to DCC: ➤ The TABASC raised concerns over Users’ ability to log HAN related issues and the limited access to data. ➤ The TABASC requested that further work be carried out to determine which HAN data items would be most useful to Users. CTG: The DCC presented an update on the CH&N transition to 4G Communications Hubs (CHs), along with an update from the Mass Deployment Working Group, and an update on VMO2 and 4G supply chains: ➤ The DCC reported that the CH&N programme and VMO2 and 4G supply chains both have an overall RAG status of Green, and that the overall performance of 4G CHs has been good so far. ➤ The CTG requested that the DCC provide an update to the Trust Centre Swap Out (TCSO) Issues Resolution Group (TIRG) & the Mass Deployment Working Group on the SMETS2 CH swap-outs that require a TCSO as a proportion of total swap-outs. ➤ The CTG requested that the DCC provide greater clarity on 4G connectivity to identify the current average birthing time for 4G CHs and how that compares to 2G/3G CHs and Long Range Radio (LRR) CHs 2G/3G to 4G Supply Transition Bulk Returns. ➤ The DCC provided an update of CH Supply Chain Transition, noting that the Returns Workshop held on 1 April had provided helpful input into developing the bulk returns process. ➤ The DCC provided an update on the pre-notification process for CHs to activate the Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) Card, which the CTG noted. OPSG: The DCC confirmed that it would share the 4G contracts with Members: ➤ The OPSG questioned if there would be any compensation for Supplier Parties for the cost of site visits due to a CH defect that could not be fixed remotely and required a site-visit.

	➤ The DCC agreed to provide this information to the OPSG during a future meeting.
Future Service Management (FSM) <i>The support contract for the current Service Management solution, used to request DCC services, raise Incidents, and access reporting and diagnostics information, is due to expire in October 2025 and The Future Service Management (FSM) Programme will procure and implement a replacement solution.</i>	TAG: The DCC presented an update on the consultation on the FSM Revised Delivery Plan, along with an update on the FSM Test Coverage Document (TCD) and Coverage Traceability Document (CTD): ➤ The DCC outlined the key dates from the FSM revised delivery plan that was issued for consultation on Tuesday 29 April and subsequently closed on Friday 30 May. ➤ The TAG confirmed it had no objections to the new testing dates. ➤ The DCC informed the TAG that it has amended the FSM TCD and CTD for ServiceNow, Application Programming Interface (API) Management System, and Data Services Provider (DSP) Access Layer (DAL). The changes were driven by amendments to existing requirements via agile delivery, along with SEC Modifications coming into scope due to the FSM replan. ➤ The TAG approved the FSM TCD and CTD. SSC: The DCC updated the SSC on the FSM go-live timeline, security considerations, and plans for stakeholder engagement: ➤ The SSC noted the update. SMKI PMA: The DCC presented the updated go-live timeline for the FSM Programme, including security considerations and plans for stakeholder engagement: ➤ The SMKI PMA noted the update.
SMETS1 <i>First-generation smart meters, also known as SMETS1 (Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications v 1).</i> <i>SMETS1 meters did not originally allow consumers to change energy supplier without</i>	TABASC: The DCC presented an update on enrolled SMETS1 Final Operating Capability (FOC) Application, Network, Security and Operations (ANSO) replatforming and reprocurement: ➤ The TABASC noted that there are no changes to the end-to-end Technical Architecture. SSC: The DCC updated the SSC on the proposed approach for re-procuring the hosting and Application, Network, Security and Operations (ANSO) Management Service for the SMETS1 FOC cohort: ➤ The proposed Back-up and Restore Process for transferring the Hardware Security Module (HSM) contents to a new Service Provider was outlined. ➤ The SSC agreed the proposals.

losing smart functionality, such as the ability to provide remote meter readings to their energy supplier.

Many SMETS1 meters have now been incorporated into the DCC ecosystem to increase the functionality they provide when a consumer changes their energy supplier.

OPSG: The DCC provided information on the two Major Incidents (MIs) in May 2025, noting that both were related to the SMETS1 Final Operating Capacity (FOC), one was a Category 1, and one was a Category 2:

- The DCC presented the FOC Heightened Supplier Management plan, which is aimed at proactively preventing MIs.
- The OPSG asked that the DCC confirm where Service Provider contract improvements would be discussed with industry, and the DCC confirmed that it would return to the OPSG with this information.

The DCC has also identified a small number of FOC Devices where the certificate rotation process failed, and the Devices then entered a non-commutative state:

- All the failures were seen in Gen1 Devices, with the failure as a result of Devices not completing an internal memory compaction activity.
- The OPSG noted the update and agreed on a staggered approach to the certificate rotation of Gen1 Non-Compacting Pre-Payment installations.
- The OPSG requested that the DCC provide specific Supplier Party level insight in advance and return to the OPSG with a proposed timeline.

CTG: The DCC provided an update on SMETS1 Initial Operating Capability (IOC)/FOC contract negotiations and business case progress, along with an update on the VMO2 Roaming Shutdown and April's VMO2 testing results:

- The CTG requested that the DCC engages with and shares Meter Asset Provider (MAP) data relating to VMO2 2G/3G inbound roaming withdrawal.

TAG: The DCC presented the SMETS1 Middle Operational Capability (MOC) Secure SRV4.10 Rate Throttling approach to testing for decision:

- The change was proposed to be progressed in parallel with the June 2025 Maintenance release in the A stream of test environments, and under DCC governance.
- The TAG approved the approach to testing.

Device Issues

Including any issues identified with installed Smart Metering Systems and Communication Hubs.

OPSG: The DCC provided an update on its investigation of the Communication Services Provider North (CSPN) CH 'Red Light Issue' along with a general update on non-communicating Devices:

- The DCC presented two implementation options for addressing the Red Light Issue:

Option 1: Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) 4.2 Q3 2026

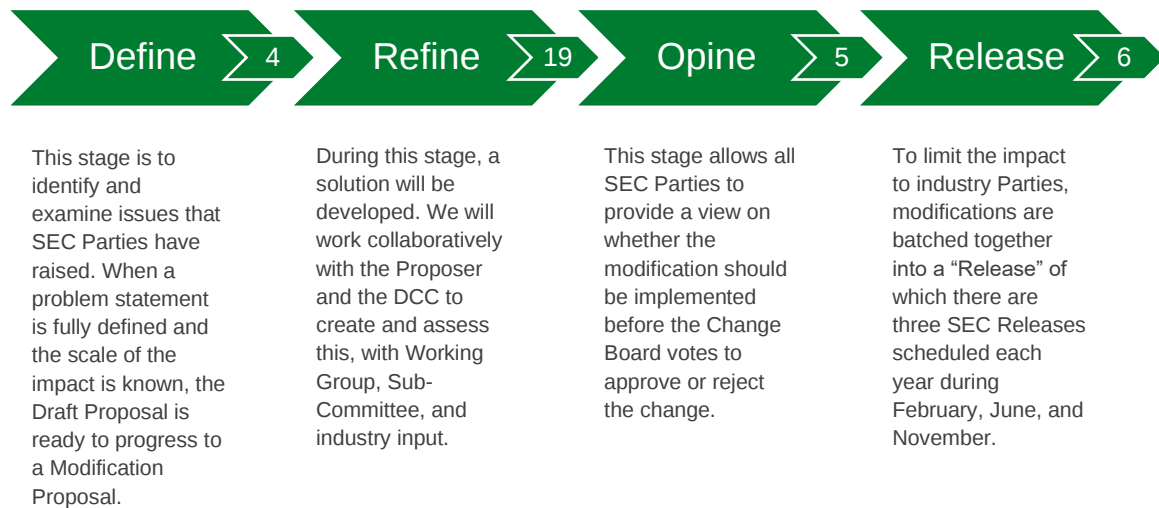
Option 2: Maintenance Release starting October 2025

- The OPSG raised concern regarding the expected testing costs associated with Option 2 given that the defect was CH related but noted that each month of delay could result in a potential estimated average of 2.4K CHs to become non-communicating, which would result in higher end-to-end industry costs.
- The OPSG reluctantly agreed to Option 2 as the best available option.
- The DCC presented the non-communicating meters baseline, noting that the number of non-communicating Devices had increased due to the work it had been doing around classifying Devices, including a new classification called 'duplicate HAN'.
- The DCC also highlighted that more Devices have been going through triage, with 60% of the total number being new non-communicating installations, and the other 40% primarily relating to SMETS1 FOC installations.
- The DCC noted that the numbers presented did not include 'Empty Payload' Gas Smart Metering Equipment (GSME). The OPSG requested that the DCC returns to the OPSG during July 2025 to provide the numbers associated with non-operating, intermittent Devices and GSME 'Empty Payloads', which the DCC agreed to do.

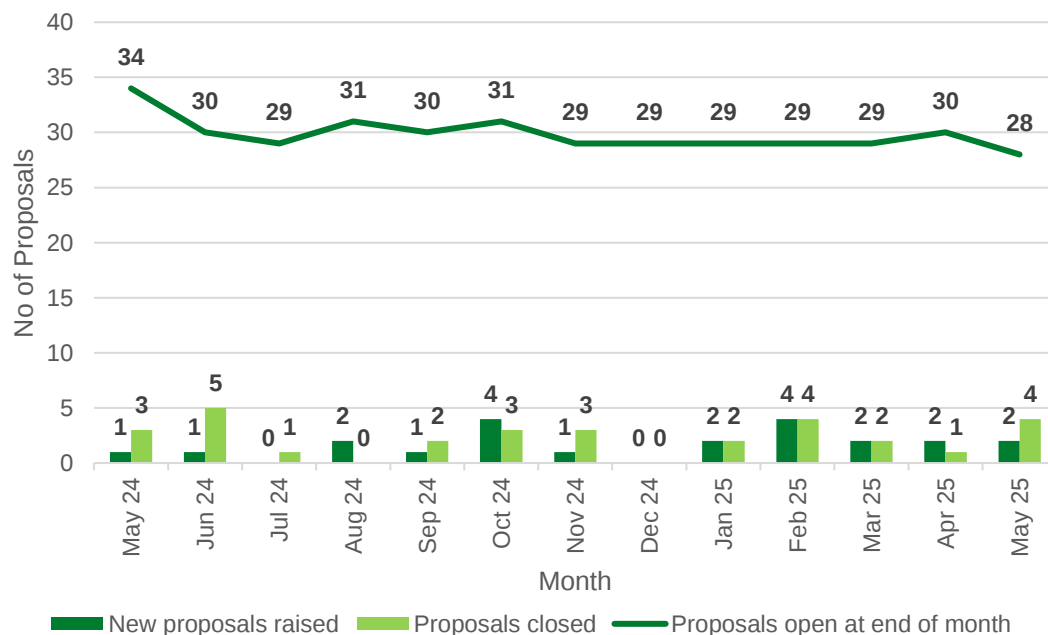
2. SEC Change

2.1 Overview

Number of proposals in each stage of the modification framework:



Volume of proposals going through the modification framework:



2.2 Modification updates and points to note

Modification	Priority	Update
MP169 'Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumers right to refuse a Smart Meter'	HIGH	On 23 April 2025 Change Board approved the costs of a second Impact Assessment against the existing DSP. SECAS has requested the Impact Assessment and expects this to be returned by 27 June 2025. To identify the rough order of magnitude costs for implementation in the new DSP, a Preliminary Assessment will be required. SECAS currently cannot request any DCC Assessments against the new DSP, however, expects to be able to submit this request in mid-May 2025. The OPSG Chair has suggested an alternative solution may be industry Agreed Procedures, and this will be investigated alongside the progression of the modification.
DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'	HIGH	The DCC Consultation closed on 3 February 2025. The DCC expect publish a consultation summary and their response in April 2025, after which SECAS and DCC will determine the next steps. This has been delayed.
MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'	HIGH	There has been an amendment to the Proposed Solution, which will exclude any DCC System changes. SECAS will present this modification to Change Board for final vote in June 2025.

2.3 Change Sub-Committee decisions – May 2025

Modifications moving to Report Phase:

- [MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'](#)
- [DP292 'DSP DBT Finance Facility'](#)

Modifications moving to Refinement Process:

- [DP291 'DNO Alerts to Suppliers'](#)

Change Board – Approved:

- [MP286 'Establishment of the Privacy Sub-Committee into the SEC'](#)
- [MP282 'Removal of Registration Check for Suppliers using SR8.9 targeting SMETS2+ CHF'](#)
- MP279 'June 2025 SEC Releases & DUIS Housekeeping Changes'

Authority determined Modifications – Approved:

- [MP271 'Sub-Committee seats for Other Users, Meter Data Retrievers and Registered Supplier Agents'](#)
- [MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'](#)

Withdrawn proposals:

There have been no Modification Proposals withdrawn since the last Panel meeting.

2.4 SEC Releases and designations

SEC versions issued:

- SEC v111.0 was implemented on 24 April 2025, to implement the ad-hoc SEC Release of [MP285 'Radio Teleswitch Service switch off'](#).
- SEC v112.0 was implemented on 19 May 2025 to implement the ad-hoc Release of [MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'](#).

1. Sub-Committee activities

1.1 Communications Transition Group (CTG)

The Purpose of the CTG is to facilitate the execution of the transition to next generation Smart Metering communications to maintain continuity of smart services to consumers. This includes enabling and fostering communication and cooperation between the DCC, which is responsible for service provision and CH delivery, and Users, who are responsible for deployment of new CHs, and other stakeholders.

The CTG is responsible for 4G transition activities and SMETS1 End of Life activities, which include the development and management of the overall transition plan, alongside management of issues and risks with input from CTG Members, the DCC, DESNZ and Ofgem.

The CTG has met once since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 19 May 2025, and discussed the following topics:

Long-Range Radio (LRR) Committed Term

The DCC presented an update on LRR Committed Term, noting that the DCC is proposing a LRR Customer Working Group (LRR CWG), comprised of representatives of the TABASC, OPSG and CTG.

The DCC also shared its plan to publish an LRR Request for Information (RFI) during May 2025 to assist energy suppliers planned future installations of LRR communication hubs alongside an engagement timeline until August 2025.

VMO2 3G Sunsetting

The DCC provided an update on VMO2 3G Sunsetting, planned trials and pilots, noting the ongoing work by the DCC across TABASC and OPSG. The DCC shared a confidential 2025 3G switch off schedule outlining the intended shutdown timeline.

Factsheet Update

SECAS presented an update on the Amber Factsheet and the CTG agreed to the baselining of the Amber Factsheets as v4.8. The CTG requested that SECAS consider additional changes to the factsheets related to contracts in a future version.

Risks and Issues Register

The CTG noted changes made to the CTG Risks and Issues Register and agreed to the baselining of the Risk and Issues Register draft as v26.0

1.2 Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC)

The TABASC provides advice and guidance to the Panel regarding the Technical Code Specifications, End-to-End Technical Architecture, and Business Architecture.

The TABASC has met once since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 5 June 2025, and discussed the following topics:

2G/3G Communications Hub diagnostics

The DCC presented information on the 2G/3G CH project request to investigate options to improve diagnostic capability and provided a retrospective view on 2G/3G diagnostics and limitations. The TABASC raised concerns over DCC closing the request without TABASC considering the value of it.

Major Incident review

The DCC provided a quarterly update on the MIs. The TABASC noted the increase in volume of changes deployed, along with the DCC's efforts to reduce the number of Incidents.

DCC Boxed

The DCC presented an update on their DCC Boxed programme and confirmed that the Boxed product is on track to recover development costs within the five-year business case.

Radio Frequency noise

SECAS updated the TABASC on the concerns around Radio Frequency (RF) Noise and HAN interference from SMETS1 meters and other Devices. The TABASC requested that the DCC explore testing options and agreed that this may be a growing issue and should be monitored.

Smart Meter Data Energy Repository (SMEDR)

DESNZ provided an update on the Smart Meter Data Energy Repository (SMEDR) Programme and presented the findings from its feasibility study. The TABASC noted the update and requested further engagement on implementation options, costs versus value, and data access models.

1.3 Testing Advisory Group (TAG)

The TAG supports the Panel with obligations in relation to testing activities, including providing advice and making decisions on all aspects DCC Systems Integration Testing (SIT) and User Testing Services (UTS).

The TAG has met once since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 28 May, and discussed the following topics:

User Testing Services

The DCC presented an update on the ongoing UTS Testing Issues (TIs).

The TAG questioned if a TI relating to Service Request Variant (SRV) 6.15.2 relates to an environmental issue, and whether it will affect the testing within the UIT-B test environment. The DCC confirmed that it will not affect the UIT-B testing, and it is purely an environmental issue.

The TAG questioned what the WAN Matrix Inventory that shows the 4G postcodes in the North Region would have in it to cause issues with SRV 8.2. The DCC suggested that the issue will be raised with the adapter before being raised higher. The DCC advised of testing still taking place within the week and will advise on any issues that arise.

The DCC confirmed that an update on the query will be provided by email to affected parties, and on the weekly DCC testing update call.

Public Key Infrastructure – Enduring (PKI-E)

The DCC presented a high-level overview of Public Key Infrastructure Enduring (PKI-E) in readiness for the approach to testing to be issued to a future TAG (TAG 127) for review.

The DCC advised that PKI-E has now been renamed to Trusted Service Provider (TSP) Enduring, to reflect the evolution of the TSP capability.

November 2025 SEC Release

The DCC provided the November 2025 SEC Release Testing Approach Document (TAD) for approval and presented an overview of the industry responses to the consultation (closed 8 May 2025). The DCC advised that there was a single industry consultation response, which supported the approach and scope of the draft November 2025 TAD with no comments raised, therefore no changes are required.

The TAG noted the consultation response and approved the November 2025 SEC Release TAD.

Virtual Wide Area Network (VWAN)

The DCC presented an updated version VWAN TCD and CTD for approval.

The TAG approved the VWAN TCD and CTD.

CSPN Scaling and Optimisation

The DCC presented an update on CSP North Scaling and Optimisation (S&O) Non-Functional Testing (NFT) approach to testing. The DCC outlined the System Capacity Testing (SCT) that will be undertaken for the Regional Network Interface (RNI) Scaling (CB7.2 Drop 2) as part of the S&O programme.

The TAG advised the DCC to review the Severity 5 threshold for SCT, Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) and SIT, as the threshold was considered too high.

The TAG noted the update and conditionally approved the approach to testing, with the condition that needs to be met being that the DCC committed to returning with a reconsidered, and lower, set of TI threshold values.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in testing

SECAS presented the Utilisation of AI in Testing Research Report. SECAS advised that the report is the first stage of three in the Utilisation of AI in Testing project approved by the TAG during October 2024, and by the SEC Panel in January 2025. The report covers initial research into applications of AI in testing, applicable governance for AI use in GB, and includes a summary of interviews with industry participants.

The report, and the interviews and survey responses conducted alongside it, will form the basis for stages two and three of the projects. SECAS recommended the research report classification be lowered from 'red' to 'green' due to anonymisation and aggregation of responses to the testing interviews, as quotation of the interview responses was the basis of the initial classification.

The TAG noted the update and agreed to lower the confidentiality of the research report.

1.4 Operations Group (OPSG)

The OPSG focuses on cross-industry matters that affect, or have the potential to affect, multiple SEC Parties. The OPSG has met twice since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 23 May and 10 June, and discussed the following topics:

June 2025 SEC Release

The DCC noted there were no identifiable risks or issues for the June 2025 release. The DCC advised that because there were no new functionalities available for Users to test for this release, the DCC had reduced the previous six-week User Testing window to two weeks with the approval of TAG, which ended on Friday 23 May 2025.

The OPSG approved the readiness of the Live Service Criteria.

Demand Forecasting

The DCC discussed the previous Q1 2025 assumption compared to the new Q2 2025 assumption, noting that an information request had been sent to industry on the take-up of the Meter Data Retrieval (MDR) role, which would be incorporated the Q3 forecast and likely result in a reduction in traffic as the majority of the industry was now using supplier SRVs rather than the MDR.

The OPSG asked the DCC to ensure that upcoming changes such as Future Connectivity North (FCN), VWAN, and SMETS1 end of life, [MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'](#) and [MP234 'Addition of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'](#) are considered in future assumptions, and the DCC agreed to do this.

Business Performance Indicators (BPI)

The OPSG highlighted again the dissatisfaction with CSPN and asked the DCC to request that CSPN investigated the drop in performance of Tariff Updates and Change of Supplier (CoS) seen in CSPN during March/April 2025. The DCC confirmed it would do this.

The OPSG raised concern regarding storage capability for network system data and asked the DCC to request that CSPN increased this to at least 90 days to avoid further escalation. The DCC confirmed that it will do this.

Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) 11

The DCC advised that the Over the Air (OTA) pilot had concluded successfully. The OPSG highlighted the risk around Guaranteed Standards of Performance (GSOP) impact on industry around costs and reporting requirements and requested that the DCC continued to provide updates on this. The DCC confirmed that it will.

CSPN Smart Metering Wide Area Network (SMWAN) Postcode Coverage Checker

The DCC presented the CSPN Smart Metering Wide Area Network (SMWAN) Postcode Coverage Checker update process which involved analysis of the 'no WAN' Incidents raised, which resulted in the coverage status of Postcodes with poor-WAN identified being changed from True to False in the WAN Coverage Checker.

The DCC noted that historically the CSPN WAN coverage checker had been updated quarterly, using Royal Mail postcode updates only, which did not provide a true reflection of the coverage. The OPSG highlighted that the terminology used with regards to WAN coverage should only be 'true' or 'false' and asked for more detail around the work CSPN had been carrying out to improve coverage. The DCC shared details on this which included moving traffic to different masts and utilizing the CH 'buddy mode' functionality.

1.5 Security Sub-Committee (SSC)

The SSC reviews the outcome for Users' Security Assessments and sets an Assurance status for Initial Full User Security Assessments (FUSAs) or a Compliance status for Verification User Security Assessments (VUSAs), and subsequent FUSAs. The SSC also reviews outstanding actions, monitors the risks to the Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) certification of Devices, considers available updates from the DCC on the security implications of proposed changes and Anomaly Detection and any reported changes in Shared Resource Providers by Users and reported Security Incidents and vulnerabilities.

The SSC has met twice since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report on 28 May and 11 June, and discussed the following topics:

Matters Arising

- The SSC were provided information on Large Supplier 'B's Material Change Notification. The SSC noted the Anomaly Detection Thresholds, and the risks identified. The SSC provided feedback and agreed an approach.
- The SSC noted an update on the recent Publication of updated versions of the various Security related guidance documentation including the Security Controls Framework. The Agreed Interpretations and other SSC Guidance. These have been published on the SEC website and provided to SEC Parties, SSC and SCIRS members via email.
- The SSC noted information on the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) published "[Cyber security culture principles](#)".
- The SSC noted information on the Security Architecture Document Review, members noted that the project is nearing conclusion, with the Final Draft Report is expected to be available for review at the next SSC meeting on 25 June.
- The SSC noted information on a Deferment of CSPN Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) Testing on 8 June and 15 June 2025.

User Security Controls Framework (SCF) and Agreed Interpretations

SECAS presented three draft documents which had been updated in line with SSC feedback.

The SSC approved the User Security Controls Framework (SCF) and Agreed Interpretations for publication, subject to further feedback being implemented.

DCC CIO Assessments

The DCC Chief Information Officer (CIO) presented observations on the DCC Assessments. The SSC noted the observations and provided feedback.

DCC CIO Forward Look and Remediations

DCC CIO presented observations on three DCC Assessments and SSC set a compliance status. The DCC Forward Look and Remediations were presented, which the SSC noted.

SECAS presented information on outstanding DCC Assessments that require a remediation plan.

DCC CIO Workshop Feedback

The SSC were provided with information the DCC CIO workshop, SECAS noted the outcomes and agreed to add the proposed actions from the workshop for DCC and SECAS, to the SSC action tracker to monitor progress.

Anomaly Detection Report

The DCC presented its six-month rolling Anomaly Detection report, including updated volume and rate observations from the previous month. The DCC requested to change an Anomaly Detection Threshold (ADT) Global Threshold to reflect the increased volume of Service Requests (SRs) observed, which the SCC approved.

Post-Commissioning Report

The DCC presented the monthly post-commissioning report and gave an overview of PCO failures and Certificate rotation activity. This included an additional breakdown of data per region, which the SSC noted.

Ephemeral Key Generation Options on VWP for VWAN

The DCC presented two options for generating ephemeral keys for VWAN Provider (VWP). The options were analysed, and costs were presented, and the SSC noted there were no security objections for the DCC to proceed with either option.

Use Case 005 (Workshop)

The SSC Chair and the DCC gave an overview of the background to Use Case 005 and led a workshop for SSC members. The SSC discussed and provided feedback on the documentation requirements and requested a further update once the document was refined.

The SSC Chair and the DCC also provided information on the Use Case 005 DCC triage specification. The Chair noted there is an updated document as follow-up to the Use Case 005 workshop to address feedback from the SSC. The DCC confirmed that item would be revisited at SSC 218 on 25 June.

CPA Risk Review

The SSC Chair presented an update on CPA Risk Reviews. The Chair noted that the CPA Policies and Procedures has been amended to clarify that CPA Test Labs will be informed of the outcome of CPA Risk Reviews.

CPA Matters

The SSC Chair presented an update on CPA Matters including an overview of the SSC CPA Issue Resolution Sub-Group (SCIRS) feedback from its meeting on 19 May 2025, and updated guidance on Device Security Assurance, which the SSC approved subject to the requested edits being made.

The SSC Chair presented an update the SSC Guidance on Device Security Assurance and Triage. The SSC noted that the guidance was updated on 9 June 2025.

The SSC approved the SCIRS agenda for meeting 42 on 16 June.

CPA Scheme Update

The SSC Chair presented Part 1 of the updated CPA Policies and Procedures, which had been reviewed by the SSC at its meeting on 9 April 2025, and then by SCIRS on 19 May 2025. The document has been updated in line with Committee feedback and discussions with the CPA Scheme Operator, and the SSC approved the updated version.

The SSC Chair also presented an update on the scheme, including the updated CPA Scheme Operator Work in Progress Tracker.

DCC Revised System Scope

The DCC provided a revised system scope diagram. Members provided feedback and suggested additional changes to the diagram.

Future Connectivity North

The DCC updated the SSC on the progress of the Future Connectivity North (FCN) programme, which had been reviewed by stakeholders including Sub-Committees and working groups. There had been consultation with DESNZ, and industry consultations on changes to SEC Subsidiary Documents (SSDs). Next steps for the extension and scaling of the programme were explained, which the SSC noted and had no security objections.

ECS Report

The DCC presented the April 2025 activity report for Elective Communications Services (ECS), which the SSC noted.

Public Key Infrastructure Enduring (PKI-E)

The DCC presented information on the PKI-E Transition and re-platforming plan, which the SSC noted.

Post-Quantum Preparation

The SSC Chair provided an update on the post-Quantum preparation, noting recommendations to the Sub-Committee. The SSC provided feedback and agreed a way forward including collaboration with TABASC which the Chair was supportive of.

1.6 SMKI Policy Management Authority (PMA)

The SMKI PMA receives updates from the DCC, DESNZ and other Sub-Committees on matters of relevance to the SMKI arrangements. The SMKI PMA has met once since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 11 June, and discussed the following topics:

Gas Networks Certificate Issue

The DCC gave an update on a Gas Networks Certificate Issue, outlining the ongoing investigation into the issue and the number of impacted Devices. The SMKI PMA noted the update.

Apex Recovery Exercise

The DCC updated the SMKI PMA that testing has started for the Apex Recovery Exercise, and that customers are prepared to take part at the beginning of July 2025. The SMKI PMA noted the update.

VWKI Certificate Management Policy

The DCC presented the draft Virtual WAN Key Infrastructure (VWKI) Certificate Policy, which establishes the proposed security, governance and operational framework for the VWKI. The SMKI PMA noted the draft document and provided feedback.

Annual SMKI tScheme Audit Update

The DCC presented the Annual SMKI tScheme Report, noting that there were no non-compliances. Minor observations were shared, and actions taken since the Report has been published. The SMKI PMA set the Assurance status to 'approved' and noted the update.

SECAS will publish the outcome to SEC parties, the SEC Panel and the Authority.

SoLR Remediations

The DCC gave an update on the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) remediations put in place, and ongoing work to update and map out the end-to-end procedure. The SMKI PMA noted the update.

The SMKI PMA Chair updated on the progress of SMKI Organisation Certificate revocation following the SoLR event, and the SMKI PMA endorsed the actions taken.

PKI-E

The DCC presented the Public Key Infrastructure – Enduring (PKI-E) programme transition approach, sharing a timeline summary and the service and network overview. The SMKI PMA NOTED the update.

Standards Review

SECAS presented the SMKI Standards Review, including proposed changes to SEC Section L and Appendix AT to reflect ISO 27001:2022 and ISO 27002:2022. The SMKI PMA APPROVED the Standards Guidance Review Tracker V3.7 and agreed amendments to SEC Section L and Appendix AT as proposed.

1.7 Performance Assurance Board (PAB)

The main duties of the PAB are to effectively manage and mitigate risks, ensure compliance, and maintain confidence among all Parties involved.

The PAB met once this month on 11 June 2025 to discuss the following topics:

Terms of Reference

The PAB Chair provided an update on the proposed changes to the PAB Terms of Reference (ToR) which were presented to the SEC Panel at its 27 May 2025. There were several questions raised by the Panel regarding if any of the changes to the PAB ToR conflicted with the SEC. These will be addressed at the June 2025 Panel meeting.

The PAB noted the update.

PAB Strategy

The PAB Chair presented a draft PAB strategy document that highlights its alignment with the SEC, the Panel, and the Authority's vision for implementing [MP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'](#). This document provides clarity and transparency to the industry while serving as a guide for the PAB Chair and committee members, ensuring that the PAB agenda aligns with its purpose, objectives, and desired outcomes.

The PAB Chair invited the PAB to review and provide feedback on the draft strategy document. The document will be submitted to the SECCo Head of Industry Operations and Head of Sub-Committee Management for review, before the final version is presented for approval at the PAB's July 2025 meeting and published on the SEC website. This document will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

SEC Performance Assurance Service Provider Procurement

The PAB discussed the SEC Performance Assurance Service Provider requirements that were provided during the PAB's first meeting in May 2025. PAB members will perform a review of the requirements offline to the PAB meetings and provide further feedback to the PAB Chair.

The PAB Chair also invited the PAB to provide their priorities for the Performance Assurance Service Provider requirements. SECCo will incorporate the PAB's comments into the ongoing development of these requirements within the SEC framework.