

# ccTLD Meeting KL July 2004

# Nominet UK Relationship with Government

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## Beginnings

- Nominet founded August 1996
- Totally private sector company
  - limited by guarantee
- Meeting soon after with Department of Trade and Industry (DTi)
- They advised
  - Efficient
  - Non-discriminatory
  - Cost-, not profit-oriented
  - Limited functions

## Nominet's Message

“This is a problem you don't want...

... you don't need...

... we've solved it...

... tell us if there are issues.”

## Meetings

- With Ministers (x 2)
- MPs (x 20)
- Officials
  - DTi
  - OFT
  - Customs & Excise
  - Office of Information Commissioner (Data protection)
  - Patent Office
  - ...

## Policy Advisory Board

- DTi
  - MP
  - Companies House
  - Office of Information Commissioner
  - E-Envoy (Office of Government Computing)
- + others: industry, business, trade mark,

## Legislation

- Communications Act 2003
- The Telephone Number Exclusion (Domain Names and Internet Addresses) Order 2003
  - excludes Domain Names explicitly

## Ongoing

- Nominet remains independent of government
- We:
  - Listen
  - Explain
  - Assist



# Questions

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