



## EEA/EECA FlexTalk Project – Part A Learnings Webinar – Q&A

Question	Answer
<p>Is FlexPoint still be used a backend system or with 2.0b implementation or has it been supplanted?</p>	<p>(Terry Paddy - Cortexo) FlexPoint is not being utilised for Part B, 2 other VTN solutions are being trialled through Part B being GridFabric Canvas Cloud (USA) and Cortexo GUI (NZ).</p> <p>(Connie Dunbar – Project Lead) This was due to FlexPoint configuration being specific to Transpower’s use cases for the 2.0b standard. It was less cost/time to project to utilise other VTN solutions for Part B. FlexPoint provided an excellent solution to get going with through Part A of the FlexTalk project, without its availability the project would not have progressed to where it has today.</p>
<p>Is there any specific information on the interaction with Load Management in the case of Orion being part of the USI scheme?</p>	<p>(Evie Trollove - Orion) Due to the scale of the trial, Orion have not operationally integrated the trial and therefore there is no impact on USI</p>
<p>From a final state perspective, how are VTN operators / managers compensated? Who / how pays for these platforms to be established and run?</p>	<p>(Peter Berry – EEA) The scope of the project was to validate or not that the communications protocol, OpenADR could deliver in the NZ context flexibility services. The strategic benefit to an EDB from this is the fact they may not have to invest in or may defer network investment due to pulling the demand flexibility lever. How this might translate into a commercial arrangement, including a compensation framework and allocation of platform cost were not part of the scope of the project but it will need to be considered going forward.</p>
<p>Has any modelling / extrapolation been done from this trial (or even an opinion formed) to demonstrate whether requested reductions in load will be commercially / operationally valuable to EDB’s?</p>	<p>(Peter Berry – EEA) There has been no modelling / extrapolation within trial. However, we are monitoring much larger scale overseas trials in Australia, UK, and USA and will highlight these in the final report. The scope of the project was to validate or not that the communications protocol, OpenADR could deliver in the NZ context flexibility services.</p>