



Secretaries' Digital and Data Committee Meeting Communique

30 March 2023

Members in Attendance:

- Ms Jenny Wilkinson PSM, Secretary, Department of Finance, co-Chair
- Mr Ray Griggs AO CSC, Secretary, Department of Social Services, co-Chair
- Mr Michael Pezzullo AO, Secretary, Department of Home Affairs
- Ms Katherine Jones PSM, Secretary, Attorney-General's Department
- Mr Greg Moriarty, Secretary, Department of Defence
- Mr Gordon de Brouwer PSM, Secretary, Public Sector Reform
- Mr Chris Jordan AO, Commissioner of Taxation, Australian Taxation Office
- Dr David Gruen, Australian Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Mr Chris Fechner, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Transformation Agency
- Ms Rebecca Skinner, Chief Executive Officer, Services Australia

Apologies:

- Professor Glyn Davis AC, Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Ms Meghan Quinn PSM, Secretary, Department of Industry, Science and Resources
- Ms Rachel Noble, Director-General, Australian Signals Directorate

Proxies in attendance:

- Mr Neal Mason, Deputy Secretary, Department of Industry, Science and Resources
- Mr Shane Johnson, First Assistant Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Guest presenter:

- Mr Subho Banerjee, Deputy Commissioner, Australian Public Service Commission

Cyber Security Strategy 2023-30

The Committee discussed the goals and timelines for the development of the Australian Cyber Security Strategy and noted the work undertaken to date.

Data and Digital Government Strategy

The Committee noted the wide consultation and progress made on developing the Data and Digital Government Strategy, along with proposed next steps.

Whole of government digital and ICT contracting arrangements

The Committee agreed that agencies should participate in the research and consultation for the redesign of the new Digital Marketplace and noted the work underway to reform digital and ICT procurement arrangements.

Project Delivery Capacity

The Committee discussed the importance of prioritisation of digital and ICT investment proposals within portfolios to and the need to ensure vendor capacity and capability prior to any approach to market.

Digital and Data capability uplift

The Committee noted the achievements of the Digital and Data professions to date and the initiatives being undertaken to drive an uplift in Australian Public Service capability in these areas.

The Committee agreed that while the professions would maintain their separate roles, they should work with the Australian Public Service Commission to maximise opportunities to align strategies, share learning and development materials on common platforms and leverage the APS Academy, where relevant.