

From: Section 22
To: Section 22
Cc: Section 22
Subject: Re: Finance Portfolio Information Request by 12.00pm, Friday 31 October - Regulatory mapping exercise for National AI Plan [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 31 October 2025 12:23:24 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[ATTACH B Data collection template.xlsx](#)

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Hi Section 22,

Thank you for your email and for the opportunity to provide input.

The DTA does not administer legislation or regulation and therefore **has nil response on legislative or regulatory instruments.**

However, we have completed the spreadsheet with our policy products for your consideration, noting that agencies are required to comply with their requirements (please do not feel obliged to include if you determine it falls outside of the projects parameters). Our [Policy for the Responsible Use of AI in Government](#) is designed to strengthen public trust in government's use of AI by incentivising the safe and responsible use of AI for public benefit and, in doing so, also protects against the broader harms outlined in Attachment A.

We are also in the process of progressing key pieces of work that extend this framework:

- The [Policy for the Response Use of AI in Government 2.0](#) introduces broader range of governance requirements to manage high-risk applications and AI incidents
- The [Australian Government AI Impact Assessment Tool](#) will assist agencies in identifying and managing harms posed by the adoption and deployment of AI systems
- The [AI Review Committee](#) will play an essential oversight role to ensure Australians are protected from harms arising from government use of AI

Given DTA's role in driving and responsible AI use across government to safeguard Australians from harm, we are highly interested in continuing to engage in this work moving forward.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,

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From: Section 22

Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:42 AM

To: Section 22

Subject: FW: Finance Portfolio Information Request by 12.00pm, Friday 31 October - Regulatory mapping exercise for National AI Plan [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi all,

Hoping we can get some attention on this today, I feel like it might actually connect strongly with Section 22 awesome work on regulatory frameworks!

Essentially it's a mapping exercise of AI harms and what is potentially there to cover those harms.

Its due tomorrow.. (no notice because original email got blocked).

Keen to get a feasibility check in the first instance team, can we respond and can we reuse some of the great work already done?

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From: Section 22

Sent: Thursday, 30 October 2025 7:49 AM

To: Section 22

Subject: [CONTENT DISARMED] Finance Portfolio Information Request by 12.00pm, Friday 31 October - Regulatory mapping exercise for National AI Plan [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

**** This email included attachment(s) containing macros. The macros have been removed from the attachment(s) for security reasons. As a result, the attached files may have lost some functionality. For any inquiries, please contact Section 47E **.**

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Good Morning Colleagues,

I sent this request (see below and attached) to you in a broader request to Finance portfolio agencies on Monday 27th October (and a nudge this morning as well) and have just been notified by IT that you may not have received it because it was marked Protected Cabinet. Can you please advise if you have not yet received my emails? If so, I sincerely apologise, the system did not alert that there was a system block between our agencies on higher classifications. I have removed that content and sending this at OFFICIAL. Due to this IT delay and the general pressing nature of this effort, **can I offer any of your teams' support** in completing this brief request today or tomorrow? The **deadline for responses is COB tomorrow Friday 31 October**. I am available and very keen to support your teams to ensure this is quick and painless for you. If your teams are pressed for time, please prioritise just filling in columns A, D – G, L – N.

Please feel free to give me a call to discuss. If your agency's answer is 'nil', **please advise 'nil response' by COB Friday 31 October**

Your cooperation is sought to support the delivery of MYEFO advice to Government from DISR, specifically for an attachment for which DISR and Finance are jointly responsible. To do this, please complete the cross-portfolio regulatory mapping exercise. This will provide a factual baseline of current legislative and regulatory responsibilities addressing known AI harms. The consolidated output — which will set out your responses — will be provided to Cabinet alongside their consideration of the National AI Plan in November 2025.

Timing

My team is coordinating the Finance portfolio's input to this process and your input is requested by **12.00pm, Friday 31 October**.

At this stage, the timeline we (DISR and Finance Regulatory Reform) are working to is as follows:

- 24-31 October – Consultation with departments

- **Section 47C**

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Context

This information-gathering exercise will produce a map of portfolio responsibilities as

at October 2025, identifying who may be responsible for known AI harms depending on the nature of the harm and the stakeholders involved. We acknowledge that this mapping will not comprehensively capture all government responsibilities that interact with AI, nor all reviews and reforms with AI implications across portfolios. We also recognise the limited timeframe and note the opportunity to build on this initial mapping exercise over time. Defence and national security matters have been considered in terms of harm impacts, to enable flexibility for relevant agencies in preparing their input.

Instructions

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Agency leads are responsible for coordinating and capturing relevant information across their agency, including input from regulators. As Finance lead on this work, we have been tasked with forwarding this request within the Finance portfolio.

- A first edition taxonomy has been provided to standardise the interpretation of harms across government (**Attachment A**). DISR have engaged with portfolios to develop this taxonomy.
 - This taxonomy will evolve over time as we observe actualised harms presenting domestically and internationally.
- Populate the data collection template (**Attachment B**) with information about the harm types captured by your portfolio's remit – for each harm type, include a description or example, and provide details of the relevant legislation or regulation.
 - You may use multiple rows per harm to provide necessary context.
 - Subcategories are optional as their primary purpose are to assist portfolios in conceptualising the scope of each harm category.
- Indicate where a harm type or instrument is in scope for a current or planned review or reform.
- **Section 47C**

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me **Section 22** or my colleague **Section 22** if you have any questions or require clarification.

Best,

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I work Mondays (9-5), Tuesdays (7:30-3:30), Thursdays (7:30-3:30) and Fridays (9-5).