**Data and Digital Ministers Meeting (DDMM) factsheet**

**DDMM Overview**

**Data and technology are changing how Australians live, work and prosper. Australians expect governments to meet the highest standards of service delivery; to protect their data, privacy and security; to offer a wide choice in accessing services; and to account for diverse needs.**

**The Data and Digital Ministers Meeting (DDMM) drives effective intergovernmental cooperation on national data and digital priorities for smarter service delivery and improved policy outcomes for all Australians. Ministers oversee the** [Intergovernmental Agreement on Data Sharing (IGA)](https://www.finance.gov.au/government/public-data/data-and-digital-ministers-meeting/intergovernmental-agreement-data-sharing) signed by National Cabinet on 9 July 2021 and implementation of the IGA through agreeing and overseeing a [National Data Sharing Work Program](https://www.finance.gov.au/government/public-data/data-and-digital-ministers-meeting/intergovernmental-agreement-data-sharing) to focus national effort on specific time-limited priority data sharing areas.

**DDMM Strategic Priorities**

**Ministers are responsible for overseeing development of Australia’s public data and digital capability by identifying best practice across jurisdictions and pursuing areas for collaboration. Ministers investigate barriers to digital integration and data sharing within and across Commonwealth, state and territory governments and work to align policies and services. DDMM’s annual work plan focuses on three strategic priorities:**

* **delivering a seamless digital identity experience for citizens**
* **reforming cross-jurisdictional data and digital platforms, services and protocols**
* **transforming services around life events.**

**Under Australia’s Federal Relations Architecture, DDMM may be tasked with National Cabinet priorities. In 2022,** [National Cabinet tasked DDMM](https://federation.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-11/national-cabinet-priorities.pdf) **with a productivity priority aimed at delivering government services that are fit for the digital age.**

**Membership and Operations**

The Chair of DDMM is the Commonwealth Minister for data and/or digital matters. DDMM comprises one ministerial representative responsible for data and or digital matters from each Australian jurisdiction and New Zealand. [DDMM meets on a quarterly basis with additional meetings as necessary](https://www.finance.gov.au/government/public-data/data-and-digital-ministers-meeting/terms-reference). Additional Ministers, Senior Officials and/or expert advisers may be invited to attend to support effective meetings and cross-portfolio collaboration and consultation subject to approval from the chair.

Decisions are made by ministerial consensus wherever possible. Decisions regarding nominations for the National Data Sharing Work Program (Work Program) are made on a majority basis. Ministers will consult relevant ministerial bodies on policy issues prior to any agreement to projects under its Work Program.

**Official support**

DDMM has permanent and time-limited sub-groups to support implementation of the IGA and Work Program. The primary group is DDMM Senior Officials Group (DDMM SOG), a group of Senior Officials with portfolio responsibility for data and digital matters within their jurisdiction. DDMM SOG is co-chaired by the Commonwealth Department of Finance and the Digital Transformation Agency. The DDMM Data & Analytics Working Group (DDMM D&AWG) supports DDMM SOG to oversee the Work Program and its projects in addition to providing advice on a range of data-related topics.

**Review and Reporting**

DDMM reviews and agrees a workplan annually. DDMM reports to National Cabinet on its workplan and on any National Cabinet tasking as required. [Communiques](https://www.finance.gov.au/publications/data-and-digital-ministers-meeting-outcomes) are published after each DDMM.

**Secretariat**

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