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Minister for Finance

Data and Digital Ministers Meeting - 23 February 2024

Minister's action due by: 9 February 2024, to allow for circulation of papers ahead of the meeting.

Recommendation:

That you **agree** the papers at Attachment A be circulated to Ministers for the Data and Digital Ministers Meeting scheduled for 23 February 2024.

AGREED / NOT AGREED / PLEASE DISCUSS

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Katy Gallagher

Key Issues:

1. The next Data and Digital Ministers Meeting (DDMM) will be on 23 February 2024 at NSW Parliament House in Sydney. Papers are at Attachment A.
2. At this meeting Ministers will be asked to:
 - (a) Endorse the DDMM 2024 Workplan.
 - (b) Agree next steps to implement the National Strategy for Identity Resilience.
 - (c) Agree to progress a National Digital Identity Strategy and provide feedback on key digital ID priorities.
 - (d) Agree to progress priority digital inclusion initiatives from the initial report of the First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group.
 - (e) Endorse the initial national framework for the assurance of government use of artificial intelligence.
 - (f) Agree the Third National Data Sharing Work Program, including a project on Family and Domestic Violence and two reforms to improve the intergovernmental data sharing system.
 - (g) Agree to the priorities and processes for the first sharing of data under the National Disability Data Asset (NDDA) in mid-2024.

- (h) Agree to the direction and framework for the reformed National Life Events Program, and the next steps toward developing a five-year plan to make it easy for people to find and do what they need to across all levels of government.
- (i) Consider an update on the implementation of the 2023-30 Australian Cyber Security Strategy and the work of the National Cyber Security Coordinator.
- (j) Consider an update on the progress of the Birth of a Child project led by the Australian Capital Territory and Services Australia.

3. The department is working with your office regarding chairing arrangements following advice you are unavailable to chair. We are also working with NSW officials to finalise logistical arrangements for the meeting.

Financial Implications:

4. N/A.

Background:

5. The 23 February 2024 DDMM will be held in-person in Sydney NSW at NSW Parliament House. It is expected the chair will be supported by:

- (a) The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Attorney-General, for item 3 (National Strategy for Identity Resilience – update on immediate initiatives
- (b) The Hon Clare O’Neil MP, Minister for Home Affairs and Cyber Security, for item 7 (Cyber Security update).
- (c) The Hon Michelle Rowland MP Minister for Communications and Dot West OAM, chair of the First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group, for item 6 to contribute to the discussion on digital inclusion and update Ministers on the work of the Regional Connectivity Ministers Roundtable (chaired by Minister Rowland).

6. The DDMM last met on 29 September 2023.

7. The second DDMM of 2024 is due to be scheduled for mid 2024.

- (a) The meeting could be held in any of the jurisdictions which have offered, but not yet hosted, a DDMM (TAS, QLD or NT).

Consultation:

8. N/A.

Attachments:

Att A – Papers for 23 February 2024 Data and Digital Ministers Meeting.

Approved for electronic transmission

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