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AGENDA

Date: 21 June 2024, 9.00am – 12:00pm (ACST)
Venue: Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory (Parliament House), 15 Mitchell St, Darwin City
Chair: Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Minister for Finance, Women and the Public Service.

Item		Action	Lead
1	Welcome	Note	Minister Gallagher (Cth)
National Cabinet tasking to improve information sharing about perpetrators of gender-based violence across systems and jurisdictions			
2	Third National Data Sharing Work Program (paper)	Note	Minister Gallagher (Cth)
Delivering a secure, convenient, voluntary and inclusive Digital ID and verifiable credential experience for citizens			
3	Digital Inclusion (paper)	Note	Minister Uibo (NT)
4.1	Digital ID and verifiable credentials (paper)	Agree	Minister Gallagher (Cth)
4.2	Proposed cross-jurisdictional policy for verifiable credentials (paper)	Agree	Minister Williams (VIC)
5	Cyber Security update (paper)	Note	Minister Gallagher (Cth)
Transforming services around life events			
6	Life-events -based Checklist in myGov	Agree	Minister Shorten (Cth)
Reforming cross-jurisdictional data and digital platforms, services and protocols			
7	National Disability Data Asset and Australian National Data Integration Infrastructure update (paper)	Agree	Minister Shorten (Cth)
8.1	Artificial Intelligence Assurance Framework (paper)	Agree	Minister Dib (NSW) Minister Gallagher (Cth)
8.2	Protocol for updating the National Framework for the Assurance of Artificial Intelligence in Government	Agree	Minister Dib (NSW) Minister Gallagher (Cth)
Other business			
9	Communique (paper)	Agree	Minister Gallagher (Cth)
10	Next meeting	Note	Minister Gallagher (Cth)

Members

Cth	Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher The Hon Bill Shorten MP	**SA**	The Hon Stephen Mullighan MP
NSW	The Hon Jihad Dib MP	**TAS**	The Hon Eric Abetz MP
VIC	The Hon Gabrielle Williams MP	**ACT**	Mr Chris Steel MLA
QLD	The Hon Bart Mellish MP	**NT**	The Hon Selena Uibo MLA
WA	The Hon Stephen Dawson MLC	**NZ**	The Hon Judith Collins MP

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Attendees

Jurisdiction	Ministers	Senior Officials	Advisers
Cth	**Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher (Chair)** **Minister for Finance** **Minister for Women** **Minister for the Public Service**	**John Shepherd** First Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance **Lucy Poole** a/g CEO, Digital Transformation Agency	s 22 Adviser, Office of Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher s 22 Senior Adviser, Office of Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher s 22 Media Adviser, Office of Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher
	The Hon Bill Shorten MP (online) **Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme** **Minister for Government Services**	**David Hazlehurst** CEO, Services Australia	s 22 Senior Adviser, Officer of the Hon Bill Shorten MP
	The Hon Michelle Rowland MP **Minister for Communications**	**Lisa La Rance** First Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	s 22 Senior Adviser, Office of the Hon Michelle Rowland MP s 22 Senior Press Secretary, Office of the Hon Michelle Rowland MP
		Joe Smith A/g Deputy National Cyber Security Coordinator, Home Affairs	
NSW	**The Hon Jihad Dib MP** **Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government** **Minister for Emergency Services** **Minister for Youth Justice**	**Laura Christie** Deputy Secretary, Department of Customer Service	s 22 Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Jihad Dib MP
VIC	**The Hon Gabrielle Williams MP (online)** **Minister for Government Services** **Minister for Consumer Affairs** **Minister for Public and Active Transport**	**John Batho (online)** Deputy Secretary, Department of Government Services **Tessa Piper** Executive Director, Department of Government Services	s 22 Senior Adviser, Office of the Hon Gabrielle Williams MP

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Data and Digital Ministers Meeting

Jurisdiction	Ministers	Senior Officials	Advisers
QLD	**The Hon Bart Mellish MP (online)** Minister for Transport and Main Roads Minister for Digital Services	**Chris McLaren (online)** **Chief Customer and Digital Officer, Department of Transport and Main Roads**	s 22 Adviser, Office of the Hon Bart Mellish MP
WA	**The Hon Stephen Dawson MLC** Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science; Medical Research Minister Assisting the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade	**Greg Italiano** **Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Premier and Cabinet**	s 22 Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
SA	**The Hon Stephen Mullighan MP (APOLOGY)** Treasurer Minister for Defence and Space Industries	**Eva Balan-Vnuk (online)** **Executive Director, Department of Premier and Cabinet** **Peter Worthington-Eyre (online)** **Chief Data Officer, Department of Premier and Cabinet**	s 22 Senior Adviser, Office of the Hon Stephen Mulligan MP
TAS	**The Hon Eric Abetz MP (APOLOGY)** Minister for Business, Industry and Resources Minister for Transport	**Justin Thurley** **Chief Information Officer, Department of Premier and Cabinet**	
ACT	**Mr Chris Steel MLA (online)** Minister for Planning Minister for Skills and Training Minister for Transport Special Minister of State	**Rishi Dutta (online)** **a/g Chief Digital Officer** **Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate**	s 22 Chief of Staff, Office of Mr Chris Steel MLA
NT	**The Hon Selena Uibo MLA** Minister for Health Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Minister for Remote Housing and Homelands Minister for Parks and Rangers Minister for Local Decision Making Minister for Public Employment Minister for Corporate and Digital Development	**Chris Hosking** **Chief Executive, Department of Corporate and Digital Development** **Ewan Perrin** **Executive Director, Department of Corporate and Digital Development** **Bruno Braga** **Executive Director, Department of Corporate and Digital Development**	s 22 Adviser, Office of the Hon Selena Uibo MLA s 22 Adviser, Office of the Hon Selena Uibo MLA

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Jurisdiction	Ministers	Senior Officials	Advisers
NZ	**The Hon Judith Collins KC MP (APOLOGY)** **Attorney-General** **Minister for Defence** **Minister for Digitising Government** **Minister for Government Communications Security Bureau** **Minister for New Zealand Security Intelligence Service** **Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology** **Minister for Space** **Minister for Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into the Terrorist Attack on the Christchurch Mosques**	**Ann-Marie Cavanagh (online)** **Deputy Government Chief Digital Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Digital Public Service, Department of Internal Affairs** **Sarah Dickson-Johansen (online)** **Principal Advisor Digital Public Service**	

Agenda Item 1: Welcome

Minister Uibo welcomed members to Darwin and provided an acknowledgement of country.

The Chair welcomed Minister Rowland, Dot West and Dr Lyndon Ormond Parker and noted apologies from the Hon Stephen Mullighan MP, the Hon Eric Abetz MP, and the Hon Judith Collins KC MP.

Members noted the actions register.

Agenda Item 2: Third National Data Sharing Work Program

The Chair noted National Cabinet recently tasked the Data and Digital Ministers Meeting with "improving information sharing about perpetrators [of gender-based violence] across systems and jurisdictions". This work is being co-led by the Commonwealth and Victoria in partnership with all jurisdictions, with a report due to National Cabinet in September 2024.

In coordinating its advice to National Cabinet, the Chair noted DDMM is expected to work closely with the Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Council, Police Ministers and Standing Council of Attorneys-General.

Minister Williams noted Victoria will co-lead this tasking. Victoria introduced a Central Information Point (CIP) in response to recommendations from the *Royal Commission into Family Violence*. The CIP collates information about perpetrators of family violence to assess risk, help services keep perpetrators 'in view' and keep people safe. Production of CIP reports is currently manual and work is underway to automate.

Minister Dawson noted Western Australia is introducing privacy and information sharing laws to enable safe and secure sharing of information across government and with trusted external entities.

DECISIONS:

Ministers:

a) **Noted** National Cabinet has tasked Data and Digital Ministers with improving information sharing about perpetrators of gender-based violence across systems and jurisdictions.
b) **Noted** progress under the third National Data Sharing Work Program (Work Program).
c) **Noted** project outcomes and a review of the performance of the third Work Program will be considered at the next meeting.

ACTIONS:

- Commonwealth to share the letter from the Prime Minister to the Chair outlining the National Cabinet tasking.
- Chair to write to members on National Cabinet tasking.
- All Ministers to work across their governments to identify opportunities to improve information sharing on perpetrators.
- Commonwealth and Victoria to lead development of DDMM advice to National Cabinet to improve information sharing about perpetrators of gender-based violence, to be considered out-of-session.

Agenda Item 3: Digital Inclusion

Minister Uibo noted the Digital Inclusion Working Group, chaired by Northern Territory, is progressing priority digital inclusion initiatives agreed by Data and Digital Ministers in February 2024. s47B

Minister Rowland noted Commonwealth recently committed $68 million for digital inclusion initiatives including free community Wi-Fi in remote First Nations communities, establishing a First Nations Digital

Support Hub and a network of digital mentors. The Regional Connectivity Ministers Roundtable, chaired by Minister Rowland, is actioning improved data sharing between jurisdictions and with telecommunications companies. Regional Connectivity Ministers welcome collaboration with DDMM on this. Minister Rowland encouraged continued state and territory contribution to:

- the review of Universal Service Obligation
- the School Student Broadband Initiative
- the 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review
- a new National Messaging System.

Ms Dot West OAM and Dr Lyndon Ormond-Parker encouraged jurisdictions to help the First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group develop a roadmap towards First Nations digital inclusion. Ms West and Dr Ormond-Parker described the benefit of the First Nations Data Map launched by the Advisory Group in 2023.

DECISIONS:

Ministers:

a) **Noted** progress by jurisdictions against the digital inclusion initiatives endorsed by Data and Digital Ministers in February 2024.

b) **Noted** the involvement of Digital Inclusion Working Group with national digital ID proof of concept activities.

ACTIONS:

- Chair to invite National Data Commissioner to a future meeting to support a conversation on data sharing.

Agenda Item 4.1: Digital ID and verifiable credentials

The Chair noted the *Digital ID Bill 2024 and Digital ID (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2024* has been passed by Commonwealth Parliament and will commence by 1 December 2024. The Chair thanked jurisdictions for their contributions to the Digital ID and Verifiable Credentials Strategy.

The Chair emphasised the Digital ID legislation will create a voluntary scheme and strongly encouraged states and territories to progress accreditation with the Australian Government Digital ID System, noting businesses support a national system.

DECISIONS:

Ministers:

a) **Agreed** the Digital ID and Verifiable Credentials Strategy (Attachment A).
b) **Agreed** to the approach for the Digital ID alternative proofing Proof of Concepts, which will support inclusion (Attachment B).
c) **Noted** the Commonwealth, working with jurisdictions, will bring forward further initiatives to achieve the whole of economy goals for Digital ID by the end of 2024.
d) **Noted** the implications for States and Territories of the updated Commonwealth Digital ID Legislation, Rules, and transition arrangements (Attachment C).

ACTIONS:

- Chair to write to members regarding implications of Digital ID legislation, Rules and transition arrangements for states and territories.

Agenda Item 4.2: Proposed cross-jurisdictional policy for verifiable credentials

Minister Williams noted all governments are working towards a consistent approach to government-issued verifiable credentials to enable interoperability across jurisdictions and realise productivity benefits. Minister Williams noted that as credentials such as driver licences are issued in state-based digital wallets, it is important for jurisdictions to align with consistent standards where possible.

DECISIONS:

Ministers:

a) **Agreed** Australian jurisdictions will work towards aligning with consistent, proven international standards for implementing a select set of verifiable credentials where national interoperability is desirable and agreed by Australian jurisdictions.

b) **Noted** the verifiable credentials policy outcomes and principles, and definitions, which will inform the development of a workplan for verifiable digital credentials, will be submitted for consideration by DDMM at its September 2024 meeting.

c) **Noted** further work will be undertaken by the Verifiable Credential Working Group on the use and standards for digital wallets and how to operationalise a verifiable credentials system in Australia.

Agenda Item 5: Cyber Security update

The Chair noted the Commonwealth intends to release a 'Ransomware playbook' and a definition of "Systems of Government Significance", and the Department of Home Affairs is developing a framework to assess national security risks posed by technology vendors, their products, and services within Australia.

The Deputy National Cyber Security Coordinator, Mr Joe Smith, noted an evaluation of the Commonwealth's cyber awareness campaign will be available in mid-July. Mr Smith noted the National Cyber Security Coordinator is working with states and territories to coordinate a whole-of-government response to the MediSecure cyber incident.

DECISIONS:

Ministers:

a) **Noted** the update on implementation of the 2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy.
b) **Noted** the update on the Protective Security Policy Framework approach.
c) **Noted** the update on the work of the National Cyber Security Coordinator.

ACTIONS:

- Commonwealth (Home Affairs) to work with Victoria and other interested jurisdictions on developing the Ransomware playbook and a framework to assess national security risks posed by technology vendors, their products, and services within Australia.
- Commonwealth (Home Affairs) to provide (to Secretariat to circulate) findings from evaluation of the Commonwealth's cyber awareness campaign.

Agenda Item 6: Life-events based Checklist in myGov

Minister Shorten noted Services Australia will work with interested jurisdictions to develop a "life events -based checklist" in the myGov app. CEO of Services Australia, Mr David Hazlehurst, noted Services Australia will continuing working with the ACT to deliver the Birth of a Child pilot. Minister Steel noted "registration of birth service" will go live in June 2024 as planned, with an evaluation of the pilot to follow.

Minister Dib discussed a recent NSW pilot of a digital birth certificate noting work is still required to prepare these certificates to be verifiable credentials.

Minister Dib and Minister Williams noted NSW and VIC are prepared to work with Services Australia on the proof of concept.

DECISIONS:

Ministers:

a) **Noted** from 1 July 2024 the Commonwealth lead for the National Life Events program will be Services Australia.

b) **Agreed** the Commonwealth work with interested states and territories on a proof of concept for a life-event based checklist function in the myGov app and provide advice to the next meeting of DDMM.

ACTIONS:

- Interested jurisdictions to nominate officials to work with Services Australia on a Life event-based checklist function in the myGov app by 21 July 2024.
- ACT to provide (to Secretariat to circulate) findings from the full evaluation plan of the Birth of a Child pilot.

Agenda Item 7: National Disability Data Asset and Australian National Data Integration Infrastructure update

Minister Shorten acknowledged progress on National Disability Data Asset (NDDA) Release 1. Minister Shorten thanked states and territories for their efforts to share data as soon as possible, and noted all jurisdictions are working together to build robust governance and assurance safeguards consistent with the DATA Scheme. Minister Shorten noted some of the key priority areas for the next NDDA release phase, including housing and homelessness and early childhood education.

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DECISIONS:

Ministers:

a) **Noted** the progress on NDDA Release 1, including status of datasets for inclusion.
b) **Noted** the Australian National Data Integration Infrastructure (ANDII) Board update.
c) **Agreed** ANDII Board will work with the NDDA Board to determine the composition of datasets for inclusion in NDDA Release 2.
d) **Agreed** ANDII Board provide high-level advice at the next DDMM regarding legislative challenges for the delivery of the NDDA and potential changes to improve operation of the Commonwealth Data Availability and Transparency Act 2022 (DAT Act).

ACTIONS:

- Data and Digital Senior Officials Group to consider future use cases for the ANDII.
- ANDII Board to provide advice at next DDMM on legislative challenges for delivery of NDDA and potential changes to improve operation of Commonwealth Data Availability and Transparency Act 2022.

Agenda Item 8.1: Artificial Intelligence Assurance Framework

Minister Dib noted the National Framework for the Assurance of AI in Government provides common principles and cornerstones to help jurisdictions realise the benefits of AI and set clear safeguards against risk within their own unique assurance systems.

DECISIONS:

Ministers:

a) **Endorsed** the National Framework for the Assurance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Government.

ACTIONS:

- **Commonwealth** to publish National Framework for the Assurance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Government.

Agenda Item 8.2: Protocol for updating the National Framework for the Assurance of Artificial Intelligence in Government

Minister Dib discussed the importance of having a protocol to update the National Framework for the Assurance of AI in Government, to ensure it is responsive to new developments and remains relevant. Ms West and Dr Ormond-Parker noted the importance of ensuring consideration is given to Indigenous data sovereignty and Indigenous intellectual property rights.

DECISIONS:

Ministers:

a) **Agreed** on the protocol for updating the National Framework for the Assurance of AI in Government beyond June 2024 and for ongoing collaboration on the next priority areas of focus.

Agenda Item 9: Communique

Members considered the draft communique circulated ahead of the meeting.

DECISIONS:

Ministers:

- **Agreed** the communique with minor amendments out-of-session.

ACTIONS:

- **Secretariat** to publish the communique on the DDMM website.

Agenda Item 10: Other business and next meeting

The Chair thanked NT for hosting the 21 June 2024 meeting.

The Chair advised members the next DDMM will be determined after this meeting.

ACTIONS:

- **Secretariat** to confirm date and location of next DDMM.

Meeting closed.