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Minute

To: ^{MP} Secretary 11/05/2020
cc: Andrew Rice, First Assistant Secretary, Identity and Biometrics Division
Date: 7 May 2020

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Purpose

To:

1. Brief you on the Portfolio Biometrics Steering Group (PBSG) as an ongoing governance and reporting mechanism for the robust and transparent management of biometrics across the Portfolio.

Background

2. In January 2020, articles in the international and Australian media reported on the use of the Clearview AI facial recognition application by some American police forces. The articles raised privacy concerns with governments and industry undertaking facial recognition matching against images sourced through social media. A number of internet media sites reported that Australian agencies initially denied using Clearview AI
3. On 28 February 2020, there were media reports that the software had been used by the Australian Federal Police (AFP). At the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Intelligence and Security meeting that same day, the Hon Mark Dreyfus MP asked the AFP Commissioner if the AFP had used the software. This was taken as a Question on Notice.
4. The AFP subsequently responded with advice that officers had registered for free trials of Clearview AI and searches using the application had been undertaken between November 2019 and January 2020.

Issues

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10. The Portfolio agencies have committed to ongoing governance mechanisms to align agency activity and contribute to the overarching values of the Portfolio, which include:
- a. Quarterly PBSG meetings with SES Band 2 representation from each agency;
 - b. s. 47E(d) [REDACTED]
 - c. s. 47E(d) [REDACTED]
11. The PBSG is supported at the executive officer level by the Portfolio Biometrics Working Group (PBWG), s. 47E(d) [REDACTED]
12. s. 47E(d) [REDACTED]
13. s. 47E(d) [REDACTED]
14. s. 47E(d) [REDACTED]

Consultation

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Recommendation

It is recommended that you:

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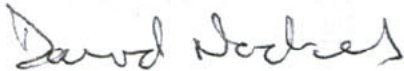
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