



# Minutes – Band Two Steering Committee – Technology Vendor Review Framework

Date: 10 October 2023  
Time: 11:00am – 12:00pm AEDT

Attendees

| Organization                  | Attendees                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Department of Home Affairs    | Peter Anstee – A/g First Assistant Secretary Cyber Security Policy<br>Alister Sidhom – A/g Assistant Secretary Technology Security Policy<br>s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |
| Attorney General's Department | Brooke Hartigan – First Assistant Secretary Security and Counter-Terrorism Division                                                                          |

s. 7(2A)

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| Defence                                       | Peter West – First Assistant Secretary Security and Vetting Service     |
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade       | Hugh Watson – Assistant Secretary Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology |
| Department of Industry, Science and Resources | Anthony Murfett – Head of Division Technology and Digital               |
| Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  | s. 22(1)(a)(ii)                                                         |

s. 7(2A)

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| The Treasury | s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |
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## Minutes

### *Welcome and Introductions*

**The Chair** welcomed members to the first meeting of the Technology Vendor Review Framework Steering Committee (the Committee).

**The Chair** provided an introduction to the Technology Vendor Review Framework (the Framework) and relevant background, s. 33(1)(a)(ii)

### *Terms of Reference*

## s. 7(2A)

**The Chair** highlighted framework nomenclature would be explored at upcoming steering committee meetings.

**The Committee** agreed to expand Committee membership to include the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) and Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA).

### *Project Overview*

**The Committee** provided an overview of the work program and provided an overview of early considerations. **Members** sought clarification on the project's scope, alignment with other work and communication considerations.

### Scope

s. 7(2A)

s. 47C(1)

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## s. 47C(1)

### Alignment

s. 47C(1)

s. 33(1)(a)(ii)

s. 47C(1)

## s. 7(2A)

s. 47C(1)

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Communication

# s. 7(2A)

The Chair advised guidance would be provided to states and territories and public communication would be considered on a case-by-case basis, to be informed by mitigation decisions.

*Project Timeline*

The Chair advised the committee of the s. 47C(1)

## s. 47E(d)

PM&C advised s. 47C(1)

*Indicative Process*

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s. 7(2A)

The Chair outlined the steering committee will be meeting every 6 weeks, with a working group to meet regularly in the intervening periods.

s. 47C(1)

**Action Items**

| Item | Action                                                                       | Responsibility |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1    | DTA to be added to membership                                                | Home Affairs   |
| 2    | DITRDCA to be added to membership                                            | Home Affairs   |
| 3    | Terms of Reference to be amended to extend provision of supporting documents | Home Affairs   |
| 4    | s. 47C(1)                                                                    | Home Affairs   |



# Minutes – Technology Vendor Review Framework Steering Committee

Date: 29 November 2023  
Time: 14:30 – 15:30 AEDT

Attendees

| Organization                              | Attendees                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs) | Peter Anstee – First Assistant Secretary Cyber Security Policy<br>Alister Sidhom – A/g Assistant Secretary Technology Security Policy |
| Attorney General's Department (AGD)       | Jacqueline McDermott – Assistant Secretary National Security Information Branch                                                       |

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 7(2A)

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| Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR)                            | Anthony Murfett – Head of Division Technology and Digital                 |
| Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts | Jason Ashurst – A/g FAS Communications Infrastructure                     |
| Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C)                             | s. 22(1)(a)(ii)                                                           |
| Digital Technology Authority (DTA)                                              | Lucy Poole – General Manager Digital Strategy, Architecture and Discovery |

s. 7(2A)

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### *Welcome and Introductions*

**The Chair** welcomed attendees to the second meeting of the Technology Vendor Review Framework (TVRF) Steering Committee (the Committee).

**The Chair** noted the release of the *2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy* and highlighted references to the TVRF within the document.

### *Progress Update*

**Home Affairs** provided a progress update on the TVRF, including an overview of the process to date, project considerations, limitations and knowledge gaps.

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s. 33(1)(a)(i)

**The Chair** acknowledged a large amount of guidance on supply chain risk management already exists, including Policy 6 of the Protective Security Policy Framework and the ACSC's Supply Chain Guidance.

s. 47C(1)

**The Chair** noted that if guidance is pursued, it would be considered a separate but complementary body of work to the TVRF s. 47C(1)

s. 7(2A)

s. 47C(1)

s. 7(2A)

s. 47C(1)

s. 33(1)(a)(i)

*Action items*

| Item | Action    | Responsibility |
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| 1    | s. 47C(1) | Home Affairs   |

*Ongoing action items*

| Item | Action                                                                       | Responsibility | Status    |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1    | DTA to be added to membership                                                | Home Affairs   | Completed |
| 2    | DITRDCA to be added to membership                                            | Home Affairs   | Completed |
| 3    | Terms of Reference to be amended to extend provision of supporting documents | Home Affairs   | Completed |
| 4    | s. 47C(1)                                                                    | Home Affairs   | Ongoing   |