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Question: AET 975

Topic: Protective Security Policy Framework (ATO)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

975. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

975. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has commenced a detailed internal audit of its compliance with the *Protective Security Policy Framework*, and will report to the Minister in August 2013.

The ATO has an Enterprise Risk Management Framework to identify and assess enterprise security risks. Business units with specific security management responsibilities oversee the implementation of risk mitigation programs.

The requirements of the *Protective Security Policy Framework* are implemented through the ATO security policy framework, which comprises 80 instructions and guidelines. These policy documents are on the ATO's intranet. A security awareness strategy ensures key messages are reinforced to staff regularly. As part of the ATO's broader publication program many ATO security policies will be published on 'ato.gov.au' this year.