

Opening statement
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Good afternoon senators. I would like to provide a brief opening statement.

As you are aware, the government's digital transformation ambitions are focused on:

- digitising more customer-facing services
- providing an improved user experience, and
- making effective ICT and digital investment decisions.

The DTA's mission is to work with agencies to help accelerate the delivery of these ambitions. In doing so, we focus on those areas and programs of work that we believe are most important and impactful.

An example of this approach is the lead role the DTA has taken with digital identity. Our learnings through our interactions with other governments and the private sector have confirmed that being able to securely and digitally identify yourself when dealing with government is a game changer to transforming service delivery.

The \$60 million we received in this month's budget will allow us to work with our government counterparts to progress the next phase of work on digital identity.

By October, a system will be up and running that will allow people to apply for and receive their tax file number.

Over the following 12 months, the capability will be rolled out to a number of other high volume government services, giving more than 400,000 people the opportunity to test this.

Another example of our work to support transformation includes the work we are progressing with the Australian Public Service to design and build digital programs for public servants. Having a significant uplift in digital literacy and capabilities

within the APS is a critical enabler to the public service being able to undertake the necessary transformation.

Finally, we provide strategic guidance and advice to government to support better connections and consistency in how the government operates and guides a common vision for digital work across government. Examples include our cloud strategy, published earlier this year, and our current work on hosting and platforms strategies.

Thank you senators for the opportunity to provide a brief statement.

I am happy to take your questions.