



Australian Government  
Australian Financial Security Authority

**EXECUTIVE MINUTE**

on

**JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT  
REPORT [No. 447]**

**EPBC Act, Cyber Security, Mail Screening, ABR and Helicopter Program**

**General comments**

The Australian Financial Security Authority (AFSA) has undertaken a comprehensive review of the Australian Government Information Security Manual (ISM) top four mitigation strategies and related controls and the implementation of these within the agency.

**Response to the recommendation(s)**

**Recommendation No. 8**

The Committee recommends that the seven agencies audited by the ANAO achieve full compliance with the top four mitigation strategies and related controls in the Information Security Manual as soon as possible. Further:

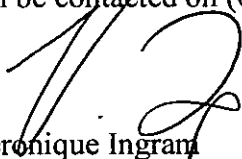
- each agency should produce a clear and detailed plan of necessary activities, including a definitive date of compliance
- agencies that do not expect to achieve full compliance before August 2015 should notify the Committee – the Committee may then seek an explanation of why full compliance is not expected to be achieved, as well as the mitigation strategies the agency has put in place.

AFSA accepted the findings of the ANAO Report No. 50, *Cyber Attacks: Securing Agencies' ICT Systems* and the recommendations of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Report [No. 447] - *EPBC Act, Cyber Security, Mail Screening, ABR and Helicopter Program*.

AFSA has now achieved full compliance with the Information Security Manual top four mitigation strategies. AFSA's compliance was confirmed in an independent Australian Signals Directorate certified IRAP assessor report in August 2015.

AFSA remains committed to maintaining a high standard of security in the delivery of effective and efficient services to the Australian people.

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