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Question:

With reference to the Administrative Arrangement Orders on 30 September 2015 (consolidated).

What was the rationale behind the DTO being transferred from the Department of Communications to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Answer:

Putting the Digital Transformation Office (DTO) in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio emphasises the whole-of-government focus of the DTO and the Digital Transformation Agenda.

The DTO was established to provide leadership on government service delivery. Its functions include the development and implementation of user-centred whole-of-government service delivery policies and standards, design and governance of the implementation and enhancement of whole-of-government service delivery platforms, co-ordination of the funding of whole-of-government service delivery platforms, and advice to the Government on service delivery proposals.

As an agency in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, the DTO is well placed to support digital transformation across all areas of government, including working across Commonwealth, State, Territory and local government jurisdictions.