

E-SECURITY REVIEW 2008

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Attorney-General's Department is to lead a review of the Australian Government's e-security policy, programs and capabilities, assisted by other agencies represented on the E-Security Policy and Coordination Committee. The review will take account of both the threat from electronic intrusions into Australian networks and the threat from complementary attacks on their physical, administrative or personnel security arrangements.

The purpose of the review is to develop a new Australian Government E-Security Framework in order to create a secure and trusted electronic operating environment for both the public and private sectors.

The review will:

1. develop a new Australian Government policy framework for e-security, covering the span of e-security issues across government, business and the community
2. examine current programs, arrangements and agency capabilities and capacities that contribute to e-security, including:
 - a) those being implemented by agencies under the E-Security National Agenda
 - b) incident response and crisis management arrangements for e-security, including the recommendations from Australia's participation in Exercise Cyber Storm II, and
 - c) other relevant information and communications technologies (ICT) initiatives being undertaken by the Commonwealth and by state and territory governmentsto establish their suitability and effectiveness to achieve the policy objectives of the new Framework.
3. address emerging e-security issues including:
 - a) those resulting from technological change, including roll-out of the National Broadband Network, and
 - b) an increasingly hostile online security environment, which does not respect traditional jurisdictional boundaries
4. consider opportunities provided by international cooperation, including engagement with similar economies and like-minded governments
5. bring forward recommendations, prioritised in accordance with an assessment of risk, for consideration by Government to:
 - a) tailor programs and agency capabilities and capacity to achieve the policy objectives of the new Framework
 - b) address current and emerging threats, and
 - c) determine how to measure the success of each approach
6. principally focus on measures to be effective in the period to mid-2011, but also take into account longer term considerations, and
7. consult with relevant stakeholders and experts in government, business, academia and the community.

The review is to be completed for Government consideration by October 2008.

An executive committee comprising senior representatives of the Attorney-General's Department, the Defence Signals Directorate, ASIO, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Government Information Management Office will provide oversight of the Review.