



THE SENATE

**FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Supporting the development of sovereign capability in the Australian tech sector**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday 6 May 2024**

**Senate Committee Room 2S1  
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<p><b>Pathology Technology Australia</b> (<i>Submission 8</i>) Mr Justin Meredith, Head of Strategy (videoconference) Mr Michael Johnson, Member (videoconference) Mr Dean Whiting, Chief Executive Officer (videoconference)</p> <p><b>Trellis Data</b> (<i>Submission 56</i>) Mr Michael Gately, Chief Executive Officer Mr Timothy McLaren, Head of Communications</p> <p><b>Tobias Jones Consulting</b> Mr Toby Jones, Chief Executive Officer</p>
9.45 am	<p><b>TechnologyOne</b> (<i>Submission 9</i>) Mr David Forman, Director, Government</p> <p><b>Reason Group Pty Ltd</b> (<i>Submission 50</i>) Mr Mark Volpato, Partner (videoconference) Mr William Scheer, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Vault Cloud</b> (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mr Rupert Taylor-Price, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Sovereign Australian Prime Alliance</b> (<i>Submission 19</i>) Mr James Morse, Member</p>
10.30 am	<b>Morning tea</b>
10.45 am	<p><b>Hypereal</b> (<i>Submission 4</i>) Ms Catherine Thompson, Co-founder</p>
11.30 am	<p><b>Tech Council of Australia</b> (<i>Submission 36</i>) Mr Ryan Black, Acting Chief Executive Officer Ms Madeleine Houghton, Policy Manager</p> <p><b>Australian Information Industry Association</b> (<i>Submission 33</i>) Mr Simon Bush, Chief Executive Officer (videoconference)</p>
12.15 pm	<b>Lunch</b>

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1.15 pm	<p><b>Department of Home Affairs</b> (<i>Submission 35</i>) Mr Hamish Hansford, Deputy Secretary - Cyber and Infrastructure Security Mr Nishant Rao, Acting Assistant Secretary - Technology Security Policy</p> <p><b>Department of Industry, Science &amp; Resources</b> (<i>Submission 54</i>) Mr Anthony Murfett, Head of Division - Technology and Digital Division Ms Donna Looney, Head of Division - Sovereign Capability and Supply Chains</p>
2.00 pm	<p><b>Department of Defence</b> (<i>Submission 41</i>) Mr Chris Crozier, Chief Information Officer - Defence Digital Group</p>
2.45 pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
3.00 pm	<p><b>Digital Transformation Agency</b> (<i>Submission 5</i>) Mr Peter Rymasz, Acting Branch Manager - Digital Sourcing Mr Wayne Poels, General Manager - Digital Investment Advice and Sourcing</p>
4.00 pm	<p><b>Department of Finance</b> (<i>Submission 34</i>) Mr Gareth Sebar, Assistant Secretary - Procurement Policy and Systems, Procurement Division &amp; Commercial Group Mr Andrew Danks, First Assistant Secretary - Procurement Division, Commercial Group Ms Sabrena King, Assistant Secretary - Future Made in Australia Office, Procurement Division &amp; Commercial Group</p>
5.00 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>