



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**

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

Committee Chair: Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck

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