

Please find below the ABS response to the additional questions from the JCPAA inquiry into the management and integrity of electronic information in the Commonwealth.

If you have any further questions please contact Annette Hants on 6252 5690.

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Further questions to the ABS

Interactions with NOIE

1 Submissions from other government agencies have mentioned their interactions with the National Office of the Information Economy

What interactions does ABS have with NOIE?

ABS Response

ABS interaction with NOIE was largely covered in answer to the JCPAA when questioned on our submission: includes:

CEO, Dennis Trewin - member of IMSC

CIO, Jonathan Palmer - member of CIOC

Jonathan Palmer, First Assistant Statistician, Technology Services Division also participates in the following working groups:

- authentication
- service delivery
- employee identity management

Don Cheong, Director Security is a member of the ESCG (E-Security Co-ordination Group)

Social Engineering

2 Social engineering is the use of deception, influence and persuasion to overcome security measures. This is a potential risk to the privacy and security of electronic data, but is not mentioned in the ABS submission.

What action is being taken to guard against this potential problem?

ABS Response

ABS is aware of the threat from Social Engineering and has taken measures to reduce the risk to an acceptable level. There is a strong security culture in the ABS which is reinforced through ongoing security awareness, including education of social engineering threats. In addition to existing countermeasures, ABS conducts a regular threat risk analysis and carries out internal audits to monitor the current threat levels and residual levels of risk