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Question:

1. Please provide copies of all diary entries of the meetings between the Assistant Minister and Paul Shetler during his time as head of the DTO/DTA
2. Please provide a list of all meetings between the Assistant Minister and Paul Shetler.
3. What were the liaison or consultation platforms established between the Assistant Minister and the DTO CEO, to keep the Government apprised of progress on DTO projects?
4. How did the Assistant Minister communicate his expectations to the DTO and how was the DTO able to effectively report to the Assistant Minister?
5. Peter Alexander noted in the October 2016 estimates that a number of large ICT projects were underway and that the DTA should oversee those. Has the DIMO started overseeing any projects?
6. How many reports has the DIMO team produced since October 2016?

Answer:

1. Please refer to answer 2.
2. Please see below:

List of meetings between Assistant Minister Taylor and Paul Shetler, from DTA and Ministerial Office records	
Date	Meeting title
25 February 2016	Paul Shetler (CEO DTO)
29 February 2016	Meeting – Angus Taylor MP
07 March 2016	Paul Shetler DTO / PMC officer
17 March 2016	Discussing digital media event announcing gov.au and Digital Mktplace next Wed
23 March 2016	Ministerial event 11am – Taylor Digital Marketplace
13 April 2016	Meeting with Paul Shetler and PMC officer re MyGov
05 May 2016	DTO SES officer & Paul Shetler
22 August 2016	Phone hookup with the AM

29 August 2016	AM Visiting the DTO
31 August 2016	Meeting with AM
05 September 2016	Meeting with DTO Executive
14 September 2016	Meeting with AM
10 October 2016	Deep dive with the AM
25 October 2016	11.30am DTO - Paul Shetler - TOPIC: Identity

3. A weekly traffic light report was produced which provided progress of activities. This was emailed to Assistant Minister Taylor's office. In addition, regular meetings were conducted between the DTO and the Assistant Minister.
4. Please refer to answer 3.
5. Since commencing operation in January 2017, the Digital Investment Management Office (DIMO) has completed the first review of all ongoing significant ICT and digitally-enabled projects. It provides a report to the Government. This will allow the DTA, in consultation with the Government, to determine the most significant projects that will be subject to its ongoing oversight.
6. Since commencing operation in January 2017, the DTA continues to work intensively with a number of departments and agencies on improving their service offerings. These do not necessarily generate reports but rather advice to government.