Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation
Outcome/Program:
Topic: Protective security policy framework

Senator: Ryan
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Question:

Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

The department maintains an appropriate security culture to protect its people, information and assets. Identified security risks are mitigated by specific protective security policies and procedures, in accordance with the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF).

Finance continues to progress towards compliance with ICT security requirements. Security related documentation in relation to governance, personnel security and physical security continues to be reviewed and updated.

In July 2012, the department introduced the Government's new security classification scheme, together with new dissemination limiting markers to guide the handling of sensitive information. A new Email Protective Marking Standard and solution was also implemented.

The department is required to report its compliance to the portfolio Minister in August 2013.

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Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

The AEC is Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) compliant. All security risks are risk managed in accordance with the PSPF. To ensure PSPF compliance the AEC developed and promulgated a suite of Agency specific policy documents. The AEC agency Protective Security Plan contains all policy relevant to the mandatory requirements as set out in the PSPF.

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Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

ComSuper is currently assessed as being fully compliant with 28 of the 33 requirements of the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF). We are partly compliant with the remaining five requirements and work is in train to be fully compliant with all requirements. ComSuper has progressively improved our security risk controls and supporting arrangements.

ComSuper has a risk management framework in place, including with respect to security risk. Protective Security Risk Management is based on the requirements set in the PSPF for Security Risk Management. ComSuper has a range of security policy and procedures, in place including with respect to physical security, personnel security, and both IT and non-IT information security.

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Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

CSC is not required to comply with the Protective Security Policy Framework.

CSC manages risk via a comprehensive Risk Management Framework including an IT management framework, a risk reporting framework and associated documented policies and procedures.

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Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

The Agency has undertaken a comprehensive review of its policies with reference to the Protective Security Policy Framework. The Protective Security Policy, Security Plan and Information Classification Policy have all been updated and are undergoing final review. The Agency has not identified any compliance issues in relation to the 33 mandatory requirements. A security risk assessment and compliance checklist have been completed to support this process.