

Enabling Optimum Decision and Response

Australia's National Security Information Environment What success looks like

By 2020 the national security community will be able to securely and expeditiously manage and share the information required to support effective and efficient policy making, political decision making and cooperation on national security activities and administration. A harmonised policy and legislative environment will support the smooth flow of people, ideas and activities across boundaries.

All members of the national security community will be able to access and share information and cooperate from their desktop with their partners across government, industry and international counterparts using interoperable, secure and reliable information and communications technology among and between all classification levels.

There will be one computer screen and keyboard per desktop and users will be able to switch between classification domains with ease. Individuals will have secure desktop video and teleconferencing, and will have secure mobile voice and data communications for when they are away from the office.

The system will support the expanding national security community and the increasing need for improved, real-time collaboration and coordination. There will be interoperable and increasingly standardised tools and applications. There will be secure physical connectivity at all classification levels. Agencies will also share fielded ICT solutions more readily to reduce duplication and costs and improve 'time to market'.

There will be an agreed information management governance framework underpinned by nationally consistent interoperability standards. The systems architecture will be well-defined with agreed data format and tagging standards. All new ICT initiatives will be compatible with these standards to ensure interoperability continues to improve into the future. This will be supported by a culture of trust and cross-agency mutual recognition of personal security clearances, identity management and access controls and a common security classification nomenclature.

The information management governance framework will ensure that all ICT investments across the national security community within the Federal government are aligned with the priorities set by Government, represent best value for money and do not duplicate capability. Agencies will ensure that interoperability with other Australian partners is afforded the same priority as interoperability with international counterparts.

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