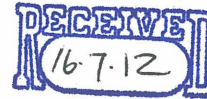




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Dear Dr Groves

I refer to the Public Accounts Committee's recent inquiry into the follow up of the status of the NSW Government's response to the Auditor-General's 2010 report on electronic information security and the Question on Notice to provide a report to the committee in early July to indicate the status of the electronic information security policy (your reference LAC 12/377).

The ICT Working Group completed the draft policy on 30 June 2012 in accordance with the schedule.

The draft policy addresses the recommendations of the Auditor-General by establishing the digital (formerly electronic) information security requirements for the NSW public sector, including the requirement to have an Information Security Management System (ISMS) that takes into account a minimum set of controls, and requirements relating to certification, attestation and the establishment of a Digital Information Security Community of Practice.

The draft policy will be considered by the ICT Leadership Group on 13 July 2012, and subject to that consideration, be provided to the ICT Board on 27 July 2012.

If agreed by the Government, it is proposed that the Core Requirements of the Digital Information Security Policy be published as a Premier's Memorandum, superseding M2007-04 "Security of Electronic Information". The memorandum will include a link to the full policy, which includes implementation actions, templates, notes and guidance.

All agencies will be required to report progress towards implementation of the policy and will be expected to have fully implemented the policy by 1 December 2013.

Yours sincerely

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