

Barton Deakin Brief: ICT Procurement Taskforce

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Yesterday the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Hon Angus Taylor MP announced a future procurement platform to make Government ICT contracts more accessible to small innovators.

This Barton Deakin brief outlines the Minister's announcement for the ICT Procurement Taskforce and attached is Barton Deakin's brief on the Minister's announcement for a Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) released October this year.

Background

Speaking at an *Open Opportunity* forum in Canberra, the Minister has called on technology companies, start-ups and digital providers to make submissions to the [ICT Procurement Taskforce](#) via a consultation paper, a website and upcoming roundtables.

The Taskforce is expected to report back to Government in early 2017.

ICT Procurement Taskforce

The ICT Procurement Taskforce has been established in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to deliver on the Government's [Better and More Accessible Digital Service](#) agenda. This Taskforce builds on the [National Innovation and Science Agenda](#) including initiatives such as the [Digital Marketplace](#).

The Taskforce will be conducting a consultation process to gauge views on the opportunities and barriers with aims to deliver better outcomes in ICT procurement – including streamlining ICT procurement processes and making it easier for SMEs and start-ups to work with the Government.

The Taskforce will release a public consultation paper on their [website](#) before the end of 2016.

Prior to the formal public consultation process, stakeholders can get in touch with the ICT Procurement Taskforce on ICT procurement reform: ictprocurementtaskforce@pmc.gov.au

Further information

To view the Minister's media release dated 24 October on opening up Commonwealth ICT contracts, click [here](#).

To view the ICT Procurement Taskforce website, click [here](#).



Barton Deakin Brief: Digital Transformation Agency (DTA)

14 October 2016

On 14 October 2016, the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Hon Angus Taylor MP announced the Commonwealth Government's Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) to implement significant change in digital capability across government departments for uses of government services.

Background

The Commonwealth Government established the Digital Transformation Office (DTO) in July 2015 to enhance government digital service delivery.

The Digital Transformation Agency (DTA)

The transformed agency now known as the DTA will comprise of a small high-calibre program management office to manage strategy and manage integration of the digital transformation agenda across government.

The agency will be responsible for ICT policy and ICT procurement functions, currently managed by the Department of Finance. It aims to build on the existing functions of the Digital Transformation Office to deliver and improve online government services.

Executive

The Assistant Minister today announced the appointment of a new interim Chief Executive Officer for the DTA, Ms Nerida O'Loughlin and new Chief Digital Officer role to be filled by Mr Paul Shetler.

The Government will also form a Digital Transformation Advisory Board which will include private and public sector expertise, to provide advice to the Minister's office. The Board will be chaired by Dr Martin Parkinson, Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Further information

To view the Minister's media release dated 14 October on the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA), click [here](#).

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