

# Record of Meeting

Meeting	<b>Technical Advisory Standing Committee Meeting</b>	
Date / Time	Wednesday 29 January 2025 / 11.00am – 1.00pm AEDST	
Location	Hybrid (in person): auDA's Boardroom, Level 19, 8 Exhibition Street, Melbourne and (via video conference)	
Present	Nigel Phair (Chair) Dr Lisa Dethridge Patrick Fair	Geoffrey Huston Kim Lowton ( <i>joined at 11.07am</i> ) Martin Schlatter
Also in attendance	Bruce Tonkin, auDA CEO Jane Smith, auDA CPO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA CoSec	Peter Elford, auDA Director Mike Trovato, auDA Director
Invitees	Lauren George – Director, Department of Treasury Scams Taskforce, Consumer Branch (agenda 4) Pratiksha Hebbandi – Department of Treasury (agenda 4)	
Apologies		

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed members present and opened the meeting at 11.02am and confirmed a quorum was present.

Due to a guest presentation, the Chair sought a re-prioritisation of the agenda, which the Committee **supported** and the Chair moved to agenda 4.

## 4. Presentation: Scams Prevention Framework

The Chair introduced Lauren George and Pratiksha Hebbandi from the Department of the Treasury's Scams Taskforce within the Consumer Branch, to present on the *Scams Prevention Framework (SPF)* (<https://treasury.gov.au/publication/p2025-623966>).

The Committee noted that the legislative amendment to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, requires providers in selected sectors of the economy (i.e. Banking, Telco and Digital Platforms), to take a variety of actions to combat scams relating to, connected, with, or using their services.

*Kim Lowton joined the meeting.*

Lauren George provided a presentation that outlined the new obligations and rules for certain businesses in sectors targeted by scammers, which included a summary of the legislative reform, and the multi-regulator approach from the Department of the Treasury working closely with regulatory bodies ACCC, APRA and ASIC.

The Committee noted the key definitions under the SPF and discussed the key principle-based obligations, including appropriate penalties that may be appropriate for breach of sector code.

The Committee queried the monitoring and enforcement of relevant sector specific codes, including other measures initiated to address scam harm (i.e. ACCC's National Anti-Scam Centre and ASIC's investment scam website takedown-capability).

*The Guest Presenters left the meeting and the Chair reverted to the agenda as tabled.*

## **2. Acknowledgement of Country**

The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country, paying respect to the traditional owners of the land upon which Committee members were located during the meeting, including elders past and present.

## **3. Declaration of Interests**

The Committee noted the standing Declarations of Interests Register.

The Chair confirmed from all present that there were no conflicts of interest to be declared.

## **5. Post Presentation: Scams Prevention Framework for TASC Consideration**

Following the SPF presentation (agenda 4), the Chair invited the Committee to provide feedback on the following considerations:

1. Enhancing Domain Name Abuse Detection;
2. Improving Reporting and Takedown Processes; and
3. Educating and Empowering Stakeholders

The Committee discussed eligibility conditions at the time of initial registration vs. ongoing checks for eligibility for domain names. It was noted that Registrars are required to check eligibility of domain name licences at the time of renewal.

## **6. Cybersecurity Concerns and Mitigation Strategies for Protecting the Domain Name System**

The draft summary, prepared by the Chair, on *Cybersecurity Concerns and Mitigation Strategies for Protecting the DNS*, was noted and taken as read.

The Chair sought feedback and any required improvement, prior to it being tabled to the auDA Board for consideration at its scheduled 5 February 2025 meeting.

No further comments were noted.

Peter Elford encouraged TASC to give consideration with formalising advice in future, for the auDA Board to consider.

## **7. Strategic Issues**

The Committee confirmed there were no strategic issues for discussion.

## **8. Previous Record of Meeting – 10 December 2024**

The Committee reviewed the draft record of the meeting held 10 December 2024 and **resolved** to approve the record of the meeting, as true and correct.

## **9. Actions Arising from the Previous Meeting**

The Committee noted an update on previous meeting actions.

## **10. Review of Committee Workplan**

The Committee noted the current Workplan, which was discussed.

The Chair encouraged feedback from members for topics that would may assist with advice for the auDA Board, including any guest speakers that may be considered to present during the 2025 calendar year.

Geoff Huston noted that many organizations do not have a resilient DNS configuration for their domain names, as they do not know what features they should be looking for when they outsource their DNS services.

It was suggested auDA should develop a set of guidelines based on DNS industry best practice that ensure resilience e.g. ensuring more than one anycast DNS network; ensuring multiple IP address ranges; ensuring carrier redundancy, etc.

Patrick Fair suggested that TASC may wish to consider the recent Privacy Legislation changes, in relation to the following relevant principles:

- Child Privacy Code
- Automated Decision Making; and
- Organisation and Technical Security.

It was further suggested that the Australian Signals Directorate (DSD) <https://www.asd.gov.au> be also considered regarding national defence encryption and national cyber-attacks.

**Action:** The Committee **supported** these suggestions to be added to the TASC Workplan, subject to auDA Board's return advice, noting clarity will be provided by the auDA Board after its February 2025 Board meeting to assist future workplan focus for the Committee [CoSec, January 2025]

## **11. Any Other Business**

There were no further comments noted or questions raised by the Committee.

## **12. Meeting Close**

The Chair confirmed there was no other business for discussion and any further comments or questions from the Committee.

The Committee noted the next meeting date is scheduled for **Wednesday 28 May 2025**.

**Action:** The Committee **supported** a time change for this meeting from 11.00am – 1.00pm to 3.00pm – 5.00pm [CoSec, January 2025]

The Meeting closed at 12.57pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

**Nigel Phair**

Committee Chair

Date: