

Record of Meeting

Meeting	Edu.au Advisory Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Monday 15 August 2022 / 11.00am – 12.00pm AEST	
Location	via Teams Meeting	
Present	Dr Andrew J. Smith, Committee Chair Troy Williams, ITECA Craig Bennett, ACECQA Michael O’Leary, Qld DoE Haydn Cockayne, Catholic Ed, WA (<i>Replacing Tony Panetta</i>) Margot McNeill, TAFE, NSW	Andrew C. Smith, ESA CEO Kris Cutmore, ESA Jenny McCloy, ESA Corrina Maloney, ESA Daniel Hughes, ESA
Also in attendance	Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO Colin Brown, auDA CPCO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec	Jackie Korhonen, auDA Director & Board Representative
Apologies	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO Sophie Mitchell, auDA CCO Phil Sherwin, NSW DoE Juliana Shea, ISA	

1. Welcome, attendance, apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.02am, noting both those invited and those who were apologies to the meeting, confirming a quorum was present.

The Chair noted Rosemary Sinclair and Sophie Mitchell as apologies for the meeting, confirming Colin Brown will provide an update, where relevant.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country paying respect to the traditional owners of the lands upon which the Committee was meeting, including elders past and present.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Committee noted the standing Declarations of Interests Register and confirmed there were no conflicts of interest.

4. Record of Meeting from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted the Record of Meeting held 16 May 2022.

The Committee **confirmed** the 16 May 2022 Record of Meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Actions Arising

The Committee reviewed the actions and noted that all previous actions had been completed with exception to action 3 (i.e. *The Committee agreed that the development of webinar and online training modules on what .au direct means to edu.au would be helpful*), which will be **removed** from the register and considered with the development of the 2023 Stakeholder Events Calendar [**ACTION**: CoSec, August 2022].

5. ESA Quarterly Report Update for June 2022 YTD

The .edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report for the April – June 2022 reporting period was tabled.

The Chair invited Kris Cutmore from ESA to update the Committee on key activities operational outcomes and trends, including:

- Examples and details of current assessment processes [refer to Appendix 1] for the affected eligibility categories and sectors for third level edu.au domain names.
- An update on applications that have failed to meet eligibility, rather than allocation criteria in accordance to section 204A of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act.
- A summary of service requests during the reporting period which relate to the launch of .au Direct, noting those unresolved will be reflected in the next reporting quarter for member's information.
- Registry Statistics for edu.au applications and renewals for the reporting period.
- Domain composition for eligibility categories, with the edu.au domain space having an increased growth of 1.10% over the 12 months to the end of the quarter reported, noting Training Organisations and Non-Government Schools continue to record the largest increase in number of domains, which was discussed.
- Rejected applications across the edu.au space from applicants unable to meet the eligibility requirements of the .au Licensing Rules.

The Committee discussed the inconsistency and self-regulated process with Registered Training Organisations (RTO) applications and queried the criticality for an RTO to be operating nationally, to then be eligible for an edu.au domain name.

The Committee identified that the current criteria assessment process is a legacy issue.

The Chair reiterated the importance that where rules are no longer fit-for-purpose, a review and recommendation to the auDA Board is to be considered.

Action: It was **agreed** ESA will prepare a consolidated review for members to consider at its scheduled November 2022 meeting on the criteria assessment of third level edu.au domain names under the .au Licensing Rules, and whether an allocation criteria revision should be recommended to the Board for an RTO operating in a single jurisdiction [ESA & Committee, November 2022].

The auDA COO outlined for members information, the process for both minor and major policy changes.

No further comments were noted.

6. EAC Summary Review of Committee's Role & Purpose following 1:1 Chair Interviews

The Committee noted a summary review, prepared by the Chair, following offline discussions with individual members and auDA's CPCO on the role and purpose of the Committee and effectiveness of quarterly meetings.

The Chair invited members to contribute on the reflections tabled and to provide any additional feedback.

Jackie Korhonen queried with consideration of the education sector being so broad, whether additional subset meetings be considered, which was agreed would not be pursued.

Action: It was **agreed** RTO's (as an education subsector) be added to the next meeting agenda, following the earlier agenda discussed [CoSec, November 2022].

Whilst members understood the importance for the Committee to serve as a compliance representative for stakeholders with edu.au domain names, it was **agreed** further clarity on how members can communicate with stakeholder groups directly and share consistent information would be beneficial.

Action: It was **agreed** the Chair and Company Secretary would discuss a method for the Committee to information share and provide an update at the next meeting [Chair & CoSec, August 2022].

No further comments were noted.

7. What's happening across the Education Sector?

The Chair invited the Committee to provide an update on what is happening across the Education Sector.

Members queried what various education sectors are doing to market .au direct priority allocation, which was discussed.

auDA's COO noted a positive uptake of 200,000 registrations received to date, for .au domain names.

No further comments were noted.

8. auDA's 2022 Grants Program Update

The Chair invited auDA's CPCO to update Directors on the 2022 Grants Program, which was launched Wednesday 10 August 2022 and will remain open until Friday 9 September 2022.

The CPCO noted the Grant Round for 2022 will provide resources for education and research activities that enhance the utility of the internet, with a focus on the following five focus groups from two overarching themes, being digital inclusion and digital innovation:

- Rural, Regional and Remote Australia
- Disability
- First Nations People
- Older Australians; and
- Small Businesses

It was noted 68 registrations have been received within the first week of the Grants Launch.

Action: It was **agreed** a copy of the URL (<https://audafoundation.org.au/2022-applications>) will be included in the meeting minutes for members to distribute within their networks, to encourage applications from the education sector [CoSec, August 2022].

9. auDA Update Member/Stakeholder Events Calendar

The Committee noted auDA's 2022 Member and Stakeholder Events schedule.

The auDA CPCO noted for interested members, the next webinar scheduled Wednesday 23 August 2022 at 11.00am, is about .au direct priority allocation.

10. Meeting Close

No Other Business was noted.

The Meeting closed at 11.59pm.

It was noted the next meeting is scheduled **Monday 14 November 2022 at 11.00am – 12.00pm.**

Signed as a true and correct record.

Andrew J. Smith
Committee Chair

Date: