

Briefing Note – Government Meeting

To: Rebecca Razavi

From: [REDACTED], Strategy and Policy

For: Meeting with Jonathon Thorpe – DTA

Date: 2pm-2.30pm Tuesday 16 November 2021 (via Teams)

Representatives

External Attendees	NAME	TITLE
	Jonathon Thorpe	Head of Digital Identity and myGov Division, DTA
Internal Attendees	Rebecca Razavi, [REDACTED]	
Note Taker	[REDACTED]	

Agenda

1	DTA Age Verification (AV) Trials – seek update
2	DTA Trusted Digital Identity Bill
3	eSafety AV consultation process – provide update
4	Freedom of Information (FOI) requests

Lead eSafety Business Area/s

- The relationship with eSafety is primarily managed by the International, Strategies and Futures branch, with close engagement currently managed by the Policy and Strategy team.

Summary of any previous interactions

- In October, eSafety met with the DTA to discuss changes to the age requirement associated with the Trusted Identity Bill. DTA removed the minimum age requirement of 15 from the Bill as it intends to implement an age limit through an amendment to the *Age Discrimination Act*.
 - The digital identity system is only being used for services where individuals need to be over 15 (ATO, Medicare, Unique Student Identifier for tertiary studies). There is scope in the legislation to increase the types of services to age-restricted retail sales and services (e.g., alcohol, gambling, banking).
- You have monthly meetings with the DTA. Your previous meeting on 12 October 2021 covered:
 - DTA's Age Verification (AV) Trials – [REDACTED]. DTA flagged that Mastercard had flagged the trials in publications pre-emptively. We advised the DTA that eSafety had received an FOI request on engagement with Mastercard regarding AV.

- Progress on the DTA's Trusted Digital Identity Bill
- An update on eSafety's AV roadmap call for evidence and consultations

Top points/questions to raise and eSafety outcomes sought

- Progress update on DTA's AV trial project
- Raising DTA's awareness of the multiple FOI requests received by eSafety regarding agency engagement and Mastercard's involvement in DTA's AV trials.

Talking Points:

<p>Agenda item 1: DTA Age Verification (AV) Trials</p> <p><i>You may wish to seek an update on the [REDACTED]</i></p>
<p>Agenda item 2: DTA Trusted Identity legislation</p> <p><i>You may wish to note that we have been advised by DTA colleagues that [REDACTED]</i></p> <p><i>[REDACTED]</i></p> <p><i>You may wish to raise that [REDACTED]</i></p> <p><i>[REDACTED]</i></p>
<p>Agenda item 3: eSafety AV consultation process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have analysed the submissions received for the call for evidence and plan to release high level summaries on our website shortly. ● Of note, stakeholders suggested that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There should be a single regulatory or oversight body that is responsible for proactively investigating, auditing, monitoring, and assessing compliance with AV regime. ○ Requirements should be proportionate (based on risk) – blanket requirements across all relevant platforms and services should be avoided. ○ Age verification and assessment technologies should meet clear and transparent standards, be certified, independently audited, and demonstrate robust privacy and security settings. ○ There were mixed attitudes towards one-off age checks which present less friction for user experience, and single use checks which require repeat user verification. ○ Educating the public on how AV technologies work and how they are privacy-preserving was raised as a key issue and a requirement to achieving successful implementation. ● We commenced our consultation process last week and will be speaking with AV and safety tech providers in Australia and the UK in the next fortnight. ● We are happy to share insights from those meetings with you as they relate to standards and frameworks that are being employed.

Agenda item 4: FOI requests

- *You may wish to flag that eSafety has received several FOI requests relating to the age verification roadmap, which remains a high profile eSafety workstream in the media.*
- *You may wish to request whether the DTA has also received FOI requests on their trials and engagement with Mastercard.*
 - *Linkages are being drawn between the separate AV projects being run by our two agencies.*
 - *eSafety has received requests to disclose its AV discussions with the DTA and disclose any associations with Mastercard on AV.*

Additional background (if required) – could include any relevant/recent media on topics of mutual interest

- N/A

Meeting notes

- Web crawler – [REDACTED] grateful. [REDACTED] was happy to support.
- DTA identity bill, [REDACTED]. There was a volume of submissions to the exposure draft. [REDACTED]
- No requests on detailed scope/areas of digital ID usage.
- Digital identity proofing levels 1-4, [REDACTED] suggests these are useful frames for discussion.
- YOTI has approached DTA re. Digi ID scope. [REDACTED] flagged we need to determine proportionality – where is digi ID, AV and AA most appropriate.
- AV trials- industry won't be ready to engage until [REDACTED]. No movement on [REDACTED]. Xmas season is the reason for retailers not being prepared for pilot as yet.