



DATA AND DIGITAL MINISTERS' MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ 16 APRIL 2021

Ministers met today by videoconference to continue strong collaboration on data and digital transformation.

The following Ministers attended the meeting:

- The Hon Stuart Robert MP (Commonwealth)
- The Hon Victor Dominello MP (New South Wales)
- The Hon Danny Pearson MP (Victoria)
- The Hon Leeanne Enoch MP (Queensland)
- The Hon Stephen Patterson MP (South Australia)
- The Hon Don Punch MLA (Western Australia)
- The Hon Paul Kirby MLA (Northern Territory)
- Mr Chris Steel MLA (Australian Capital Territory)
- The Hon Dr David Clark (New Zealand)

Seamless digital identity for Australians

A nationally consistent approach to digital identity remains a high priority for ministers. A consistent approach to digital identity will make it easier for the Australian public to interact online across a wide range of digital services, regardless of the jurisdiction they live in or the service they are accessing. Work is continuing between the Commonwealth, states and territories to make this a reality.

Vaccination certificates

Ministers noted updates on the Commonwealth rollout of digital proof of vaccination, which citizens can already access through myGov and the Medicare Express Plus app. Enhancements to the Immunisation History Statement make proof of COVID-19 vaccination clear and easy to access for individuals who have received all required doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. Ministers noted this is an important step in the continued re-opening of Australia's economy.

Data sharing

Ministers discussed development of the intergovernmental agreement to support national data sharing between governments. The intergovernmental agreement, once settled by ministers, will be considered by National Cabinet.

New Zealand is not a party to this communiqué.

Information on the Data and Digital Ministers Meeting, including previous meeting communiqués, can be found at www.pmc.gov.au/public-data/data-and-digital-ministers-meeting.