



# Secretaries Board Communique

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Date: 18 June 2025

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The Secretaries Board met at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to discuss the following matters.

The Board welcomed Dr Steven Kennedy PSM, Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet as the new Chair of the Board.

## Strategic outlook

The Board discussed government decisions, priorities, emerging risks and strategic issues.

The Board received an update on geostrategic issues from Ms Jan Adams AO PSM, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Ms Celia Perkins, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defence.

The Board received an economic and budget update from Ms Jenny Wilkinson PSM, Secretary of the Department of Treasury, and Mr Richard Windeyer, Acting Secretary of the Department of Finance.

The Board received a briefing from Mr Blair Comley PSM, Secretary, of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing on major health and disability policy priorities.

## Other business

The Board acknowledged the contribution of Mr David Fredericks PSM, Secretary, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, following an announcement that he would retire on Friday 20 June 2025. The Board thanked him for his significant service to the Australian Public Service and as a member of the Board.

## Next meeting

The next Secretaries Board is scheduled for 16 July 2025.