



Secretaries Board Communique

Date: 16 July 2025

The Secretaries Board met at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

The Board welcomed Mr Mike Kaiser, Secretary, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

The Board discussed the following matters.

Strategic Outlook

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

The Board received an update on geostrategic issues from Mr Craig Maclachlan, Acting Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Ms Justine Greig PSM, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defence.

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

The Board received a briefing from Mr Tony Cook PSM, Secretary, Department of Education, on policy priorities in relation to childcare.

Update on Economic Reform Roundtable

The Board received an update on the Economic Reform Roundtable from Ms Jenny Wilkinson, PSM, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

Secretaries Talent Council

The Board received an update from Mr Chris Moraitis PSM, Chair of the Secretaries Talent Council, on development of APS senior leaders.

Next Meeting

The next Secretaries Board is scheduled for 20 August 2025.