



The Hon Stuart Robert MP
Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills, Small and Family Business

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Morrison Government works with industry to secure Australia's sensitive data

The Morrison Government is making significant progress in implementing improved protection and security for government held data by certifying the first providers that will enable sensitive government data to be stored securely in Australia.

Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills, Small and Family Business, Stuart Robert, who is also the minister responsible for whole-of-government data and digital policy, announced that from today all relevant government data under the Hosting Certification Framework must be only be stored in either Certified Assured or Certified Strategic data centres. This includes all future and in-flight projects.

The Hosting Certification Framework, administered by the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA), strengthens the controls in place for hosting providers by increasing security provisions to protect privacy and improve resilience of data infrastructure.

Minister Robert said the Hosting Certification Framework positions the Federal Government as an exemplar in data protection and demonstrates our continued commitment to safeguarding the security and privacy protection of government held data.

‘The Morrison Government is committed to having effective controls in place for the critical systems and data holdings that underpin the operation of government,’ Minister Robert said.

‘This includes knowing how, where and when data is stored and transmitted whilst achieving greater assurance over the operation and supply chains of providers.’

The DTA is the government's Certifying Authority for the Hosting Certification Framework and is working with industry to ensure they meet the highest standards for data protection and security.

The DTA continues to engage and evaluate additional hosting providers against the Framework and will work with industry to uplift capability.

‘I encourage all hosting and cloud providers to engage with DTA early in the process,’ Minister Robert said.

For more information on the Hosting Certification Framework, visit <https://www.dta.gov.au/our-projects/hosting-strategy/hosting-certification-framework>.

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