



COO Committee Communique

Date: 25 March 2026

The COO Committee met today at the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to discuss the following matters:

Middle East conflict

The Committee was updated on the Middle East conflict and discussed the APS-wide implications and overall preparedness.

Monitoring and Accountability Framework Pilot Outcomes

The Committee considered findings and recommendations from the 2025 pilot of the Priority Reform Three Monitoring and Accountability Framework (MAF). The Committee agreed that a refined version of the MAF will be produced and released as part of the forthcoming APS Priority Reforms Strategy.

APS Academy update: AI Capability training program

The Committee noted the approach taken by the APS Academy in providing foundational AI capability learning activities and agreed to provide the Academy with feedback on the work program and connections and insights to AI capability initiatives in member agencies.

APS Academy update: Antisemitism training offerings

The Committee noted the approach and timeline taken by the APS Academy to provide service-wide updated foundational diversity and inclusion, and new antisemitism learning products and agreed to promote these products among member agencies.

HR Professional Stream update

The APS HR Professional Stream (HRPS) provided an update on progress and sought endorsement on the expansion and continuation of the three identified key priority areas for 2025 into 2026. The key priority areas are: developing HR foundational skills and capabilities; identifying and developing future HR leaders; and strengthening HR data and analytics capability.

Commonwealth Child Safe Framework

The Committee noted that 100 per cent of non-corporate Commonwealth entities published a statement of compliance with the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework for the 2025 reporting

period. The Committee also noted the findings and recommendations from the *Commonwealth Child Safe Framework evaluation report (2025)* and *Child-related work project report*, and the National Office for Child Safety's completed and planned activities to support child safety capability across the Commonwealth. The Committee agreed to continue engagement with all non-corporate Commonwealth entities on their child safety responsibilities.

Commonwealth Risk Committee – 6-monthly update

The Committee noted an update on recent activities of the Commonwealth Risk Committee (CRC). Since the last update, the CRC focussed on major cross-cutting risks and enhancements to Commonwealth risk governance. Key topics included information resilience and mis- and disinformation risks, assessment of Systems of Government Significance, and findings from the National Climate Risk Assessment. The CRC also considered progress of the APS Net Zero target.

Next Meeting

The next COO Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6 May 2026.