



COO Committee Communique

Date: 23 September 2026

The COO Committee met today at the Department of Home Affairs to discuss the following matters:

ANAO update – Sector insights

The Deputy Auditor-General outlined sector-wide insights from the ANAO's recent audit work for the Committee's awareness.

Deputy Secretaries' Talent Council update

The Chair of the Deputy Secretaries Talent Council provided an update on the Council's work to support the development of a strong and diverse leadership pipeline.

Sir Roland Wilson Foundation scholarships

The Sir Roland Wilson Foundation is a partnership between the APS, the Australian National University and Charles Darwin University to build research-informed public policy capability and leadership through postgraduate scholarships. The update focussed on maximising the return on investment in the Foundation's programs.

APS mobility project update

The Committee noted the work undertaken on the APS mobility project by the COO Committee tiger team.

Optimisation of enabling functions project update

The Committee noted the findings from the cross-agency stocktake relating to policy and framework reform opportunities across government. The Committee noted that cumulative compliance, assurance and reporting requirements are creating significant administrative burden across corporate functions and agreed to focus on identifying root causes of duplication, complexity and inefficiency.

Comcare scheme reforms

The Committee received an update on the development of reforms to modernise the Comcare scheme, with a focus on improving recovery and return-to-work outcomes for injured workers while supporting the scheme's long-term sustainability.

Next Meeting

The next COO Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11 November 2026.