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Review of .au Domain Administration (auDA) – 12-month checkpoint

I refer to the *Review of the .au Domain Administration* (the Review) released on 18 April 2018. The Department acknowledges that auDA has undertaken a significant amount of work to meet the requirements of the Review over the past 12 months. This includes refining and consulting on a suite of corporate governance documents, including a key performance indicator (KPI) framework, work to establish a Board Nomination Committee, and conducting a range of membership diversification and security activities.

The Department monitors auDA's progress against action items from the Review, and a scorecard of progress as at the 12-month checkpoint on 18 April 2019 is enclosed. In considering auDA's progress to date, the Department assesses that, overall, auDA is on track to achieve compliance with its Terms of Endorsement.

I encourage auDA to continue to focus its attention on diversifying its membership, meeting and reporting on performance requirements and reconstituting auDA's Board. Further, the Department understands auDA has assessed its community activity going forward, and we consider there would be value in publishing the conclusions of this assessment and consulting publicly on an implementation plan for future community activity.

With the announcement by the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, of the forthcoming election, the Australian Government has assumed a caretaker role. Accordingly, an assessment of auDA's progress at the 12-month checkpoint is provided in this letter by the Department. The Department will be briefing the Minister with responsibility for auDA on progress against the review milestones following the outcome of the Federal election.

In keeping with principles of openness and transparency, I recommend that the Department and auDA jointly publish this letter on our respective websites.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Vicki Middleton".

Vicki Middleton
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.au Review recommendation scorecard

The Department monitors auDA's progress towards complying with the 29 recommendations of the .au Review. On 18 April 2019, auDA met with the Department for the 12-month progress assessment. The review recommendations have been broken down into implementation action items. The status of these as at the 18 April 2019 review is as follows:

	Implementation of recommendations	#
	Overdue	-
	Not yet started (not overdue)	5
	Started	1
	On track / satisfactory progress	14
	Completed	18
	Items requiring government action	5