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Mr Timothy Pilgrim PSM
Australian Information Commissioner
Australian Privacy Commissioner
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Dear Information Commissioner,

Australian Public Service Privacy Code

Thank you for your letter of 27 March 2017 regarding the development of an Australian Public Service Privacy Code.

The Australian Public Service has a strong commitment to the privacy and security of personal information. I welcome the development of a Privacy Code to build public trust and confidence in the Australian Government's information-handling practices and proposed new uses of data.

As discussed at the Secretaries Board Meeting on 3 May 2017, and as outlined in your letter to me, your Office is uniquely placed to provide the expertise needed to develop the Privacy Code. As such, I support your Office undertaking the development of the Privacy Code.

My Department welcomes the opportunity to support your Office in this undertaking.

Yours sincerely

Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM
17 May 2017

CC: John Lloyd PSM, Australian Public Service Commissioner