



Executive Director's Message

Thank you for your patience and continued effort in working with us on the new AusCheck start date of 3 September 2007. I appreciate your support as we work through some complex issues with our IT system.

The final member of the AusCheck executive team has now joined us, being Andrew Baer, the Director of Operations. Andrew will run the processing team and he and his team will be the point of contact for clients dealing with queries on the progress of applications. Andrew comes to us from the private sector with a strong background in security and security vetting. He is making his way around as many of our clients as possible over the next few months and I encourage clients to take the opportunity to chat to Andrew about how you will interact with AusCheck in future.

Elizabeth Kelly
Executive Director



The Attorney-General the Honourable Philip Ruddock MP with Elizabeth Kelly - Executive Director and Jamie Lowe - Assistant Secretary from AusCheck at the Port & Maritime Security and Counter-Terrorism conference in Melbourne

AusCheck Email List

AusCheck are updating our Contact List and need to know if there is anybody in your organisation that should - or should not - be on it.

To be placed on the AusCheck Contacts List, candidates should email their name, organisation and complete contact details to: AusCheck@ag.gov.au. An email will be sent to confirm inclusion.

To be removed from AusCheck's Contact List, email AusCheck at: AusCheck@ag.gov.au with 'REMOVE' in the subject line. Once we receive your request, you will receive an email confirming your request for removal and confirmation we have done so.

If you choose, you may be re-added to our Contacts List at a later date.





AusCheck Industry Forum

In preparation for the launch of AusCheck operations, AusCheck will be hosting an Industry Forum in Canberra on 5 July 2007. The forum was proposed by Issuing Bodies during a recent teleconference and will provide the chance for industry to discuss details of the final phase of implementation with AusCheck and DOTARS personnel face to face.

Issuing Bodies are invited to suggest items to be included on the day's agenda. Among other things, it is proposed that details of the Government – Industry consultative committee dealing with relevant matters that arise after AusCheck's commencement will be settled at the forum.

If you wish to attend the AusCheck Industry Forum or provide an agenda item – Please forward your details to: AusCheck@ag.gov.au by 22nd June.

Forum details will be issued to those attending once numbers are finalised.

Regulations

The AusCheck regulations that were circulated to industry in May were made by the Governor-General on 7 June 2007.

Thank you to those of you who commented on the draft regulations. Where appropriate, suggestions have been accommodated.

A consolidated list of AusCheck responses to comments made by Issuing Bodies on the draft regulations will be attached to this email. The regulations and explanatory statements are also attached to this mail or may be found at: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/>.

AusCheck and DOTARS have been working to ensure their respective regulations are consistent and complementary.

The DOTARS regulations are close to being finalised and will be considered by the Commonwealth Executive Council by the end of June.

Once the regulations are made by the Governor-General, the legislative and regulatory framework will be in place to support the full transition of background checking functions from DOTARS to AusCheck in early September.

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