

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON IDENTITY MATCHING SERVICES

Question without Notice 586 — Answer Advice

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [5.08 pm]: I would also like to provide an answer to Hon Simon O'Brien's question without notice 586 asked last week on 15 August. I seek leave to have that incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

- (1) There is scope for select private sector organisations to be given access to the Document Verification Service(DVS) Commercial Service and/or the Face Verification Service (FVS) Commercial Service. Only those organisations that are: required or authorised by a law to require the identification of an individual or to verify the identity of an individual; or have a reasonable need to use the government identifiers to verify the identity of an individual could be granted access to these services. Consent of the individual whose identity is being verified via the DVS is required in all cases.

Private sector access to the FVS Commercial Service will require the consent of the individual or a legislative basis. It will also be subject to other conditions being met - including the express approval of the Minister for Transport to allow access and privacy impact assessments.

Private sector organisations will not be given access to the other identity matching services.

The implementation of the DVS Commercial Service and the FVS Commercial Service in Western Australia is being progressed.

The National DVS system is currently accessible to select private sector organisations. These organisations are able to verify Western Australian driver licenses. Private sector organisations with a regulatory requirement to confirm a person's identity are also able to verify identity documents held by the Western Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

The National FVS system is still being developed. Private sector access to the FVS system to verify Government of Western Australia facial images also requires legislative amendments.
 - (2) Local governments could be given access to select identity matching services on the basis of their being a public sector body for the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement. Local governments could not be given access to the services available only for law enforcement or road agency purposes.
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