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# Update on Governance Models for Data Integration

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# Introduction

- Improved access to data for research and evaluation
- Protection of personal information and confidentiality of data



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# Data Integration involving Commonwealth data

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- Secretaries Board Outcomes
  - February 2010 - High level principles agreed for integrating Commonwealth data for research purposes
  - October 2010 - Governance and institutional arrangements endorsed



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# Oversight Board

- The Oversight Board will oversee the development of a cross government environment for data integration matters
- Chaired by the Australian Statistician and comprising Secretaries of DoHA, DHS and FaHCSIA



# Secretariat

- ABS to host the Secretariat supported by funding from the agencies represented on the oversight Board
- Functions will include:
  - Support the development of guidelines, the education and training strategy & the network of Statistical Liaison Officers
  - Maintain and manage a web based register of projects
  - Provide an annual report to the Board



# Integrating Authorities

- An accreditation process will be established through the Board to enable endorsement of Integrating Authorities
- Endorsement of authorised and accredited Integrating Authorities for dealing with high risk projects
- IAs will responsible for implementation of projects and management of datasets
- Supported by guidelines outlining best practice



# Guidelines/Training/ Web Register



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- Guidelines describing best practice
- Education and Training Strategy
- Expansion of Statistical Liaison Officers network
- Web-based Register





# Challenges

- Dynamic vs. Static Datasets
  - Integrating Authorities could perform either a dynamic (or permanent linkage) or a static linkage (project by project)
  - Preferred approach is static linkage until sufficient experience is gained with the effectiveness of Integrating Authorities
- Extension to other organisations
  - Board will need to investigate the extension of Integrating Authority accreditation to other organisations such as Universities



# Data Integration for the Health Sector



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- Parallel approach to integrating Commonwealth and State/Territory health data currently being progressed through the Health Policy Priorities Principal Committee (HPPPC)
- Potential parallels with other portfolios
- HPPPC will consider an out of session paper on the proposal by end 2010
- Timeline for implementation over a 24 month period



## Next Steps

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- Transition path over 12-24 month period
- Transition steps:
  - Board/Secretariat established early 2011
  - Interim accreditation of selected Integrating Authorities by early 2011
  - Formal accreditation of IAs in early 2012
  - Education and training self help tools available early 2013