Australian Government
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Our Data Governance Framework

- sets out our approach to managing data over the lifecycle

- describes the principles, structures, and roles and responsibilities that underpin our policies and processes for data governance

- seeks to maximise the value of our data and ensure our data activities are aligned with our strategic objectives

- is designed to support our staff, at all levels, to manage data well so that it can be used and shared safely and effectively.

Framework in Action

Set out the standards and expectations for effective management of data in the department.

Leadership	Formalising high-level roles and governance to drive robust and consistent oversight of data management across business areas.	Roles and responsibilities

Implementation ⬇ ⬆ **Measures of Success**

Focus areas for Data Governance Framework Implementation

Policies and guidance	Capabilities	Systems and tools
Providing rules and operational support for managing data.	Facilitating training, engagement, and knowledge sharing.	Providing secure systems and tools to use data and manage through the lifecycle.

Key data roles and responsibilities

Chief Data Officer: Accountable for enterprise-wide governance and use of data as an asset and building agency data capabilities

Privacy Champion: Provides leadership on broader strategic privacy issues and promotes a culture that values and protects personal information

Chief Digital Information Officer: Leads the department's digital and cyber security processes

Senior Data Stewards / Data Stewards: Accountable for facilitating effective day-to-day management of data within a defined data domain or business area

All SES Officers: Accountable for proper use of government data within their areas of business responsibility and for supporting efforts to build data capabilities

All staff: Responsible for safe and appropriate use of data

Data Governance Principles

Our data assets are:

Business-enabling

We collect, manage, use and share data to enable policies and programs for the benefit of Australians.

Trusted

We ensure our processes for handling data are legal, secure, ethical and transparent.

Managed

We identify and mitigate risks across the data lifecycle.

Discoverable and Understandable

We support effective use of data by ensuring our data assets are discoverable, and understandable.

Fit for purpose

We ensure our data are understood and take measures to continuously improve quality and useability.

Shared and Published

We embed safe practices for use, re-use and sharing of data. Data are made publicly available where appropriate.

Our staff are:

Accountable

We have clear roles, responsibilities and accountabilities for the effective governance of our data, and the right skills and capabilities to do this well.

The Framework supports the department to:

Deliver data driven policies and programs

Treat data as an asset

Implement our data strategy effectively

Uplift data and analytical capability

Improve availability and accessibility of data for users

Empower staff to use data effectively