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VANGUARD DELIVERS ONLINE TO CUT BUSINESS RED TAPE

An online service for Business-to-Government and Government-to-Government transactions has processed more than 32 million transactions in the past 12 months.

The VANGuard service provides authentication services for a range of digital certificates used in business financial reporting to government and has handled the 32 million transactions with over 99.99 per cent availability.

“VANGuard has streamlined how business can interact with governments online,” Minister for Small Business, Senator Nick Sherry, said.

“It’s secure, cost-effective and a great example of the Gillard Government’s determination to be innovative and to reduce red tape for business.

“This leading edge technology allows businesses to easily and securely transact with Government online - and they can do this with confidence about security while saving time and money.”

VANGuard is a whole-of-government program delivered by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research and works alongside the Australian Taxation Office’s AUSkey credential system.

“VANGuard and AUSkey work together to enable a business to use a single form of identity to deal with different government agencies,” Senator Sherry said.

“This removes the hassle of businesses having to obtain and manage multiple usernames and passwords.

“Complementing these two systems is Standard Business Reporting – which enables Australian businesses to fulfil government reporting obligations online.

“Once fully operational, standard business reporting will deliver ongoing savings to business of up to \$800 million a year.

“These services are an excellent example of how the Gillard Government is using innovation and information communications technology to cut red tape, drive greater efficiency and deliver better services,” Senator Sherry said.

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