

Portfolio or Agency mission/charter

To expedite the delivery and use of spatial data, information and knowledge for the economic, social and environmental benefit of Australia. Spatial data includes earth observation and remotely sensed data. OSDM administers the Australian Government's Policy on Spatial Data Access and Pricing, which is designed to:

- maximise the benefits to the Australian Government from the application of spatial data;
- facilitate community access to public sector spatial data; and
- support the growth of a private sector spatial information industry.

Key objective/s with respect to space-related activity

- Encourage agencies to make their spatial data available under the terms of the Policy;
- Ensure all scheduled datasets have an identified custodian;
- Assist custodians to maintain and provide access to datasets in a manner that delivers optimal benefit to users;
- Expedite a whole-of-government approach to meeting Australian Government agencies' needs for spatial data and tools;
- Support a whole-of-Government input to national spatial data coordination mechanisms;
- Promote development of the spatial information industry;
- Support interdepartmental committees that coordinate cross-portfolio implementation of the Policy:
 - Spatial Data Management Group (SDMG)
 - Working groups established by the SDMG to consider thematic issues.

Recent major achievements

- SDMG Annual Report for 2009 on progress on implementing the Policy and spatial activities across Australian Government activities.
- Increasing involvement by agencies in the use of spatial capabilities to support policy development and evaluation, program delivery and internal business process efficiencies.

Portfolio/Agency expenditure on space-related activity

OSDM is a coordinating body and has a negligible operational budget. Space-related data is not distinguished from other spatial data.

Legislation administered by portfolio/agency

None

International space related agreements

None

Portfolio/Agency involvement in other space-related agreement/arrangements

None

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