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GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES INTERIM PANEL FOR DATA CENTRE FACILITIES

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation Lindsay Tanner today announced the five companies that will make up the Australian Government's interim panel for data centre facilities and services.

Lindsay Tanner said the panel will provide data centre facilities and services to Government agencies in order to meet their requirements during the development of the whole-of-government data centre strategy.

"In his review, Sir Peter Gershon foresaw the need for interim arrangements to be put in place to assist agencies in continuing to deliver government services," Lindsay Tanner said.

"The Government recognises this need and have offered all agencies the opportunity to seek access to these additional resources, with only a few needing to do so."

The five companies that will make up the panel are:

- Canberra Data Centres*
- Fujitsu Australia Limited*
- Global Switch Property Australia*
- Harbour MSP Pty Ltd*
- Polaris Data Centres*

Lindsay Tanner said the development of the whole of government strategy was progressing well with a report expected to be delivered by the end of the year.

"The Government has consulted widely with industry in the development of this strategy and we are confident that through it, we will achieve further efficiencies and improve our ability to provide reliable and sustainable services."