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ANZ agreement with Australian Government to trial business access to secure online services

ANZ announced today that it had signed an agreement with the Australian Government Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources (DITR) to commence a proof of concept for businesses to securely access online government services.

Under the agreement, selected ANZ business customers will assess the feasibility of securely accessing Commonwealth, State and Local Government online services using a chip card containing an IdenTrust digital certificate. A successful trial will enable ANZ and DITR to make the system available to additional ANZ business customers.

ANZ Managing Director Working Capital, Mr Chris Cooper said ANZ was the first Australian bank to reach agreement with the Commonwealth to work towards providing clients with secure access to online government services.

"ANZ has been issuing clients with chip cards since 2003 to enable them to access ANZ's services securely online," Mr Cooper said. "With this agreement, clients will, over time, be able to use ANZ chip cards to access select government services simply and securely."

DITR is planning to roll out electronic authentication and notarisation services under development to government agencies over future years.

Under this agreement with ANZ, it is possible that businesses could securely access online many government services using their chip card, such as applying for grants and concessions; applying for licences and permits; meeting customs reporting requirements for importers/exporters; registering a company/business name and applying for an Australian Business Number (ABN); and signing and submitting government tenders and contracts.

ANZ and DITR will begin trials with the system later this year.

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