Science and Technology-Led Innovation in Services for Australian Industries Report of the PMSEIC Working Group Wednesday 23 April 2008

The services revolution





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Sectoral employment trends in developed countries





"The shift towards services is not simply a US phenomenon or a developed nation's phenomenon ... the shift to services represents the single largest labour force migration in human history."

- Jim Spohrer, IBM, 2007

At the core of the challenge?

Q: Which do you think makes the greatest contribution to the Australian economy?



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Our brief, our task team, our headlines

- Services and the economy
- S&T and services innovation
- How is Australia positioned?
- Barriers to progress: our recommendations
- A glimpse of the future

Our brief, in brief

- Investigate the character of services innovation; and
- How it contributes now and in the future – to creating competitive advantage;
- Identify the particular distinctive contribution from our S&T base and how to improve it.

Our task team



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We will be recommending...

- S&T led services innovation as an important national priority
- Better connecting our service industries with our S&T base
- Addressing the growing skills shortage in this area
- How government can help

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What are we talking about?

• Simply put, 'services' are...

"Anything you can't drop on your foot", or

"Anything you can't put in a box and ship", or

- John Harvey, IBM

"People doing something for other people for value"

- Ravi Namane, UCalif Berkeley

A breakdown of this 80% of our economy...



*Services gross value added, i.e. the difference between the value of goods and services produced and the cost of raw materials and other inputs which are used up in production. Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2006

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The 'spectrum' of services...





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A leap-frogging opportunity for better linkage...



"...modern economies are both service economies and economies of innovation. Paradoxically, they are not regarded as economies of innovation in services.... It is as if services and innovation were two parallel universes that co-exist in blissful ignorance of each other."

> - Faiz Gallouj (2002) Innovation in the Service Economy: the New Wealth of Nations

Why is services innovation poorly understood?

"Innovation is ideas successfully applied"

- John Bessant, Imperial College (Innovation Summit, Melb. 2007)

- Service innovations tend to be intangible
- Service businesses innovate by adopting new knowledge and technologies





Two modes of services innovation

- Innovation in services industries
 - eg. exploration and mining services
 - eg. internet search
- Innovation through services (in any org./business)
 - eg. Satellite technology for Australian fishermen



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So what about science and technology and services innovation...

- A critical direct or indirect role in many services...
- S&T services innovation can occur through:
 - development of an underpinning product or platform
 - knowledge used to develop and/or transform services
 - the method of delivering a service

The reality is, there is a very strong interdependence between technological and non-technological innovations













For example..... Electronic banking



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Australia has a history of science and technology-led services innovation...

From medical care...





The Royal Flying Doctor Service

To entertainment...



Animal Logic Pty Ltd

Australia's key challenges



- Our domestic geographic challenge
- Services: 80% of the economy 20% exports
- Our share of global services exports is falling

= \$9.7 billion loss

Our knowledge intensive services challenge/opportunity...

Knowledge-intensive services (KIS) exports within the OECD as a percentage of total services exports





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And what else our competition are doing...



US Legislation on Services Science

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Box 9: US Legislation on Services Science

On August 2nd 2007, the US House and Senate voted to approve (President signed on 9 August 2007):

"Sec. 1005. Study of Services Science

(a) Sense of Congress - It is the ser order to strengthen the competit ness of Unites States enterprises and institutions and t epare the people of the United States for high-wage, i-skill employment

the Federal Government should better understand and respond strategically to the emerging management and learning discipline known as service[s] science.*

(b) Study- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, through the National Academy of Sciences, shall conduct a study and report to Congress regarding how the Federal Government should support, through research, education, and training, the emerging management and learning discipline known as service[s] science."

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"Today, services research is the fastest growing part of IBM research – the number of people focused on services innovation has increased by more than a factor of ten over the last three years, and now accounts for more than 15% of our 3000 researchers in IBM research."

– Jim Spohrer, IBM (2007)

What is Services Science...

- An emerging discipline that integrates:
 - Computer science
 - Engineering and design
 - Business strategy
 - Operational research
 - Social science and law
- Potential to enhance services innovation in a way that could not be achieved through these disciplines working in isolation

Australia's competitive advantages

- A track record of innovation
- Well respected in key S&T domains / R&D
- Educated / technologically savvy
- Stable and trusted; good business reputation
- Expertise in areas of global significance, eg. water, climate, clean energy, biotech, health

- For example: Delivering high quality care to regional hospitals

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Barriers to progress: our recommendations

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- Lack of recognition of (and information about) the importance of services to the Australian economy
- **Misconception** that services are not innovative
- **Poor understanding** of how services innovate

Recommendation 1

Establish science and technology-led services innovation as an important priority of Australia's National Innovation System

- Accompanying actions:
 - Expand ABS measurement to accurately benchmark contributions to Australia's economy
 - Review extent to which government innovation programs satisfy services needs
 - Raise awareness through high-profile awards

- Role of S&T not perceived and supported
- Products focus prevails
- Poor connections to our R&D base

Only 2% of innovating businesses collaborate with higher education facilities, and only 3% with government organisations - ABS, 2007

Recommendation 2

Strengthening the connections between Australian services businesses and our science and technology base

- Realign priorities & funding to stimulate strategic, collaborative research supporting service industries
- Stimulate services science R&D
- **Provide incentives** to enhance consultancy-type activity





- Relevant skills shortage and
- Lack of cross-disciplinary education programs

Recommendation 3

Addressing the growing skills shortage in Australian services industries

- Provide incentives and framework to:
 - establish cross-disciplinary courses
 - enable services industry employees to regularly update or expand their skills



How Government can help...



Recommendation 4

Government to stimulate services innovation

 'raising the bar' as a customer for, and provider of, services



• establishment of national support infrastructure

Federal Government services expenditure 2006-07 = \$235 billion - DITR, 2007

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The future?

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World class service provisions to Australians and the world



Enhancing existing industries where we have traditionally held a competitive advantage...



World class service provisions to Australians and the world

Capitalising on niche export opportunities



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Thank you. Questions please...