## Section
Contribution to Research

### Action
Represent CAUL on the MAMS and RAMP Steering Committee

### Responsibility

### Time-line
ongoing

### Activity since last report
MAMS has met twice, in November and February, since the last CAUL meeting. The main issue for MAMS is the development of the Australian Access Federation (AAF) which is planned to facilitate the role out of MAMS federated identity management as part of the RQF. The AAF will have three main deliverables:

1. Policies and legal framework for the AAF, governance and operational responsibility
2. PKI for Australian higher education (to be delivered by AUSCERT)
3. Shibboleth Trust Federation to be delivered by MELCOE

The RAMP (Research Activityflow and Middleware Priorities) project involves three sub-projects

1. Authentication: generalised authorisation library using XACML which will be delivered by DRAMA (Digital Repository Access Middleware Architecture)
2. ActivityFlow: will be delivered by RAMS (Research Activity Management System)
3. Fusion of AuthN/Z and ActivityFlow components

It is anticipated that selected of these developments will be implemented by DEST when building their RQF management system.

### Achievements since last report

### Publicity, reports, publications since last report

### Plan for forthcoming activity
Attend the MAMS/RAMP Steering Committee meeting to be held on 14th May 2007 in Sydney.

### CAUL budget implications
None

### Recommendations to CAUL
CAUL note the developments.

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