

# PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW



## ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

### PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Structure and functions

The Attorney-General's portfolio comprises the Attorney-General's Department and a number of statutory and non-statutory bodies. The Department is the central policy and coordinating agency within the portfolio. The structure of agencies within the portfolio is aligned to the Government's overall commitment to a fairer and safer Australian society.

The portfolio covers a broad range of law and justice matters and services including legal policy and services to the Commonwealth in areas of administrative, constitutional, civil, family, and international law, law reform, bankruptcy estate administration and regulation, Commonwealth courts and tribunals, legal aid, native title, national and international human rights issues, censorship, criminal law and law enforcement, national security, emergency management and some aspects of customs and border control.

The portfolio's agencies progress Government priorities, including direct services to the community within a legislative framework, through the purchase of services on behalf of the community, the provision of services to the Government, Ministers, Commonwealth departments and agencies and the provision of services to other clients.

### APPROPRIATIONS AND VARIATIONS AT THE PORTFOLIO LEVEL

#### 2005-06 Budget

Budget measures for agencies in the Attorney-General's portfolio are explained in Budget Paper No.2. The measures are summarised in Tables 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 in relevant Agency Budget Statements.

Funding for measures in Tables 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 is presented as the impact on the fiscal balance (which excludes depreciation) consistent with Budget Paper No.2.

The Portfolio Budget Statements have been tabled contemporaneously with the Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements 2004-05 No.2 (PSAES 2) for Appropriation Bill Nos 5 and 6. Estimates of additional funding for 2004-05 in PSAES 2 are included in the Agency Budget Statements for the Attorney-General's Department, the Australian Institute of Criminology and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. This will give rise to differences between the 2004-05 estimated actual appropriations in Agency Budget Statements and the 2004-05 actual available appropriation shown in Appropriation Bill No.1 2005-06 for the three affected agencies.

**Figure 1: Portfolio Structure and Outcomes**

<p><b>Attorney-General:</b> The Hon Philip Ruddock MP</p> <p><b>Minister for Justice and Customs:</b> Senator the Hon Chris Ellison</p>
<p><b>Attorney-General's Department</b></p> <p>Secretary : Mr Robert Cornall</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> An equitable and accessible system of federal civil justice</p> <p><b>Outcome 2:</b> Coordinated federal criminal justice, security and emergency management activity, for a safer Australia</p>
<p><b>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</b></p> <p>Registrar : Mr Doug Humphreys</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> To provide aggrieved persons and agencies with timely, fair and independent merits review of administrative decisions over which the Tribunal has jurisdiction</p>
<p><b>Australian Crime Commission</b></p> <p>Chief Executive Officer: Mr Alastair Milroy</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Enhanced Australian law enforcement capacity</p>
<p><b>Australian Customs Service</b></p> <p>Chief Executive Officer : Mr Lionel Woodward AO</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Effective border management that, with minimal disruption to legitimate trade and travel, prevents illegal movement across the border, raises revenue and provides trade statistics</p>
<p><b>Australian Federal Police</b></p> <p>Commissioner : Mr Mick Keelty APM</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> The investigation and prevention of crime against the Commonwealth and protection of Commonwealth interests in Australia and overseas</p> <p><b>Outcome 2:</b> Policing activity creates a safe and secure environment in the ACT</p>
<p><b>Australian Institute of Criminology</b></p> <p>Director : Dr Toni Makkai</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> To inform government of activities which aim to promote justice and reduce crime</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Australian Law Reform Commission</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">President : Professor David Weisbrot</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> The development and reform of aspects of the laws of Australia to ensure that they are equitable, modern, fair and efficient</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Director General of Security : Mr Dennis Richardson</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> A secure Australia for people and property, for government business and national infrastructure, and for special events of national and international significance</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Director : Mr Neil Jensen PSM</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> A financial environment hostile to money laundering, major crime and tax evasion</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Criminology Research Council</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman: Mr Laurie Glanfield AM</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Criminological research which informs the Commonwealth and States</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CrimTrac Agency</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Executive Officer : Mr Jonathan Mobbs</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Coordinated national policing information systems for a safer Australia</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Family Court of Australia</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Executive Officer : Mr Richard Foster</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Serving the interests of the Australian community by ensuring families and children in need can access effective high quality services</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Federal Court of Australia</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registrar : Mr Warwick Soden</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Through its jurisdiction, the Court will apply and uphold the rule of law to deliver remedies and enforce rights and in so doing, contribute to the social and economic development and well-being of all Australians</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Federal Magistrates Service</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Executive Officer : Mr John Mathieson</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> To provide the Australian community with a simple and accessible forum for the resolution of less complex disputes within the jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Service</p>

**High Court of Australia**

Chief Executive and Principal Registrar : Mr Christopher Doogan

**Outcome 1:** To interpret and uphold the Australian Constitution and perform the functions of the ultimate appellate Court in Australia

**Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission**

President and Chief Executive Officer : Justice John von Doussa QC

**Outcome 1:** An Australian society in which the human rights of all are respected, protected and promoted

**Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia**

Chief Executive and Inspector General : Mr Terry Gallagher

**Outcome 1:** A personal insolvency system that produces equitable outcomes for debtors and creditors, enjoys public confidence and minimises the impact of financial failure on the community

**National Native Title Tribunal**

Registrar : Mr Christopher Doepel

**Outcome 1:** Resolution of native title issues over land and waters

**Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions**

Director : Mr Damian Bugg AM QC

**Outcome 1:** To contribute to the safety and well-being of the people of Australia and to help protect the resources of the Commonwealth through the maintenance of law and order and by combating crime

**Office of Film and Literature Classification**

Director : Mr Des Clark

**Outcome 1:** Australians make informed decisions about films, publications and computer games, which they, or those in their care may view, read or play

**Office of Parliamentary Counsel**

First Parliamentary Counsel : Mr Peter Quiggin

**Outcome 1:** Parliamentary democracy and an effective statute book

**Office of the Privacy Commissioner**

Privacy Commissioner : Ms Karen Curtis

**Outcome 1:** An Australian culture in which privacy is respected, promoted and protected

## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INDIGENOUS EXPENDITURE (AGIE) ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Portfolio Table 1: Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure

Agency	Appropriations				Other \$'000	Total \$'000
	Bill No. 1 \$'000	Bill No. 2 \$'000	Special Approp \$'000	Total Approp \$'000		
<b>Attorney-General's Department</b>						
Administered 2005–06	69,249	11,000	-	80,249	-	80,249
Administered 2004–05	38,244	-	-	38,244	-	38,244
Departmental 2005–06	14,040	-	-	14,040	-	14,040
Departmental 2004–05	11,627	-	-	11,627	-	11,627
<b>Total Outcome 2005–06</b>	<b>83,289</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,289</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,289</b>
<b>Total Outcome 2004–05</b>	<b>49,871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,871</b>
<b>Australian Customs Service</b>						
Administered 2005–06	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administered 2004–05	-	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental 2005–06	555	-	-	555	-	555
Departmental 2004–05	534	-	-	534	-	534
<b>Total Outcome 2005–06</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>555</b>
<b>Total Outcome 2004–05</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>534</b>
<b>Australian Federal Police</b>						
Administered 2005–06	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administered 2004–05	33	-	-	33	-	33
Departmental 2005–06	286	-	-	286	-	286
Departmental 2004–05	148	-	-	148	-	148
<b>Total Outcome 2005–06</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>286</b>
<b>Total Outcome 2004–05</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Family Court of Australia</b>						
Administered 2005–06	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administered 2004–05	-	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental 2005–06	560	-	-	560	-	560
Departmental 2004–05	535	-	-	535	-	535
<b>Total Outcome 2005–06</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>560</b>
<b>Total Outcome 2004–05</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>535</b>
<b>Federal Court of Australia</b>						
Administered 2005–06	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administered 2004–05	-	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental 2005–06	9,661	-	-	9,661	-	9,661
Departmental 2004–05	9,557	-	-	9,557	-	9,557
<b>Total Outcome 2005–06</b>	<b>9,661</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,661</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,661</b>
<b>Total Outcome 2004–05</b>	<b>9,557</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,557</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,557</b>

Portfolio Table 1: Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure (continued)

Agency	Appropriations				Other	Total
	Bill No. 1 \$'000	Bill No. 2 \$'000	Special Approp \$'000	Total Approp \$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission</b>						
Administered 2005–06	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Administered 2004–05</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental 2005–06	1,045	-	-	1,045	-	1,045
<i>Departmental 2004–05</i>	945	-	-	945	-	945
<b>Total Outcome 2005–06</b>	1,045	-	-	1,045	-	1,045
<b>Total Outcome 2004–05</b>	945	-	-	945	-	945
<b>National Native Title Tribunal</b>						
Administered 2005–06	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Administered 2004–05</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental 2005–06	31,753	-	-	31,753	-	31,753
<i>Departmental 2004–05</i>	34,018	-	-	34,018	-	34,018
<b>Total Outcome 2005–06</b>	31,753	-	-	31,753	-	31,753
<b>Total Outcome 2004–05</b>	34,018	-	-	34,018	-	34,018
<b>Total Administered 2005–06</b>	69,249	11,000	-	80,249	-	80,249
<b>Total Administered 2004–05</b>	38,277	-	-	38,277	-	38,277
<b>Total Departmental 2005–06</b>	57,900	-	-	57,900	-	57,900
<b>Total Departmental 2004–05</b>	57,364	-	-	57,364	-	57,364
<b>Total AGIE 2005–06</b>	127,149	11,000	-	138,149	-	138,149
<b>Total AGIE 2004–05</b>	95,641	-	-	95,641	-	95,641

Note: the Departmental 2004-05 and 2005-06 estimates in this table include final versions to output prices, as relevant, for the Attorney-General's Department. This may give rise to minor discrepancies between the figures here and those published in other Budget documents.

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