

# PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW



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### **Changes to the Portfolio Structure**

Following the Administrative Arrangements Order of 26 November 2001:

- Emergency Management Australia has been transferred to the Attorney-General's Department; and
- Responsibility for Royal Commissions has been transferred the Attorney-General's Department, in particular the Royal Commissions into the Building and Construction Industry and the failure of HIH Insurance Grou.

### **Additional Estimates and Variations – Portfolio Summary**

The agencies within the portfolio that have additional estimates and variations to the 2001–02 Budget appropriations are the Attorney-General's Department, the Australian Customs Service, the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, the Family Court of Australia, the High Court of Australia, and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The total Portfolio Additional Estimates in Appropriation Bill Nos 3 and 4 is \$123.988m, comprising \$59.928m in departmental resourcing, \$60.123m in administered expenses and \$3.937m in equity injections.

The Additional Estimates appropriations contain the following measures announced by the Government since the 2001–02 Budget:

- \$60.000m over 2 years (\$35.000m in 2001–02 and \$25.000m in 2002–03) for the Royal Commission in the Building and Construction Industry (of this \$6.9m is included in Additional Estimates appropriations for the Department of Finance and Administration for expenses incurred by the Commission up to 26 November 2001) – Attorney-General's Department;
- \$29.913m over 2 years (\$28.953m 2001–02 and \$0.960m in 2002–03) for the Royal Commission in the failure of HIH Insurance Group (of this \$7.6m is included in Additional Estimates appropriations for the Department of Finance and Administration for expenses incurred by the Commission up to 26 November 2001) – Attorney-General's Department;

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- \$23.600m in 2001–02 for increased border protection capacity in regard to unauthorised arrivals – Australian Customs Service;
- \$10.869m in 2001–02 for financial assistance, and associated administration expenses, for legal and related expenses for witnesses before the Royal Commissions into the Building and Construction Industry and the failure of HIH Insurance Group – Attorney-General’s Department;
- \$20.700m in 2001–02 for enhanced aviation security arrangements following the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks – Attorney-General’s Department;
- \$9.271m in 2001–02 for the enhancement of protective security and counter-terrorism crime capacity – Australian Federal Police;
- \$6.886m in 2001–02 for diplomatic guarding as a result of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks – Attorney-General’s Department; and
- \$0.692m over 3 years from 2002–03 for reform of the marriage celebrants program – Attorney-General’s Department.

Explanations of the measures and other variations are contained in agencies’ Additional Estimates Statements.

## Structure of Attorney-General's Portfolio Outcomes

**Attorney-General:**  
The Hon Daryl Williams AM QC MP

**Minister for Justice and Customs:**  
Senator the Hon Chris Ellison

**Attorney-General's Department**

Secretary : Mr Robert Cornall

**Outcome 1:** An equitable and accessible system of federal civil justice

**Outcome 2:** Coordinated federal criminal justice, security and emergency management activity

**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

**Federal Court of Australia**

Registrar : Mr Warwick Soden

**Outcome 1:** 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

**Family Court of Australia**

Chief Executive Officer : Mr Richard Foster

**Outcome 1:** Serving the interests of the Australian community by ensuring families and children in need can access high quality services

**Federal Magistrates Service**

Chief Executive Officer : Mr Peter May

**Outcome 1:** To provide a cheaper, simpler and faster method of dealing with less complex Family Court and Federal Court matters

**Administrative Appeals Tribunal**

Registrar : Ms Kay Ransome

**Outcome 1:** To provide aggrieved persons and agencies with timely, fair and independent merits review of administrative decisions over which the Tribunal has jurisdiction

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### **National Native Title Tribunal**

Registrar : Mr Christopher Doepel

**Outcome 1:** Recognition and protection of Native Title

### **Australian Federal Police**

Commissioner : Mr Mick Keelty APM

**Outcome 1:** The investigation and prevention of crime against the Commonwealth and protection of Commonwealth interests in Australia and overseas

**Outcome 2:** Policing activity creates a safe and secure environment in the ACT

### **Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre**

Director : Mr Neil J Jensen PSM (Acting)

**Outcome 1:** A financial environment hostile to money laundering, major crime and tax evasion

### **Australian Institute of Criminology**

Director : Dr Adam Graycar

**Outcome 1:** To inform government activities which aim to promote justice and reduce crime

### **Criminology Research Council**

Director : Dr Adam Graycar

**Outcome 1:** Criminological research which informs the Commonwealth and States

### **National Crime Authority**

Chairperson : Mr Gary Crooke QC

**Outcome 1:** An integrated and national response to organised crime

### **Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions**

Director : Mr Damian Bugg 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

### **Australian Customs Service**

Chief Executive Officer : Mr Lionel Woodward AO

**Outcome 1:** Effective border management that, with minimal disruption to legitimate trade and travel, prevents illegal movement across the border, raises revenue and provides trade statistics

**Office of Parliamentary Counsel**

First Parliamentary Counsel : Ms Hilary Penfold

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

**Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission**

President and Chief Executive Officer : Professor Alice Tay

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

**Office of the Privacy Commissioner**

Privacy Commissioner : Mr Malcolm Crompton

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

**Australian Law Reform Commission**

President : Professor David Weisbrot

**Outcome 1:** The development and reform of aspects of the laws of Australia to ensure that they are equitable, modern, fair and efficient

**Australian Government Solicitor**

Chief Executive Officer : Ms Rayne de Gruchy

The Australian Government Solicitor is a Government Business Enterprise

**Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia**

Chief Executive and Inspector General : Mr Terry Gallagher

**Outcome 1:** Public confidence in the personal insolvency system

**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

**Australian Security Intelligence Organisation**

Director General of Security : Mr Dennis Richardson

**Outcome 1:** A secure Australia for people and property, for government business and national infrastructure, and for special events of national and international significance