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Changes to the Portfolio Structure

On 1 July 2002, CrimTrac became a prescribed agency under the FMA Act. CrimTrac was previously included in the Department's output structure.

Additional Estimates and Variations – Portfolio Summary

The agencies within the portfolio that have additional estimates and variations to the 2002–03 Budget appropriations are the Attorney-General's Department, the Australian Customs Service, the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, the Family Court of Australia, the Federal Court of Australia, the Federal Magistrates Service, the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia, the National Crime Authority and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The National Native Title Tribunal does not have any variations but it is included in these statements as a result of changes to performance information since the 2002–03 Budget.

The total Portfolio Additional Estimates in Appropriation Bill Nos 3 and 4 is \$60.3m, comprising \$34.4m in departmental resourcing, \$18.9m in administered expenses and \$7.0m in equity injections.

The Additional Estimates appropriations contain the following measures announced by the Government since the 2002–03 Budget:

- \$28.4m (rounded) over 5 years (\$3.4m in 2002–03, \$6.1m in 2003–04, \$6.2m in 2004–05 and 2005–2006 and \$6.4m in 2006–07) to further enhance the ability of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation to counter the threat of terrorism;
- \$15.0m over 3 years (\$2.3m in 2003–04 \$2.5m in 2004–05 and \$2.5m in 2005–06 for expenses and \$7.0m in 2002–03 and \$0.7m in 2003–04 for capital) to the Australian Customs Service for the ongoing operational costs associated with the purchase and installation of enhanced travel documentation readers at Australia's international airports;
- \$3.7m in 2002–03 to the Attorney-General's Department for urgent maintenance works to the Law Courts Building in Sydney;
- \$1.2m in 2002–03 to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation for increases in rent; and
- \$0.8m in 2002–03 to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to provide advice on offences and to prosecute matters arising from the interim taskforce for the building and construction industry.

Explanations of the measures and other variations, including savings, are contained in agencies' Additional Estimates Statements. All agencies with variations to appropriations are included in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES) except for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner which only has a variation of \$2,000. The variation is a reduction in appropriations in relation to the Agency Banking Incentive Scheme.

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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, for a safer Australia

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 the Australian community with a simple and accessible forum for the resolution of less complex disputes within the jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Service

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Registrar : Ms Jill Toohey (Acting)

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

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

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 of 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 Phillip Bradley (Acting)

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 PSM QC

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

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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

CrimTrac

Chief Executive Officer: Mr John Mobbs

Commonwealth funding is appropriated to the Attorney-General's Department for payment to CrimTrac