

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

2006–07 Budget

Budget measures for agencies in the Attorney-General's portfolio are explained in Budget Paper No.2. The measures are summarised in Table 2.2 in relevant Agency Budget Statements.

Funding for measures in Table 2.2 is presented as the impact on the fiscal balance, which excluded depreciation, consistent with Budget Paper No.2.

The PBS have been tabled contemporaneously with the Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements 2005–06 (PSAES) for appropriation Bills No.s 5 and 6 2005–06. Estimates of additional funding for 2005–06 in PSAES are included in the Agency Budget Statements for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court. This will give rise to differences in the 2005–06 estimated actual appropriations in Agency Budget Statements and the 2005–06 actual available appropriation shown in Appropriation Bill No.1 2006–07.

Figure 1: Portfolio Structure and Outcomes

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Australian Law Reform Commission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President : Professor David Weisbrot</p> <p>Outcome 1: 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;">Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Director-General of Security : Mr Paul O'Sullivan</p> <p>Outcome 1: 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;">Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Director : Mr Neil Jensen PSM</p> <p>Outcome 1: A financial environment hostile to money laundering, major crime and tax evasion</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Criminology Research Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman : Mr Laurie Glanfield AM</p> <p>Outcome 1: Criminological research which informs the Australian Government and States</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CrimTrac Agency</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Executive Officer : Mr Ben McDevitt</p> <p>Outcome 1: Coordinated national policing information systems for a safer Australia</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Family Court of Australia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Executive Officer : Mr Richard Foster PSM</p> <p>Outcome 1: 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;">Federal Court of Australia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registrar : Mr Warwick Soden</p> <p>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</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Federal Magistrates Court of Australia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Executive Officer : Mr John Mathieson</p> <p>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</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 PSM

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 Australian Government 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 ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Agency	Appropriations				Other	Total
	Bill No. 1 \$'000	Bill No. 2 \$'000	Special Approp \$'000	Total Approp \$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Attorney-General's Department						
Outcome 1 - An equitable and accessible system of federal civil justice						
Administered 2006-07	76,006	11,000	-	87,006	-	87,006
<i>Administered 2005-06</i>	<i>70,408</i>	-	-	<i>70,408</i>	-	<i>70,408</i>
Departmental 2006-07	12,110	-	-	12,110	-	12,110
<i>Departmental 2005-06</i>	<i>11,635</i>	-	-	<i>11,635</i>	-	<i>11,635</i>
Total Outcome 2006-07	88,116	11,000	-	99,116	-	99,116
Total Outcome 2005-06	82,043	-	-	82,043	-	82,043
Australian Customs Service						
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						
Departmental 2006-07	555	-	-	555	-	555
<i>Departmental 2005-06</i>	<i>555</i>	-	-	<i>555</i>	-	<i>555</i>
Total Outcome 2006-07	555	-	-	555	-	555
Total Outcome 2005-06	555	-	-	555	-	555
Australian Federal Police						
Outcome 1 - The investigation and prevention of crime against the Commonwealth and protection of Commonwealth interests in Australia and overseas						
Departmental 2006-07	301	-	-	301	-	301
<i>Departmental 2005-06</i>	<i>252</i>	-	-	<i>252</i>	-	<i>252</i>
Total Outcome 2006-07	301	-	-	301	-	301
Total Outcome 2005-06	252	-	-	252	-	252
Outcome 2 - Policing activity creates a safe and secure environment in the ACT						
Departmental 2006-07	-	-	-	-	94	94
<i>Departmental 2005-06</i>	-	-	-	-	<i>145</i>	<i>145</i>
Total Outcome 2006-07	-	-	-	-	94	94
Total Outcome 2005-06	-	-	-	-	145	145
Total Australian Federal Police 2006-07	301	-	-	301	94	395
Total Australian Federal Police 2005-06	252	-	-	252	145	397

Portfolio Overview

Agency	Appropriations				Other	Total
	Bill No. 1 \$'000	Bill No. 2 \$'000	Special Approp \$'000	Total Approp \$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Family Court of Australia						
Outcome 1 - Serving the interests of the Australian community by ensuring families and children in need can access effective high quality services						
Departmental 2006-07	581	-	-	581	-	581
<i>Departmental 2005-06</i>	<i>560</i>	-	-	<i>560</i>	-	<i>560</i>
Total Outcome 2006-07	581	-	-	581	-	581
Total Outcome 2005-06	560	-	-	560	-	560
Federal Court of Australia						
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						
Departmental 2006-07	9,769	-	-	9,769	-	9,769
<i>Departmental 2005-06</i>	<i>9,661</i>	-	-	<i>9,661</i>	-	<i>9,661</i>
Total Outcome 2006-07	9,769	-	-	9,769	-	9,769
Total Outcome 2005-06	9,661	-	-	9,661	-	9,661
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission						
Outcome 1 - An Australian society in which the human rights of all are respected, protected and promoted						
Departmental 2006-07	994	-	-	994	-	994
<i>Departmental 2005-06</i>	<i>1,006</i>	-	-	<i>1,006</i>	-	<i>1,006</i>
Total Outcome 2006-07	994	-	-	994	-	994
Total Outcome 2005-06	1,006	-	-	1,006	-	1,006
National Native Title Tribunal						
Outcome 1 - Resolution of native title issues over land and waters						
Departmental 2006-07	32,667	-	-	32,667	214	32,881
<i>Departmental 2005-06</i>	<i>32,013</i>	-	-	<i>32,013</i>	<i>214</i>	<i>32,227</i>
Total Outcome 2006-07	32,667	-	-	32,667	214	32,881
Total Outcome 2005-06	32,013	-	-	32,013	214	32,227
Attorney-General's Portfolio						
Total Administered 2006-07	76,006	11,000	-	87,006	-	87,006
Total Administered 2005-06	70,408	-	-	70,408	-	70,408
Total Departmental 2006-07	56,977	-	-	56,977	308	57,285
Total Departmental 2005-06	55,682	-	-	55,682	359	56,041
Total AGIE 2006-07	132,983	11,000	-	143,983	308	144,291
Total AGIE 2005-06	126,090	-	-	126,090	359	126,449