

Portfolio overview



Portfolio ministers



Attorney-General,
The Hon Philip Ruddock MP

Responsibilities

- Overall portfolio management
- National security and counter-terrorism, critical infrastructure protection, emergency management, constitutional matters, royal commissions, courts and tribunals, law reform, alternative dispute resolution, international law, administrative law, freedom of information, family law, human rights, legal aid, legal services, Indigenous law and justice, legislative drafting, censorship, intellectual property and information law, privacy, bankruptcy, e-commerce, native title, and prosecution policy



Minister for Justice
and Customs,
Senator The Hon Chris Ellison

Responsibilities

- Criminal law and crime prevention, law enforcement, criminal intelligence and criminology research, cybercrime, evidence, extradition and mutual assistance, policing, drug strategy, firearms, proceeds of crime, federal prisoners, protective security, airport physical security including air security, and customs

Portfolio structure

The Attorney-General's Department is the central policy and coordinating element of the portfolio. The portfolio also includes the statutory office of the Solicitor-General, Second Law Officer of the Commonwealth (the Attorney-General is the First Law Officer).

The bodies within the Attorney-General's portfolio are grouped below by subject matter/function, and in alphabetical order, for ease of reference. Annual reporting requirements and arrangements for portfolio elements not covered by this report are set out at Appendix 1.

Administrative law

Administrative Review Council

Bankruptcy

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia

Censorship and classification

Classification Board

Classification Review Board

Office of Film and Literature Classification

Common police services

Australasian Centre for Policing Research

Australian Institute of Police Management

CrimTrac

National Crime Statistics Unit

National Institute of Forensic Science

Courts and tribunals

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Copyright Tribunal

Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal

Family Court of Australia

Federal Court of Australia

Federal Magistrates Court of Australia

Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal

High Court of Australia

National Native Title Tribunal

Criminal law and law enforcement

Australian Crime Commission
Australian Federal Police
Australian Institute of Criminology
Australian Transaction Reports and
Analysis Centre
Criminology Research Council
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Customs

Australian Customs Service

Drafting and other legislative services

Office of Parliamentary Counsel

Human rights

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity
Commission

Law reform

Australian Law Reform Commission

Legal services

Australian Government Solicitor

Marriage and family law

Family Law Council

National security

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

Privacy

Office of the Privacy Commissioner