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Attorney-General

Dear Attorney-General

Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2008–09

In accordance with subsection 63(1) of the *Public Service Act 1999*, I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Attorney-General's Department for the year ended 30 June 2009.

I certify that this report has been prepared in accordance with the section 63 of the Act and the *Requirements for Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies* endorsed by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit in June 2009.

These requirements state that annual reports are required to be tabled in Parliament by 31 October 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Wilkins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roger Wilkins AO
Secretary

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How to use this report

This is the Secretary's report to the Attorney-General and the Minister for Home Affairs for 2008–09. Prepared according to parliamentary reporting requirements, the report also provides information for the community and stakeholders. The compliance index (page 372) will direct readers to where information required by legislation can be found in the report. The Annual Report relates the Department's performance for 2008–09 to the goals outlined in the Portfolio Budget Statements and the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements for the same period.

PART 1 introduces readers to the Attorney-General's Department with a review of the year from the Secretary, a snapshot of activities and key achievements, and financial and staffing summaries. It also provides a description of the portfolio, the outcome–output framework and the Department's organisational structure.

PART 2 reports on how the Department performed during the period against its three outcomes and the departmental outputs and administered items.

PART 3 details management and accountability processes, including corporate governance, external scrutiny, financial management, human resource management, information and knowledge management, social equity impacts, and ecologically sustainable development and environmental performance processes.

PART 4 contains the audited financial statements for 2008–09.

PART 5 comprises appendixes that provide useful additional information and reports required under specific legislation.

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The Portfolio Budget Statements are also published on the Department's website at <http://www.ag.gov.au/budget08>.