The Home Affairs Portfolio
Prosperous • Secure • United

Prosperous: Through our unique capabilities, powers and activities we contribute to Australia’s prosperity by enabling a globally connected and open economy and society.

Secure: Together we will protect Australia and Australians from key national security and criminal threats.

United: We celebrate Australia’s multicultural society and safeguard our democracy by building community resilience and engendering respect for Australia’s shared values and institutions, our way of life and the rule of law.

Home Affairs at a glance

Vision
A secure Australia that is prosperous, open and united.

Mission
Work together with the trust of our partners and community to keep Australia safe and secure, and support a cohesive and united Australia open for global engagement.

Portfolio structure
As at 30 June 2018, the Home Affairs Portfolio consisted of:
» The Department of Home Affairs
» The Australian Border Force
» The Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre
» The Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
» The Australian Federal Police
» The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission
  » Includes the Australian Institute of Criminology
The Department of Home Affairs and Australian Border Force

Role
The Department of Home Affairs is responsible for centrally coordinated strategy and policy leadership in relation to domestic and national security arrangements, law enforcement, emergency management, counter-terrorism, social cohesion, the protection of our sovereignty and the integrity of our border, and the resilience of our national infrastructure.

The Department of Home Affairs also delivers services including strengthening the cohesiveness of Australian society through our migration program. We will manage and assist temporary and permanent migrants and those people participating in humanitarian and refugee programs, and confer citizenship.

The Australian Border Force, an operationally independent body within the Department of Home Affairs, is Australia’s frontline border law enforcement agency and Australia’s customs service. The Australian Border Force delivers critical border protection and national security outcomes while facilitating the movement of people and goods across the border. The Australian Border Force’s mission is to protect Australia’s border and enable legitimate travel and trade.

Authority
The Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs, Michael Pezzullo, is the accountable authority for both the Department and the Australian Border Force under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013. The Commissioner of the Australian Border Force, Michael Outram APM, is a statutory appointee and leads the operational functions of the Australian Border Force. The approach, which is supported by legislative and administrative arrangements, encompasses the individual and joint responsibilities and accountabilities of the Secretary and the Commissioner of the Australian Border Force.

Strategy
The Department’s work aligns to three key strategy documents:
1) The Blueprint for Home Affairs
2) ABF Realising our Full Potential
3) The Home Affairs Corporate Plan 2017–18

Values
The Department of Home Affairs and the wider Portfolio gives all an opportunity to build on the shared values of our people, the professionalism with which we conduct ourselves and the pride we have in our organisation.

As public servants, we each have a personal responsibility to uphold the APS Values, be accountable and uphold the trust bestowed upon us by the Government and the Australian people. Collectively, we will ensure the safety and wellbeing of the workforce and clients in all that we do.

Our people
As at 30 June 2018, the Department of Home Affairs, including the Australian Border Force, had 14,416 employees. More information can be found in Part 6: Management and Accountability.

Where we work
As a global organisation, the Department and the Australian Border Force bring together 14,416 staff based in Australia and across 62 locations around the world.
Reader’s guide

This is the annual report from the Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs and the Commissioner of the Australian Border Force (ABF) to the Minister for Home Affairs for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

It is the first annual report published since the Department’s establishment on 20 December 2017. The report covers the performance of the Department of Home Affairs and the ABF, which is established within the Department of Home Affairs for budgetary, employment and administrative purposes, but is operationally independent.

Report structure

The report structure reflects the recent establishment of the Department and an overview of each part is provided below. In addition, the report has been prepared in accordance with the Department of Finance’s Resource Management Guide No.135 Annual reports for non-corporate Commonwealth entities, issued in May 2017.

The eight parts of the report are:

Part 1: Overview

Part 1 contains a review of the year by the Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs and the Commissioner of the ABF, including significant achievements, developments, performance against objectives and financial performance. It also provides an overview of the Department and the ABF, their roles, functions and organisational structures.

Part 2: Annual performance statement

Part 2 reports on the Department’s results against performance criteria outlined in corporate documents from entities that had functions for which the Department of Home Affairs became responsible. This includes reporting of performance measures in the Department of Immigration and Border Protection Corporate Plan 2017–18, Department of Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio Budget Statements 2017–18, and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2017–18.

It also includes reporting of performance measures for functions moved into the Department from the Attorney-General’s Department (AGD) and the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, which were contained in the previous agencies’ 2017–18 corporate plans. In the transferring of functions from the Department of Social Services and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, no formal performance measures from these Department’s corporate plans were transferred. Performance related to multicultural affairs functions transferred from the Department of Social Services has been reflected against relevant Department of Immigration and Border Protection key performance indicators. Functions transferred from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet are covered in Part 3: Building Home Affairs.
Part 3: Building Home Affairs

Part 3 contains an overview of the establishment of the Department of Home Affairs, and highlights the work of recently transferred functions that do not presently have formal performance measures, including Cyber Security, Counter-terrorism, Commonwealth Transitional, Serious and Organised Crime, Critical Infrastructure and National Counter foreign Interference.

Parts 4 and 5: Report on financial performance and financial statements

Parts 4 and 5 contain discussion and analysis of the Department’s financial performance, including the functions that were subject to machinery-of-government changes, audited financial statements and a report by the Auditor-General.

Part 6: Management and accountability

Part 6 provides information about the Department’s governance framework, fraud and risk management arrangements, external scrutiny, workforce planning, human resources and purchasing. It also includes information about workplace health and safety, support for small business, procurement initiatives, client services, advertising and market research, ecologically sustainable development and environmental performance, and grants programs.

Part 7: Appendices

Part 7 provides supplementary information, including the Years at a Glance statistical table, corrected minor errors from the 2016–17 annual report, tables relating to the report on financial performance, information on legal services expenditure, and information on the operation of the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (OMARA) and the Information Publication Scheme.

Part 8: Reference material

Part 8 comprises a list of abbreviations and acronyms, a glossary, the list of requirements under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014 and the alphabetical index of contents.
The Hon Peter Dutton MP
Minister for Home Affairs
Parliament House
Canberra Act 2600

The Hon David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
Parliament House
Canberra Act 2600

Dear Ministers,

We are pleased to present the Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2017–18 for the reporting period ending 30 June 2018, as is required by subsection 46(1) of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013.

The report has been prepared pursuant to the requirements for annual reports approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit and as prescribed in the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014 (the Rule).

I, the Secretary, as the accountable authority, certify that the Department has prepared fraud and corruption risk assessments and a fraud and corruption control plan that comply with the requirements of section 10 of the Rule. We have fraud prevention, detection, investigation, reporting and data collection procedures and processes in place that align with the requirements of the Commonwealth Fraud Control Framework 2017.

We have taken reasonable measures to minimise the incidence of fraud within the Department and to investigate and recover the proceeds of fraud against the Department.

Yours sincerely

Michael Pezzullo      Michael Outram APM
Secretary       Commissioner
Department of Home Affairs     Australian Border Force
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