

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Minister(s) and portfolio responsibilities

The portfolio has two Ministers, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection and Senator, the Hon James McGrath, Assistant Minister for Immigration.

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) is a non-corporate Commonwealth entity under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act)*.

From 1 July 2015, DIBP and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) consolidated into a single Department, with a frontline operational arm, the Australian Border Force (ABF) established within DIBP. As a result of the consolidation, ACBPS was abolished as a statutory agency through the repeal of the *Customs Administration Act 1985*.

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

DIBP provides policy, regulatory and corporate services as well as delivering intelligence and capability for the organisation. It has immigration responsibilities to manage the entry and stay of temporary and permanent migrants, to promote and confer citizenship and to meet Australia's humanitarian and refugee obligations. It also contributes to strong national security and the economy through effective border security control and the facilitation of seamless legitimate movement of people and goods across Australia's borders.

Australian Border Force

The ABF is the operational arm of DIBP and has statutory responsibilities to enforce the customs and migration laws and the protection of Australia's border.

As the operational enforcement arm within DIBP, the ABF is focussed on the operational border, investigations, compliance, detention and enforcement functions offshore and onshore, across Australia's air and seaports, and land and maritime domains. It is also responsible for the collection of the majority of border-related revenue collected by DIBP.

For information on resourcing across the portfolio, please refer to Part 1: Agency Financial Resourcing in *Budget Paper No. 4: Agency Resourcing*.

Figure 1: Immigration and Border Protection portfolio structure and outcomes

