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Minister(s) and portfolio responsibilities

The Home Affairs portfolio has four Ministers:

- the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Immigration and Border Protection;
- the Hon Alan Tudge MP, Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs;
- the Hon Angus Taylor MP, Minister for Law Enforcement and Cybersecurity; and
- the Hon Alex Hawke MP, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs.

Department of Home Affairs and operational agencies

The newly formed portfolio streamlines a number of Commonwealth law enforcement, intelligence and policy responsibilities, and includes:

- the Department of Home Affairs;
- the Australian Border Force (ABF);
- the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC);
- the Australian Federal Police (AFP);
- the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC); and
- the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC).

It is intended that the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) will transfer into the portfolio following Parliament's consideration of the required legislation in 2018.

The portfolio aims to keep Australia open to global business and connections; building on our welcoming multicultural, open and cohesive society; and managing our increasingly complex security environment to mitigate the impacts of events that threaten freedom and prosperity. The portfolio achieves these objectives through the strategic alignment of policy and programs for law enforcement, national security, emergency management, multicultural affairs, customs, immigration and border protection responsibilities.

The portfolio has policy and programmatic responsibility for:

- Commonwealth law enforcement and counter-transnational and serious organised crime;
- counter-terrorism;
- cybersecurity policy and coordination;

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- counter-foreign interference;
- transport and civil maritime security;
- emergency management and critical infrastructure protection;
- border protection and the facilitation of trade and travel;
- immigration and citizenship; and
- multiculturalism and social cohesion.

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

Figure 1: Home Affairs portfolio structure and outcomes

