

Portfolio Overview

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Minister(s) and portfolio responsibilities

The Home Affairs Portfolio (the Portfolio) has three Ministers:

- The Hon Clare O’Neil MP, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Cyber Security
- Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Emergency Management
- The Hon Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

The Home Affairs Portfolio comprises 3 entities:

- Department of Home Affairs
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
- National Emergency Management Agency.

The Portfolio’s primary role is to make the nation more resilient for the future, safeguarding Australia’s domestic interests from crises, national security and border threats, before, during and after emergencies and crises, while supporting a prosperous and united Australia through management of Australia’s migration and citizenship programs. The Portfolio seeks to ensure every member of our community – wherever they live – can go about their lives knowing they are safe and able to participate equally in contributing to our society.

The Portfolio supports a prosperous, secure and united Australia through the management of a range of functions including responsibility for Australia’s migration program, cyber security policy, the protection of critical infrastructure, countering terrorism, countering foreign interference and espionage and delivering Top Secret-Privileged Access vetting. In addition, the Portfolio is responsible for emergency management disaster preparedness and response and recovery, strengthening multiculturalism and democratic resilience, and facilitating legitimate trade and travel while maintaining the integrity of the Australian border.

The Portfolio remains central to Australia’s economic prosperity, security and unity. The Portfolio will continue to support Australia’s regions and drive economic growth by facilitating the flow of travellers through the international border and promoting Australia as a competitive destination for migrants, tourists and students. Working with domestic and international partners, the Portfolio protects Australia from diverse and evolving risks from within and outside our border. The Portfolio provides operational and intelligence capabilities, underpinning the systems and frameworks that enable coordinated national efforts to mitigate risks to the community, democratic institutions, businesses and critical infrastructure.

Figure 1: Home Affairs portfolio structure and outcomes

Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Cyber Security The Hon Clare O'Neil MP	
Minister for Emergency Management Senator the Hon Murray Watt	
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs The Hon Andrew Giles MP	
Department of Home Affairs Secretary: Mrs Stephanie Foster PSM	
Australian Border Force Commissioner: Mr Michael Outram APM	
Outcome 1	Deliver national coordination, regulation and policy that safeguard Australia's domestic interests from national security threats, including cyber threats.
Outcome 2	Support a united and prosperous Australia through effective coordination and delivery of immigration and citizenship policy and programs underpinned by robust integrity and assurance.
Outcome 3	Advance a prosperous and secure Australia through trade and travel facilitation and modernisation, and effective customs, immigration, maritime and enforcement activities across the border continuum.
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Director-General of Security: Mr Mike Burgess	
Outcome 1	To protect Australia, its people and its interests from threats to security through intelligence collection, assessment and advice to Government.
National Emergency Management Agency Director-General: Mr Brendan Moon AM	
Outcome 1	To develop, lead and coordinate the Commonwealth's approach to emergency management, including the support of activities relating to preparedness, response, relief, recovery, reconstruction, risk reduction and resilience for all-hazard emergencies and disasters.