

Portfolio overview

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Minister(s) and portfolio responsibilities

The Home Affairs Portfolio (the Portfolio) has 6 Ministers:

- The Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Minister for Cyber Security
- The Hon Dr Anne Aly MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- The Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Emergency Management
- The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, Assistant Minister for Immigration
- The Hon Julian Hill MP, Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs
- The Hon Josh Wilson MP, Assistant Minister for Emergency Management.

The Home Affairs Portfolio comprises 7 entities:

- Department of Home Affairs
- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission
- Australian Federal Police
- Australian Institute of Criminology
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
- Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre
- National Emergency Management Agency.

The Portfolio's primary role is to keep Australia prosperous, secure and united. The Portfolio safeguards Australia from national security and border threats, enhances our national resilience, coordinates responses to emergencies and crises, and ensures social cohesion and economic outcomes through the careful management of Australia's migration and citizenship programs. The Portfolio has a broad policy, regulatory and operational remit. The Portfolio seeks to ensure every member of our community – wherever they live – can go about their lives feeling safe, welcome and able to fully participate in our society.

The Portfolio brings together key national security, law enforcement, intelligence and emergency management functions. This enables a coordinated approach to delivering functions that are vital to Australia's national security, social cohesion and economic prosperity.

The Portfolio is a key driver of productivity, innovation and economic resilience. Through careful management and delivery of Australia's migration program, the Portfolio supports

sustainable population planning and helps to bring in the skills Australia needs for the future. The Portfolio also supports Australia's economic prosperity through our stewardship of the border and by effectively facilitating the flow of trade and 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 also coordinates national efforts to protect the community, democratic institutions, businesses and critical infrastructure from cyber criminals, terrorism, foreign interference and espionage.

Figure 1: Home Affairs portfolio structure and outcomes

<p>Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Minister for Cyber Security The Hon Tony Burke MP</p> <p>Minister for Multicultural Affairs The Hon Dr Anne Aly MP</p> <p>Minister for Emergency Management The Hon Kristy McBain MP</p> <p>Assistant Minister for Immigration The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP</p> <p>Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs The Hon Julian Hill MP</p> <p>Assistant Minister for Emergency Management The Hon Josh Wilson MP</p>	
<p>Department of Home Affairs Secretary: Stephanie Foster PSM</p> <p>Australian Border Force Commissioner: Gavan Reynolds AO</p> <p>Outcome 1 Deliver national coordination, regulation and policy that safeguard Australia’s domestic interests from national security threats, including cyber threats.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Chief Executive Officer: Heather Cook</p> <p>Outcome 1 To protect Australia from criminal threats through coordinating a strategic response and the collection, assessment and dissemination of intelligence and policing information.</p>	
<p>Australian Federal Police Commissioner: Krissy Barrett APM</p> <p>Outcome 1 Reduce criminal and national security threats to Australia’s collective economic and societal interests through cooperative national and international policing services, primarily focused on the prevention, detection, disruption, investigation and prosecution of criminal activity.</p> <p>Outcome 2 A safe and secure environment through policing activities on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory Government.</p> <p>Outcome 3 Safeguarding Australians and Australian interests through the delivery of policing services primarily focused on protective services, aviation policing and international police partnerships.</p>	

Figure 1: Home Affairs portfolio structure and outcomes (continued)

Australian Institute of Criminology Director: Heather Cook	
Outcome 1	Informed crime and justice policy and practice in Australia by undertaking, funding and disseminating policy-relevant research of national significance.
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Director-General of Security: Mike Burgess AM	
Outcome 1	To protect Australia, its people and its interests from threats to security through intelligence collection, assessment and advice to Government.
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Chief Executive Officer: Brendan Thomas	
Outcome 1	The protection of the community and financial system from criminal abuse through a data driven and risk-based approach to financial intelligence and regulation and collaboration with domestic and international partners.
National Emergency Management Agency Interim Coordinator-General: Pat Hetherington	
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.