

# **Portfolio Overview**



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## Ministers and portfolio responsibilities

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

- The Hon Karen Andrews MP, Minister for Home Affairs
- Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience
- The Hon Alex Hawke MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs
- The Hon Jason Wood MP, Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs.

The Portfolio constitutes a number of Commonwealth law enforcement, intelligence and policy entities, and includes:

- The Department of Home Affairs, including the Australian Border Force
- The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC)
- The Australian Federal Police (AFP)
- The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC)
- The Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)
- The Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)
- The Office of the Special Investigator (OSI).

The Portfolio has a central role in the delivery of the Government's agenda to achieve a prosperous, secure and united Australia. To achieve this, the Portfolio's diverse responsibilities include managing and responding to civil contingencies and national emergencies, domestic elements of national security, critical infrastructure, including transport security, federal law enforcement, criminal justice including research, cyber security, intelligence, border control, immigration and citizenship, humanitarian issues, multicultural affairs, and trade related functions.

Working with domestic and international partners, the Portfolio protects Australia from diverse and evolving threats across the border continuum. 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.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Portfolio continues to have a leading role within the non-health aspects for Australia's recovery, including mitigating the consequences on supply chains, essential services and the reopening of the international border.

The Portfolio has policy and programmatic responsibility for:

- Commonwealth law enforcement and countering transnational and serious organised crime
- counter-terrorism
- cybersecurity policy and coordination
- counter-foreign interference
- transport and civil maritime security
- emergency management and critical infrastructure security
- border protection and the facilitation of legitimate trade and travel
- immigration and citizenship
- 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**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minister for Home Affairs</b> The Hon Karen Andrews MP</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience</b> Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs</b> The Hon Alex Hawke MP</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs</b> The Hon Jason Wood MP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Department of Home Affairs</b> <b>Secretary:</b> Mr Michael Pezzullo AO</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Australian Border Force</b> <b>Commissioner:</b> Mr Michael Outram APM</p> <p><b>Outcome 1</b>      Protect Australia from national security and criminal threats through effective national coordination, policy and strategy development, emergency management, and regional cooperation.</p> <p><b>Outcome 2</b>      Support a prosperous and united Australia through effective coordination and delivery of immigration and social cohesion policies and programs.</p> <p><b>Outcome 3</b>      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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission</b> <b>Chief Executive Officer:</b> Mr Michael Phelan APM</p> <p><b>Outcome 1</b>      To protect Australia from criminal threats through coordinating a strategic response and the collection, assessment and dissemination of intelligence and policing information.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Australian Federal Police</b> <b>Commissioner:</b> Mr Reece P Kershaw APM</p> <p><b>Outcome 1</b>      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><b>Outcome 2</b>      A safe and secure environment through policing activities on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory Government.</p> <p><b>Outcome 3</b>      Safeguarding Australians and Australian interests through the delivery of policing services primarily focused on protective services, aviation policing and international missions.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Australian Institute of Criminology</b> <b>Director:</b> Mr Michael Phelan APM</p> <p><b>Outcome 1</b>      Informed crime and justice policy and practice in Australia by undertaking, funding and disseminating policy-relevant research of national significance.</p>	

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

<b>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</b> <b>Director-General of Security: Mr Mike Burgess</b>	
<b>Outcome 1</b>	To protect Australia, its people and its interests from threats to security through intelligence collection, assessment and advice to Government.
<b>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</b> <b>Chief Executive Officer: Ms Nicole Rose PSM</b>	
<b>Outcome 1</b>	The protection of the financial system from criminal abuse through actionable financial intelligence, risk-based regulation, and collaboration with domestic and international partners.
<b>Office of the Special Investigator</b> <b>Director-General: Mr Chris Moraitis PSM</b>	
<b>Outcome 1</b>	Ensure Australian law and principles of justice are upheld through investigating activities of Australian Defence Force personnel in Afghanistan from 2005 to 2016, and referring alleged criminal offences including breaches of the Laws of Armed Conflict for prosecution.