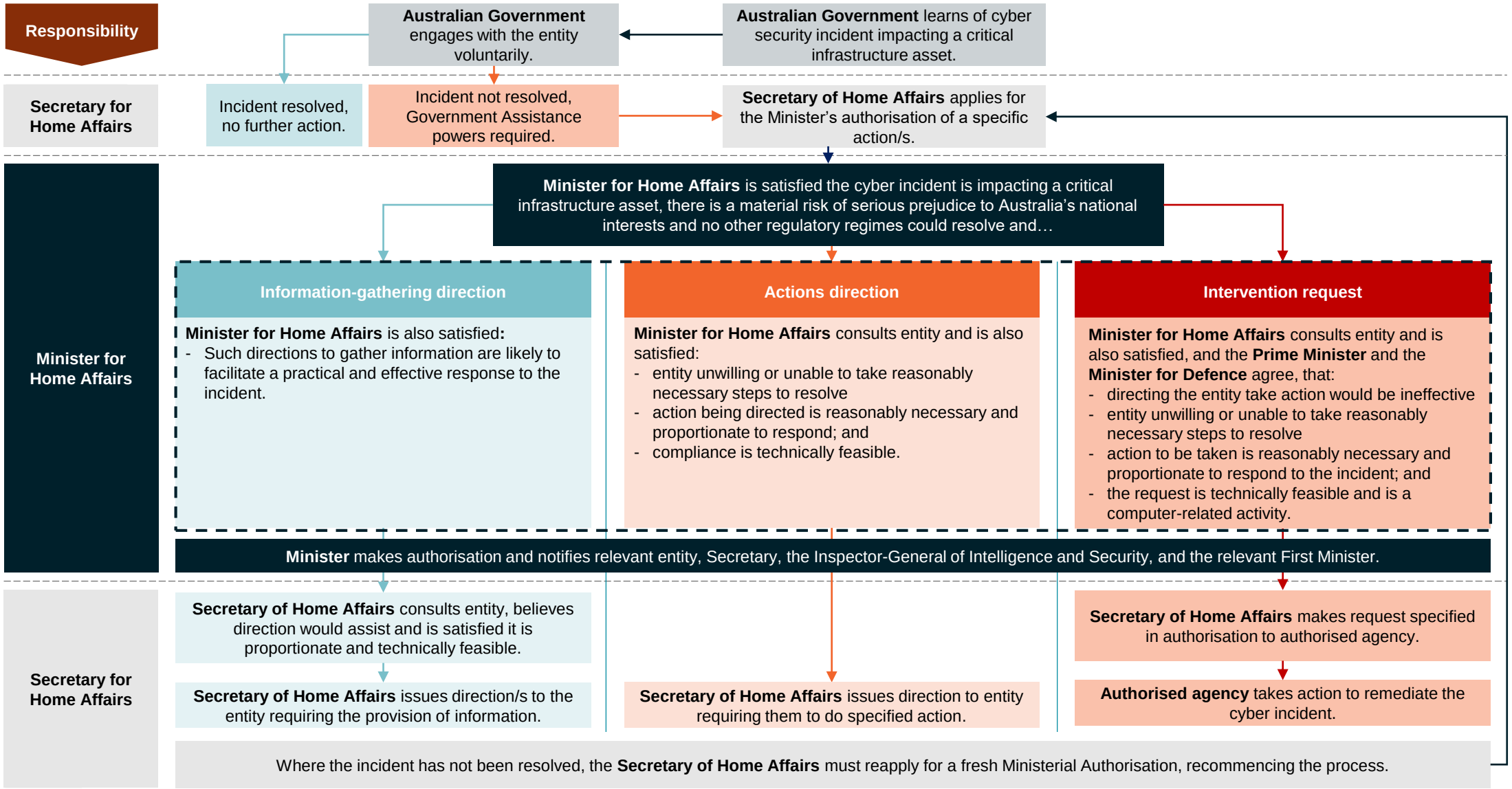
Responsibility
Australian Government engages with the entity voluntarily.
Australian Government learns of cyber security incident impacting a critical infrastructure asset.
Secretary for Home Affairs
Incident resolved, no further action.
Incident not resolved, Government Assistance powers required.
Secretary of Home Affairs applies for the Minister's authorisation of a specific action/s.
Minister for Home Affairs
Minister for Home Affairs is satisfied the cyber incident is impacting a critical infrastructure asset, there is a material risk of serious prejudice to Australia's national interests and no other regulatory regimes could resolve and…
Information-gathering direction
Minister for Home Affairs is also satisfied:
- Such directions to gather information are likely to facilitate a practical and effective response to the incident.
Actions direction
Minister for Home Affairs consults entity and is also satisfied:
- entity unwilling or unable to take reasonably necessary steps to resolve
- action being directed is reasonably necessary and proportionate to respond; and
- compliance is technically feasible.
Intervention request
Minister for Home Affairs consults entity and is also satisfied, and the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence agree, that:
- directing the entity take action would be ineffective
- entity unwilling or unable to take reasonably necessary steps to resolve
- action to be taken is reasonably necessary and proportionate to respond to the incident; and
- the request is technically feasible and is a computer-related activity.
Minister makes authorisation and notifies relevant entity, Secretary, the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, and the relevant First Minister.
Secretary for Home Affairs
Secretary of Home Affairs consults entity, believes direction would assist and is satisfied it is proportionate and technically feasible.
Secretary of Home Affairs issues direction/s to the entity requiring the provision of information.
Secretary of Home Affairs issues direction to entity requiring them to do specified action.
Secretary of Home Affairs makes request specified in authorisation to authorised agency.
Authorised agency takes action to remediate the cyber incident.
Where the incident has not been resolved, the Secretary of Home Affairs must reapply for a fresh Ministerial Authorisation, recommencing the process.