

Administrative arrangements – Territories of Australia

Signature date	Gazette date	Department	Matters
1 June 1906	1 June 1906	Minister of State for External Affairs	Territories of the Commonwealth
13 July 1906	13 July 1906	Department of External Affairs	Territories of the Commonwealth
		Department of Home Affairs	Federal Capital Site and Territory
11 December 1906	15 December 1906	Department of External Affairs	Territories of the Commonwealth
		Department of Home Affairs	Seat of Government*
4 April 1912	13 April 1912	Department of External Affairs	Territories of the Commonwealth
		Department of Home Affairs	Seat of Government
22 September 1915	22 September 1915	Department of External Affairs	Territories of the Commonwealth
		Department of Home Affairs	Seat of Government
20 December 1916	21 December 1916	The Home and Territories Department	Seat of Government Territories forming part of the Commonwealth
		The Prime Minister's Department	Papua
17 July 1918	18 July 1918	The Home and Territories Department	Seat of Government Territories
14 March 1923	15 March 1923	The Prime Minister's Department and External Affairs Department	Administration of New Guinea Territory Administration of Nauru

* "Seat of Government" concerned arrangements for the creation and administration of a new, Commonwealth territory as the site of Australia's future capital city.

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		The Home and Territories Department	Norfolk Island Northern Territory Papua Seat of Government
24 June 1925	2 July 1925	Home and Territories Department	Norfolk Island Northern Territory Papua Seat of Government Territory of New Guinea
		The Prime Minister's Department and External Affairs Department	Administration of Mandate for Nauru
3 November 1925	5 November 1925	Department of Home and Territories	New Guinea Norfolk Island Northern Territory Papua Seat of Government
11 December 1928	15 December 1928	The Prime Minister's Department and Department of External Affairs	Norfolk Island Papua Territory of New Guinea Administration of Mandate for Nauru
		The Department of Home Affairs	Northern Territory Prisoners from Territories Seat of Government

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13 April 1932	14 April 1932	The Prime Minister's Department	Territories – Nauru New Guinea Norfolk Island Papua Prisoners from Territories Shipping Services
		The Department of the Interior	Northern Territory Seat of Government
11 April 1934	12 April 1934	Not available [†]	
13 August 1936	14 August 1936	The Prime Minister's Department	Territories – Ashmore and Cartier Islands Nauru New Guinea Norfolk Island Papua Prisoners from Territories outside the Commonwealth
		The Department of External Affairs	Antarctic
		The Department of the Interior	Northern Territory Seat of Government

[†] “Not available” indicates where an Administrative Arrangements Order is not accessible via the National Archives of Australia website.

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4 April 1939	6 April 1939	The Prime Minister's Department	Territories – Nauru New Guinea Norfolk Island Papua Prisoners from Territories outside the Commonwealth Shipping Services
		The Department of External Affairs	Antarctic
		The Department of the Interior	Ashmore and Cartier Islands Australian Capital Territory, Administration of Northern Territory
12 July 1939	13 July 1939	Not available	
29 November 1939	30 November 1939	The Prime Minister's Department	Territories – Nauru New Guinea Norfolk Island Papua Prisoners from Territories outside the Commonwealth Shipping Services
		The Department of External Affairs	Antarctic
		The Department of the Interior	Ashmore and Cartier Islands Australian Capital Territory, Administration of Northern Territory
20 November 1940	28 November 1940	Not available	

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26 June 1941	26 June 1941	The Department of External Territories	Announcement of creation of department – no information about matters
13 July 1945		Not available	
12 December 1946	19 December 1946	Not available	
12 March 1947	14 March 1947	The Department of External Affairs	Antarctica
		The Department of the Interior	Ashmore and Cartier Islands Australian Capital Territory, administration and planning, with the exception of Health, Justice and Police Northern Territory
		Attorney-General's Department	Administration of law and justice in and registration for the Australian Capital Territory Police (Australian Capital Territory)
		The Department of Health	Public Health and Animal Health Administration in the Australian Capital Territory Public Health and Medical Services in the Northern Territory

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		The Department of External Territories	Administration of the Territories of – Nauru New Guinea Norfolk Island Papua Shipping services within the Territories of Papua and New Guinea Transfer of prisoners from Territories outside the Commonwealth
1 April 1947	8 April 1947	The Department of External Affairs	Antarctica
		The Department of the Interior	Ashmore and Cartier Islands Australian Capital Territory, developmental planning and administration of, with the exception of Health, Justice and Police Northern Territory
		Attorney-General's Department	Administration of law and justice in and registration for the Australian Capital Territory Police (Australian Capital Territory)
		The Department of Health	Public Health and Animal Health Administration in the Australian Capital Territory Public Health and Medical Services in the Northern Territory

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		The Department of External Territories	Administration of the Territories of – Nauru New Guinea Norfolk Island Papua Shipping services within the Territories of Papua and New Guinea Transfer of prisoners from Territories outside the Commonwealth
29 June 1949	30 June 1949	Minister of State for External Territories	Administer <i>Papua and New Guinea Act 1949</i>
16 November 1950	23 November 1950	The Department of External Affairs	Antarctica – Australian Antarctic Territory
		The Department of External Territories	Administration of the Territories of – Nauru New Guinea Norfolk Island Papua Shipping services within the Territories of Papua and New Guinea Transfer of prisoners from Territories outside the Commonwealth
		The Department of the Interior	Ashmore and Cartier Islands Australian Capital Territory, developmental planning and administration of, with the exception of Health, Justice and Police Northern Territory

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		Attorney-General's Department	Administration of law and justice in and registration for the Australian Capital Territory
		The Department of Health	Public Health and Animal Health Administration in the Australian Capital Territory Public Health and Medical Services in the Northern Territory
21 June 1951	2 July 1951	The Department of Territories	Administration of Territories, viz.: – Ashmore and Cartier Islands Nauru New Guinea Norfolk Island Northern Territory Papua Shipping services within the Territories of Papua and New Guinea Transfer of prisoners from the External Territories and the Northern Territory
		The Department of the Interior	Australian Capital Territory, developmental planning and administration of, with the exception of Health and Justice
		The Department of External Affairs	Antarctica – Australian Antarctic Territory

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		The Attorney-General's Department	Administration of law and justice in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory
		The Department of Health	Public Health and Animal Health Administration in the Australian Capital Territory Public Health and Medical Services in the Northern Territory
23 April 1958	24 April 1958	The Department of External Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay Territory
		The Department of Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Antarctic Territory, the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
30 April 1959	7 May 1959	The Department of External Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay Territory

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		The Department of Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Antarctic Territory, the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
17 March 1961	23 March 1961	The Department of External Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay Territory
		The Department of Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Antarctic Territory, the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
14 February 1962	16 February 1962	The Department of External Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay Territory

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		The Department of Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Antarctic Territory, the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
17 December 1963	20 December 1963	Not available	
16 January 1964	17 January 1964	The Department of External Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay Territory
		The Department of Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Antarctic Territory, the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
19 March 1964	23 March 1964	The Department of External Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay Territory

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		The Department of Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Antarctic Territory, the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
8 January 1965	21 January 1965	The Department of External Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay Territory
		The Department of Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Antarctic Territory, the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
4 November 1965	5 November 1965	The Department of External Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay Territory

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		The Department of Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Antarctic Territory, the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
9 March 1967	10 March 1967	The Department of External Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay Territory
		The Department of Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Antarctic Territory, the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
28 February 1968	28 February 1968	Abolition of the Department of Territories and establishment of the Department of External Territories, with the following changes:	
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory, Jervis Bay Territory, Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands

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		The Department of External Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Capital Territory, the Jervis Bay Territory, the Northern Territory of Australia, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands
16 May 1968	16 May 1968	The Department of External Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory, Jervis Bay Territory, Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands
		The Department of External Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Capital Territory, the Jervis Bay Territory, the Northern Territory of Australia, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands
7 June 1968	20 June 1968	The Department of Supply	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
11 October 1968	31 October 1968	Not available	

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16 April 1970	17 April 1970	The Department of External Territories	Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth other than the Australian Capital Territory, the Jervis Bay Territory, the Northern Territory of Australia, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Interior	Administration of Australian Capital Territory, Jervis Bay Territory, Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands
		The Department of Supply	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
31 May 1971	31 May 1971	Not available	
19 December 1972	20 December 1972	The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory, the Jervis Bay Territory, Norfolk Island and the Coral Sea Islands Territory
		The Department of External Territories	Matters related to the Territory of Papua, the Territory of New Guinea, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and the Territory of Christmas Island

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		The Department of the Northern Territory	Administration of the Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands
		The Department of Science	Heard Island and McDonald Islands Australian Antarctic Territory
30 November 1973	30 November 1973	Department of External Territories abolished with matters moving to:	
		The Department of the Special Minister of State	Matters related to the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and the Territory of Christmas Island
		The Department of Foreign Affairs	Relations between Australia and Papua New Guinea and foreign relations of Papua New Guinea
4 December 1973	5 December 1973	The Department of Foreign Affairs The Department of Treasury	Clarifies Papua New Guinea matters dealt with by these departments
1 October 1974	2 October 1974	The Department of the Northern Territory	Administration of the Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands
		The Department of Science	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Special Minister of State	Matters related to the Territory of Christmas Island and the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

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		The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory, the Jervis Bay Territory, Norfolk Island and the Coral Sea Islands Territory
		The Department of Foreign Affairs	Relations between Australia and Papua New Guinea and foreign relations of Papua New Guinea
8 February 1975	10 February 1975	The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory, the Jervis Bay Territory, Norfolk Island and the Coral Sea Islands Territory
		The Department of Foreign Affairs	Relations between Australia and Papua New Guinea and, until independence, foreign relations of Papua New Guinea
		The Department of the Northern Territory	Administration of the Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands
		The Department of the Special Minister of State	Matters related to the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and the Territory of Christmas Island
		The Department of Science	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
6 June 1975	6 June 1975	Abolished Department of the Northern Territory Established the Department of Northern Australia	Administration of the Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands

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		Changed the Department of Science to The Department of Science and Consumer Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
1 July 1975	1 July 1975	The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory, the Jervis Bay Territory, Norfolk Island and the Coral Sea Islands Territory
		The Department of Foreign Affairs	Relations between Australia and Papua New Guinea and, until independence, foreign relations of Papua New Guinea
		The Department of Northern Australia	Administration of the Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands
		The Department of Science and Consumer Affairs	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
		The Department of the Special Minister of State	Matters related to the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and the Territory of Christmas Island
7 October 1975	7 October 1975	Department of Foreign Affairs	No longer responsible for Papua New Guinea (post-independence)
22 December 1975	22 December 1975	The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
		The Department of the Northern Territory	Administration of the Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands

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		The Department of Administrative Services	Matters related to the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, Norfolk Island and the Coral Sea Islands Territory
		The Department of Science	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
23 June 1976	23 June 1976	Not available	
5 October 1976	5 October 1976	The Department of Administrative Services	Administration of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, Norfolk Island and the Coral Sea Islands Territory
		The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
		The Department of the Northern Territory	Administration of the Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands
		The Department of Science	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
17 July 1977	17 July 1977	Not available	
5 September 1977	8 September 1977	The Department of Administrative Services	Administration of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, Norfolk Island and the Coral Sea Islands Territory
		The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory

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		The Department of the Northern Territory	Administration of the Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands
		The Department of Science	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
20 December 1977	20 December 1977	The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
		The Department of Home Affairs	Administration of Norfolk Island, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island and the Coral Sea Islands Territory
		The Department of the Northern Territory	Administration of the Northern Territory of Australia and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands
		The Department of Science	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
1 June 1978	1 June 1978	Not available	
4 July 1978	4 July 1978	Not available	
28 September 1978	28 September 1978	Department of Northern Territory abolished as Northern Territory granted self-government	
		The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory

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		The Department of Home Affairs	Administration of Norfolk Island, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
		The Department of Science	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
5 December 1978	5 December 1978	The Department of Science changes to The Department of Science and the Environment	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
21 February 1979	26 February 1979	The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
		The Department of Home Affairs	Administration of Norfolk Island, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
		The Department of Science and the Environment	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
11 September 1979	12 September 1979	No change from 21 February 1979	
3 September 1980	5 September 1980	No change from 21 February 1979	

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3 November 1980	3 November 1980	The Department of the Capital Territory	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory
		The Department of Home Affairs changes to The Department of Home Affairs and Environment	Administration of Norfolk Island, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
		The Department of Science and Environment changes to The Department of Science and Technology	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
21 December 1981	23 December 1981	No change from 3 November 1980	
7 May 1982	7 May 1982	No change from 3 November 1980	
11 March 1983	11 March 1983	The Department of Territories and Local Government	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory, the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia

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		The Department of Science and Technology	Australian Antarctic Territory Heard Island and McDonald Islands
1 July 1983	1 July 1983	No change from 11 March 1983	
1 March 1984	1 March 1984	The Department of Territories and Local Government	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory, the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
		The Department of Science and Technology	Administration of the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and the McDonald Islands
27 June 1984	2 July 1984	No change from 1 March 1984	

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13 December 1984	13 December 1984	The Department of Territories and Local Government changes to The Department of Territories	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory, the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
		The Department of Science and Technology changes to The Department of Science	Administration of the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and the McDonald Islands
30 July 1985	1 August 1985	No change from 13 December 1984	
12 December 1985	12 December 1985	The Department of Territories (change in scope)	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory including Territorial health, and pre-school, primary and secondary education

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30 January 1986	31 January 1986	The Department of Territories	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory including Territorial health, and pre-school, primary and secondary education, the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
		The Department of Science	Administration of the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and the McDonald Islands

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30 January 1987	3 February 1987	The Department of Territories	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory including Territorial health, and pre-school, primary and secondary education, the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
		The Department of Science	Administration, including environmental protection, of the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and the McDonald Islands

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24 July 1987	24 July 1987	The Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory Administration of the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and the McDonald Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
13 September 1987	22 September 1987	Not available	
3 March 1988	4 March 1988	No change from 24 July 1987	
6 February 1989	15 February 1989	Not available	
13 March 1989	13 March 1989	No change from 24 July 1987	
28 June 1989	12 July 1989	Not available	
31 July 1989	16 August 1989	Not available	
19 February 1990	28 February 1990	Not available	
27 June 1990	3 July 1990	No change from 24 July 1987	
7 June 1991	20 June 1991	No change from 24 July 1987	
29 October 1991	6 November 1991	No change from 24 July 1987	

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27 December 1991	27 December 1991	The Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories changes to The Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories	
31 January 1992	5 February 1992	The Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories	Administration of the Australian Capital Territory Administration of the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and the McDonald Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
24 March 1993	24 March 1993	Not available	
1 April 1993	14 April 1993	Not available	
28 June 1993	7 July 1993	Not available	
19 August 1993	1 September 1993	Not available	
25 March 1994	6 April 1994	The Department of Housing and Regional Development	Planning and land management in the Australian Capital Territory

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1 June 1994	6 June 1994	The Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories	Administration of the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Australian Capital Territory Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
		The Department of Housing and Regional Development	Planning and land management in the Australian Capital Territory
29 November 1995	13 December 1995	Not available	

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11 March 1996	11 March 1996	The Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories	Planning and land management in the Australian Capital Territory Administration of the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Australian Capital Territory Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
23 April 1996	8 May 1996	No change from 11 March 1996	
18 July 1997	30 July 1997	Not available	
9 October 1997	15 October 1997	The Department of the Environment	Administration of the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands

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		The Department of Transport and Regional Development	<p>Planning and land management in the Australian Capital Territory</p> <p>Administration of the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island</p> <p>Constitutional development of the Australian Capital Territory</p> <p>Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia</p>
18 February 1998	25 February 1998	Not available	
18 June 1998	24 June 1998	The Department of the Environment	Administration of the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands

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		The Department of Transport and Regional Development	<p>Planning and land management in the Australian Capital Territory Administration of the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island</p> <p>Constitutional development of the Australian Capital Territory Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia</p>
21 October 1998	22 October 1998	The Department of the Environment and Heritage	Administration of the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands

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		The Department of Transport and Regional Services	Planning and land management in the Australian Capital Territory Administration of the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Australian Capital Territory Constitutional development of the Northern Territory of Australia
17 December 1998	6 January 1999	No change from 21 October 1998	
13 September 2001	14 September 2001	No change from 21 October 1998	
26 November 2001	27 November 2001	No change from 21 October 1998	
20 December 2001	16 January 2002	Not available	
8 August 2002	14 August 2002	Not available	
9 October 2003	15 October 2003	Not available	
18 December 2003	22 December 2003	No change from 21 October 1998	
26 October 2004	27 October 2004	No change from 21 October 1998	
16 December 2004	17 December 2004	No change from 21 October 1998	
21 July 2005	21 July 2005	No change from 21 October 1998	
21 September 2006	21 September 2006	No change from 21 October 1998	

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30 January 2007	30 January 2007	The Department of the Environment and Heritage changed to The Department of the Environment and Water Resources	Administration of the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands
3 December 2007	3 December 2007	The Attorney-General's Department	Administration of the Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Territory of Christmas Island, the Coral Sea Islands Territory, the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island Constitutional development of the Northern Territory Constitutional development of the Australian Capital Territory Planning and land management in the Australian Capital Territory
		The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	Administration of the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands
25 January 2008	25 January 2008	No change from 3 December 2007	
1 May 2008	1 May 2008	No change from 3 December 2007	