

Readers' Guide

Achieving a Just & Secure Society

In producing this report we have endeavoured not only to meet our formal reporting obligations but also to inform readers of the role which the Department plays towards fulfilling its enduring purpose of *achieving a just and secure society*.

The Secretary's Review provides a summary of significant events and achievements of the Department for the reporting period. Information on the role and functions of the Department is contained in the Departmental Overview, which also covers key aspects of management and administration.

Readers seeking further information on the role of the Department are directed to the statement made under s.8 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* which appears at Appendix 2. The Freedom of Information Section 8 Statement sets out the functions and powers exercised by the various departmental elements, legislation administered and categories of documents held.

Further information about the Department can be obtained from the Attorney-General's Department homepage accessed through Australian Law Online at <http://law.gov.au> .

Broadly the report comprises three parts.

Part 1 contains:

- the Secretary's Review
- introductory information and overview statements
- corporate governance and other management and accountability information
- the report of performance against agreed performance measures.

Part 2 (the shaded section) comprises the appendixes.

Part 3 contains the financial statements and the index.

The performance is reported against the framework of planned outcomes and related outputs published in the Portfolio Budget Statements for the corresponding period. An additional output, 2.5 – Facilitation of the delivery of high quality national policing information services, was introduced at Additional Estimates 2000–01 with the creation of CrimTrac as an Executive Agency under the *Public Service Act 1999* on 1 July 2000.

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