

# Portfolio Overview

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## Portfolio structure

The Attorney-General's Department is the central policy and coordinating element of the portfolio. The portfolio also includes the statutory office of the Solicitor-General, having the role of Second Law Officer of the Commonwealth (the Attorney-General being the First Law Officer). The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Customs have a range of responsibilities. This includes responsibility for the following bodies which are grouped by subject matter or function for ease of reference:

### *Administrative law*

Administrative Review Council

### *Alternative dispute resolution*

National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council

### *Bankruptcy*

Insolvency and Trustee Service, Australia

### *Censorship*

Office of Film and Literature Classification  
Classification Board

### *Courts and tribunals*

High Court of Australia  
Federal Court of Australia  
Family Court of Australia  
Federal Magistrates Service  
Administrative Appeals Tribunal  
Copyright Tribunal  
Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal  
Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal  
National Native Title Tribunal

### *Common Police Services*

Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence  
Australasian Centre for Policing Research  
Australian Institute of Police Management  
CrimTrac  
National Crime Statistics Unit  
National Institute of Forensic Science

*Criminal law and law enforcement*

Australian Federal Police  
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre  
Australian Institute of Criminology  
Commonwealth Law Enforcement Board  
Criminology Research Council  
National Crime Authority  
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

*Customs*

Australian Customs Service

*Drafting and other legislative services*

Office of Parliamentary Counsel

*Human rights*

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission  
Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner

*Law reform*

Australian Law Reform Commission

*Legal services*

Australian Government Solicitor

*Marriage and family law*

Family Law Council

*National security, counter-terrorism and protective security policy and coordination*

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation  
Standing Advisory Committee on Commonwealth–State Cooperation for  
Protection Against Violence

Changes to the portfolio structure effected within the reporting period

The Insolvency and Trustee Service, Australia (ITSA) became a Prescribed Agency under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and an Executive Agency under the *Public Service Act 1999* on 1 July 2000. ITSA will report for the first time under the FMA Act as a discrete agency for the period 2000–01.

Annual report requirements and arrangements for portfolio elements not covered by this report are set out at Appendix 1.