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# Portfolio overview



## Portfolio ministers and their responsibilities



**Attorney-General,  
The Hon Philip Ruddock MP**

- Overall portfolio management
- National security and counter-terrorism
- Critical infrastructure protection
- Emergency management
- Constitutional matters
- Royal commissions
- Courts and tribunals
- Law reform
- Alternative dispute resolution
- International law
- Administrative law
- Freedom of information
- Family law
- Human rights
- Legal aid
- Legal services
- Indigenous law and justice
- Legislative drafting
- Classification
- Copyright
- Privacy
- Bankruptcy
- E-commerce
- Native title
- Prosecution policy
- Identity security



**Minister for Justice and Customs,  
Senator The Hon Chris Ellison**

- Criminal law and crime prevention
- Law enforcement
- Criminal intelligence and criminology research
- Cybercrime
- Evidence
- Extradition and mutual assistance
- Policing
- Drug strategy
- Firearms
- Proceeds of crime
- Federal prisoners
- Protective security
- Airport physical security including air security
- Customs

## 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, who is the Second Law Officer of the Commonwealth, the Attorney-General being the First Law Officer.

The bodies within the Attorney-General's portfolio are grouped below by subject matter or function, and in alphabetical order, for ease of reference. Annual reporting requirements and arrangements for portfolio elements not covered by this report are set out at Appendix 1.

### Administrative law

Administrative Review Council

### Bankruptcy

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia

### Censorship and classification

Classification Board

Classification Review Board

Office of Film and Literature Classification

### Common police services

Australasian Centre for Policing Research

Australian Institute of Police Management

National Crime Statistics Unit

National Institute of Forensic Science

### Courts and tribunals

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Copyright Tribunal

Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal

Family Court of Australia

Federal Court of Australia

Federal Magistrates Court of Australia

Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal

High Court of Australia

National Native Title Tribunal

### Criminal law and law enforcement

Australian Crime Commission

Australian Federal Police

Australian Institute of Criminology

Australian Transaction Reports and  
Analysis Centre

Criminology Research Council

CrimTrac

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

### Law reform

Australian Law Reform Commission

### Legal services

Australian Government Solicitor

### Marriage and family law

Family Law Council

### National security

Australian Security Intelligence  
Organisation

### Privacy

Office of the Privacy Commissioner

