

CHAPTER 02

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Portfolio ministers and their responsibilities



Attorney-General
The Hon Philip Ruddock MP

Responsibilities

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

Minister for Justice and Customs



Senator the Hon David Johnston
Since 9 March 2007

Responsibilities

- Airport physical security including air security
- Criminal intelligence and criminology research
- Criminal law and crime prevention
- Customs
- Cybercrime
- Drug strategy



Senator the Hon Chris Ellison
1 July 2006 – 8 March 2007

- Evidence
- Extradition and mutual assistance
- Federal prisoners
- Firearms
- Law enforcement
- Policing
- Proceeds of crime
- Protective security

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 listed below in alphabetical order. Annual reporting requirements and arrangements for portfolio elements not covered by this report are set out at Appendix 1.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Administrative Review Council

Australasian Centre for Policing Research

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

Australian Crime Commission

Australian Customs Service

Australian Federal Police

Australian Government Solicitor

Australian Institute of Criminology

Australian Institute of Police Management

Australian Law Reform Commission

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

Classification Board

Classification Review Board

Copyright Tribunal

Criminology Research Council

CrimTrac

Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal

Family Court of Australia

Family Law Council

Federal Court of Australia

Federal Magistrates Court of Australia

High Court of Australia

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia

National Crime Statistics Unit

National Institute of Forensic Science

National Native Title Tribunal

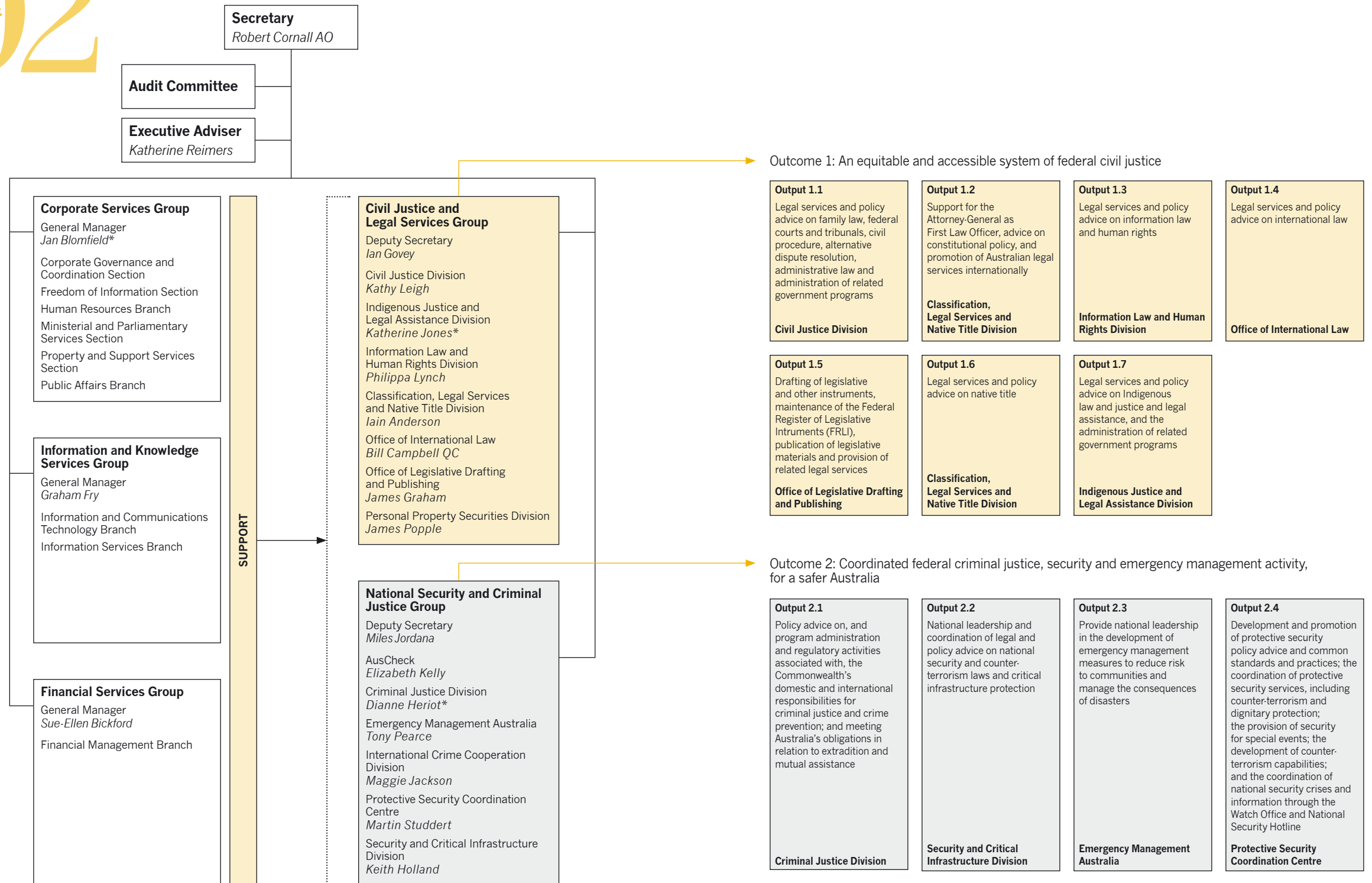
Office of Film and Literature Classification*

Office of Parliamentary Counsel

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Office of the Privacy Commissioner

* Integration of the Office of Film and Literature Classification into the Department will be completed on 1 July 2007 at which time the Classification, Legal Services and Native Title Division will assume sole responsibility for advice to the Attorney-General on classification policy.



* Acting as at 30 June 2007

Figure 1: Organisational structure, outcomes and outputs