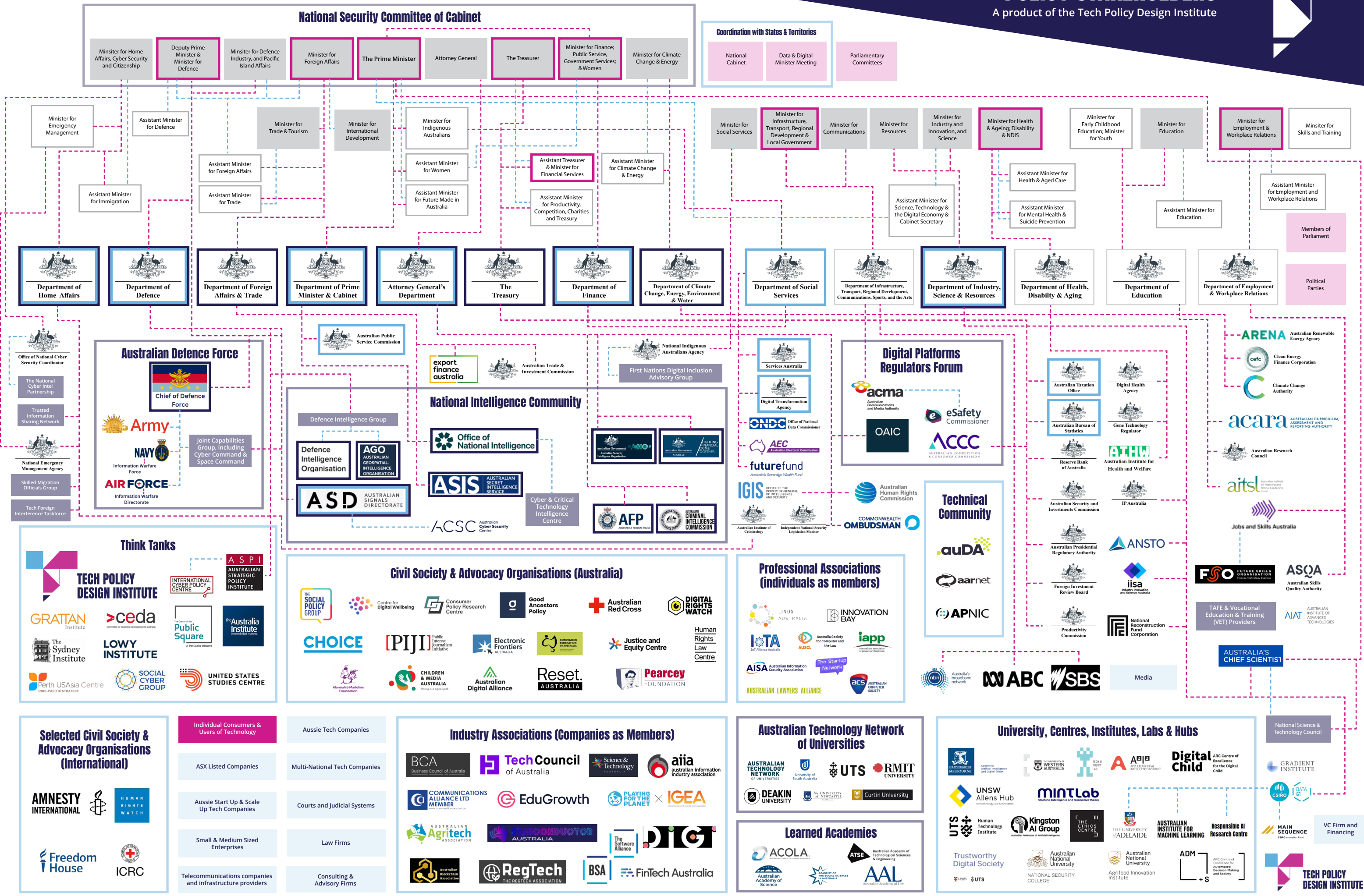
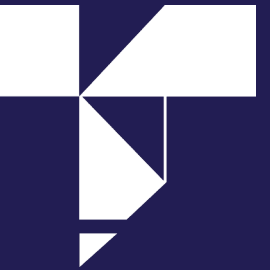


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## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**The Attorney General's Department** (AGD) is responsible for law and justice; identity and biometrics; human rights, including privacy; freedom of information; and copyright.

### Key areas within the Department:

- Integrity and International Group, including: Identity and Information Division; Integrity and Criminal Law Division, and International Law and Human Rights Division

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Human Rights Commission** (HRC) protects and promotes human rights, including online
- Australian Law Reform Commission** (ALRC) conducts inquiries into areas of law at the request of the Attorney-General of Australia.
- Commonwealth Ombudsman** looks into complaints about Australian Government agencies and some private industries, including oversight of the Commonwealth Public Interest Disclosure scheme, and inspection and monitoring of certain covert and intrusive powers by police and other law enforcement agencies
- Office of the Australian Information Commissioner** (OAIC) is an independent Australian Government agency, Its responsibility includes regulating privacy under the Privacy Act, oversight of Freedom of Information, and the Consumer Data Right (jointly with ACCC)
- Office of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor** (INSLM) is a statutory office holder who independently reviews Australia's national security and counter-terrorism laws and can make recommendations for law reform
- Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security** (IGIS) is an independent statutory office holder who reviews the activities of Australia's six intelligence agencies
- Identity Verification Services Advisory Board
- Meeting of Attorney's General

## EDUCATION

**Department of Education** is responsible for schools' education policy and programmes; education transitions policy and programmes; youth affairs and programmes, including youth transitions; pre-school education policy and programmes; higher education policy regulation and programmes; co-ordination of research policy in relation to universities; creation and development of research infrastructure; and research grants and fellowships.

### Key areas within the Department:

- Office for Youth
- Teaching and Learning Division
- National Reform Division, including: the National School Reform Agreement (National Agreement)
- Higher Education Division
- Research Division, including: programs to support and enhance Australia's national research infrastructure

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority** (ACARA) is responsible for providing a world-class curriculum from Foundation to Year 12, including curriculum development, educational assessment and national reporting
- The Australian Research Council** (ARC) administers funding of excellent pure basic research, strategic basic research and applied research, as well as research training and research collaboration and infrastructure
- Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited** (AITSL) promotes excellence so that teachers and school leaders have the maximum impact on student learning in all Australian schools

## EMPLOYMENT & WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**Department of Employment and Workplace Relations** (DEWR) is responsible for employment policy, including employment services; labour market programs for people of working age; skills and vocational education policy regulation and programs, including vocational education and training in schools; training, including apprenticeships and training and skills assessment services; training transitions policy and programs; foundation skills for adults; and careers policy and advice.

### Key areas within the Department:

- Skills and Training Groups, including: Industry Partnerships, Quality and Integrity, Policy Pathways and Inclusion, Apprenticeships and Digital Projects, Natioanl Reform and Foundations Skills Divisions

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Skills Quality Authority** (ASQA) is the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator
- Jobs and Skills Australia's** (ISA) central role is to advise government and key partners in the national skills system on Australia's skills needs and the adequacy of the skills system in meeting those needs
  - Future Skills Organisation** (FSO) is a Jobs and Skills Council focused on the skills needed for jobs in the finance, technology and business sectors

## FINANCE

**Department of Finance** (Finance) is responsible for budget policy advice and process; review of governmental programmes; Government financial accountability, efficiency, governance and financial management frameworks; policy advice on Future Fund, Nation-building Funds; public data policy and related matters; whole of government information and communications technology; information and communications technology procurement policy and services; whole of government regulatory policy, practice and performance; delivery of and whole of government data and digital policy co-ordination; delivery of services and payments relating to social security, child support, students, families, aged care and health programmes (excluding Health provider compliance); and whole of government service delivery policy.

### Key areas within the Department:

- Governance and Resource Management Group, including: Digital ID and Data Policy Division, including: Digital ID Communications, Inclusion and Governance, Digital ID Policy, Digital ID Legislation and Rules, Data Policy and Assurance, DAT Act Review Secretariat
- Commercial Group, including: Risk, Claims and Regulatory Reform Division, including: Regulation and Resilience, AI in Action, and Regulatory Foundations Branches

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Electoral Commission** is to deliver the franchise: that is, an Australian citizen's right to vote, as established by the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918
- Digital Transformation Agency** (DTA) exists to make it easy for people to deal with government, by helping government transform services to be simple, clear and fast
- Future Fund Management Agency** is Australia's sovereign wealth fund to be invested for the benefit of future generations of Australians
- Services Australia** delivers social and health related services, through its Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support programmes. Through close collaboration with the community and partner agencies, Services Australia plays an active role in developing new approaches to social and health related policy and service delivery. Services Australia manages MyGov.
- Office of the National Data Commissioner** oversees the Data Availability and Transparency Act 2022

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS & TRADE

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade** (DFAT) is responsible for External Affairs, including relations and communications with overseas governments and United Nations agencies; treaties, including trade agreements; bilateral, regional and multilateral trade policy; international trade and commodity negotiations; market development, including market access, trade and international business development; investment promotion; international development co-operation; and international security issues, including cyber affairs.

### Key areas within the Department:

- Ambassador for Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology, including: the Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology Branch
- Trade and Investment Group, including Free Trade Agreements & Stakeholder Engagement Division, including: Digital Trade, Services and Mobility Branch; Office of Global Trade Negotiation, including: Services, Competition and IP Branch
- Development, Multilateral and Europe Group, including: Multilateral Policy and Human Rights Division and Development Policy Division
- Office of the Pacific, including: Pacific Economic & Infrastructure Division, and Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific
- Centre for Australia-India Relations
- National Foundation for Australia-China Relations
- ASEAN-Australia Centre

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Secret Intelligence Service** (ASIS) leads collection and distribution of overseas intelligence.
- Austrade** leads promotion of Australian trade and investment with the world, including digital trade and promotion of the Australian tech industry
- Export Finance Australia** (EFA) is the Australian Government's export credit agency.

## HEALTH, DISABILITY & AGING

**Department of Health and Aged Care** is responsible for public health, including regulation of therapeutic goods; and gene technology regulation.

### Key areas within the Department:

- Health Resources Group, including: Technology Assessment and Access Division; the Office of Health Technology Assessment; Genomic and Health Technology Assessment Policy, Medicare Benefits and Digital Health Division, including Digital Health and Digital Service Design Branches

- Health Products Group, including: Medical Devices and Product Quality.

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Digital Health Agency** (DHA) has the mission to create a collaborative environment to accelerate adoption and use of innovative digital services and technologies, driving a healthier future for Australians through connected healthcare
- Australian Institute for Health and Welfare** (AIHW) is an independent statutory authority set up by the Australian Government to improve the health and wellbeing of Australians by providing reliable, regular, and relevant information and statistics on Australia's health and welfare
- The Gene Technology Regulator**, administers Australia's National Gene Technology Regulatory Scheme to protect human health and the environment by assessing and managing risks which may be posed by genetically modified organisms (GMOs)

## HOME AFFAIRS

**Department of Home Affairs** (Home Affairs) is responsible for cybercrime; cyber security policy and co-ordination; critical infrastructure protection and co-ordination; commonwealth emergency management, law enforcement policy and operations, national security policy and operations; social cohesion, multicultural affairs; protective security policy.

### Key areas within the Department:

- National Office for Cyber Security** (NOCS) supports the National Cyber Security Coordinator to deliver their functions under the Australian Government Crisis Management Framework. The Coordinator reports to the Minister for Cyber Security
- National Security Group, including: Counter Foreign Interference, Cyber and Technology Division (including Counter Foreign Interference Coordination Centre), Counter Terrorism Policy and Violent Extremism Division (including Counter Terrorism Coordination Centre), Criminal Justice Division, Critical Infrastructure, Risk and Regulation Division and Critical Infrastructure, Partnership and Policy Division (including Critical Infrastructure Security Centre), and Resilience & Protective Security Division (including Protective Security Coordination Centre)
- Executive Group, including: Strategic Policy Division, Data and Economic Analysis Centre and Chief Data Officer, and Office for Social Cohesion
- Other boards and structures: National Cyber Intel Partnership, Senior Officers Group on Organised Crime, Trusted Information Sharing Network (TISN), Technology Foreign Interference Taskforce (TechFIT), University Foreign Interference Taskforce

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission** (AIC) is Australia's national criminal intelligence agency, including cybercrime
- Australian Federal Police** (AFP) is the Australian Government's primary law enforcement agency. The role of the AFP is to enforce Commonwealth criminal law, including cybercrime
- Australian Institute of Criminology** (AIC) is Australia's national research and knowledge centre on crime and justice, including online sexual exploitation of children, and cybercrime
- Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation** (ASIO) is Australia's domestic intelligence agency. Its role is to identify and investigate threats to security
- Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre** (AUSTRAC) is Australia's financial intelligence unit and anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regulator
- National Emergency Management Agency** (NEMA) leads Australia's disaster and emergency management efforts.

## INDUSTRY, SCIENCE & RESOURCES

**Department of Industry, Science and Resources** (DISR) is responsible for Industry and manufacturing policy, excluding workplace relations and taxation matters; technology policy, development; diffusion and safe and responsible use; critical technology policy development and coordination of information and communications technology industry development; biotechnology (excluding gene technology regulation); trademarks, plant breeders' rights and patents of inventions and designs; co-ordination of supply chain resilience policy; anti-dumping; science policy; science engagement and awareness; collaborative research in science and technology; co-ordination of science research policy; commercialisation and utilisation of public sector research; Minerals and energy resources research, science and technology, economy-wide digital policy and co-ordination; economic security and sovereign capability as it relates to Australian industry, science and resources; standards and conformance policy for domestically and internationally traded goods.

### Key areas within the Department:

- Science and Technology Group, including: Australian Space Agency, **National AI Centre**, Questcon, Science Division, Technology and Digital Policy Division, Strategic Examination of R&D Division
- Resources and Strategy Group, including: the Chief Economist, Internatioanal Strategy and National Security, Minerals and Resouces Divisions, and Critical Minerals Office
- Industry and Commercialisation Group, including: Commercialisation, Heavy Industry Transition, Industral Capability and Supply Chains, Whole of Industry Division, and Office of Industry Innovation and Science Australia

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation** (ANSTO) is Australia's sovereign nuclear organisation. ANSTO serves as our nation's nuclear centre of excellence with activities spanning manufacturing, research, and advisory functions linked to our mandate including nuclear medicine production and human health research, advanced manufacturing and support for the resources sector, defence and national security, and research infrastructure and scientific support
- Chief Scientist** provides high-level independent advice to the Prime Minister and other Ministers on matters relating to science, technology and innovation. The Chief Scientist also holds the position of Executive Officer of the National Science and Technology Council, and can be appointed to ex-officio roles at the discretion of the government
  - National Science and Technology Council** is responsible for providing advice to the Prime Minister and other Ministers on important science and technology issues facing Australia
- Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation** (CSIRO) is an Australian Government statutory authority its function to carry out scientific research to benefit Australian industry and the community, and to contribute to the achievement of national objectives, including its data and digital specialist arm Data61, which has expertise in AI, robotics, cybersecurity, modelling and analytics
  - Main Sequence Parallel Fund**, is a Managed Investment Trust within the CSIRO Innovation Fund, investing in early stage deep technology startups, spinouts and SMEs with origins in the publicly funded research sector is the national public sector geoscience organisation
- GeoScience Australia**, is the national public sector geoscience organisation
- Industry Innovation and Science Australia** (IISA) an independent statutory board of entrepreneurs, investors, researchers and educators that advises Government on innovation, science, and research matters
- IP Australia** is the entity responsible for administering Australia's IP rights system, specifically patents, trade marks, designs and plant breeder's rights
- National Reconstruction Fund Corporation** (NRF) is a corporate Commonwealth entity established to facilitate increased flows of finance into seven Government identified priority areas of the Australian economy

## INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATION SPORT & THE ARTS

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts** (DITRDCA) is responsible for broadband policy and programmes; postal and telecommunications policies and programmes, including internet governance; spectrum policy management; broadcasting policy; content policy relating to the information economy, and classification.

### Key areas within the Department:

- Digital Platforms, Safety and Classification Division, including: Online Safety, Digital Platforms, International and Policy, Classification
- Media Policy, including: Media Industry and Sustainability, Media Reform and News and Journalism
- Communications Infrastructure Division, including: Broadband and Emerging Communications, Competition and Spectrum, Telecommunications Resilience, Digital Inclusion and Deployment, and Universal Services Branches
- Communications Services and Consumer Division, including: Regional Mobile Infrastructure Programs, Regional Connectivity, Post, International Telecommunications, including internet governance, and ACMA, Consumer Safeguards Branches
- Office of the Arts, including Creative Industries

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation** (ABC) is a national (publicly funded) broadcaster, providing news, current affairs and entertainment programming on television, radio and digital services across Australia.
- Australian Communications and Media Authority** (ACMA) is Australia's regulator for telecommunications, broadcasting, radio communications, unsolicited communications and certain online content.
  - eSafety Commissioner** is Australia's independent regulator for online safety and helps Australians have safer, more positive online experiences in accordance with the Online Safety Act 2021. The eSafety Commissioner is an independent statutory office holder supported by the ACMA
- NBN Co.** Ltd is a wholly-owned Commonwealth company - a Government Business Enterprise. Its goals are to deliver Australia's first national wholesale-only, open access broadband network to all Australians
- Special Broadcasting Service Corporation** (SBS) is a national broadcaster. The principal function of the SBS is to provide multilingual and multicultural broadcasting and digital media services that inform, educate and entertain all Australians.
- National Archives of Australia** creates and manages authentic, reliable and usable Commonwealth records.
- National Film and Sound Archive** is Australia's national audiovisual cultural institution.

## PRIME MINISTER & CABINET

**Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet** (PM&C) is responsible for providing advice to the Prime Minister across Government on policy and implementation; whole of government national security and intelligence policy co-ordination; and intergovernmental relations and communications with State and Territory Governments.

### Key areas within the Department:

- International and Security Group
- Economy, Industry and Resilience Group
- Office for Women

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Public Service Commission** (APSC) develops, promotes, reviews and evaluates APS employment policies and practices, contributes to and fosters leadership in the APS, including with respect to the digital and data professions.
- National Indigenous Australians Agency** (NIAA) is committed to improving the lives of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including by promoting the digital inclusion of Australia's First Nations people
- Office of National Intelligence** is Australia's peak intelligence assessment body and undertakes the production of all-source intelligence assessments for government, including with respect to cyber and critical technologies

## SOCIAL SERVICES

**Department of Social Services** (DSS) is responsible for income security and support policies

### Key areas within the Department:

- Families and Communities Group
- Social Security Group aims to improve the coordination of policy and services so people experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence can access the support they need

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Institute of Family Studies** is independent family research body
- Domestic Family and Sexual Violence Commission** improve the coordination of policy and services so people experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence can access support

## TREASURY

**The Treasury** is responsible for economic, fiscal and monetary policy; financial sector policy; foreign investment in Australia; business law and practice; corporate, financial services and securities law, and competition and consumer policy, small businesses policy and programs, national policy on cities, and land and planning policy.

### Key areas within the Department:

- Markets Group, including: Competition and Consumer Policy Division, Digital Policy and Cooperations Division, Financial Systems Division.
- Fiscal Group, including: Labour Market, Environment, Industry and Infrastructure Division and Social Policy Division
- International and Foreign Investment Group, including Foreign Investment Division and International Economics and Security Division
- Small Business, Corporate and Law Group, including Small and Family Business Division

### Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth entities, companies and structures):

- Australian Bureau of Statistics** (ABS) is Australia's official national statistical agency. It provides statistics on a wide range of economic, social, population and environmental matters, covering government, business and the community
- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission** (ACCC) is an independent Commonwealth statutory authority whose role is to enforce the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 and a range of additional legislation, promoting competition, fair trading and regulating national infrastructure for the benefit of all Australians, including responsibility for conducting Digital Platforms Services Inquiry
- Australian Prudential Regulation Authority** (APRA) s the prudential regulator of the Australian financial services industry. It oversees banks, credit unions, building societies, general insurance and reinsurance companies, life insurance, friendly societies, and most of the superannuation industry
- Australian Securities and Investment Commission** (ASIC) is Australia's corporate, markets and financial services regulator.
- Australian Taxation Office** (ATO) is the Australian Government's principal revenue collection agency. The ATO's role is to effectively manage and shape the tax, excise and superannuation systems that support and fund services for Australians
- The Productivity Commission** (the Commission) is the Australian Government's independent research and advisory body on a range of economic, social and environmental issues affecting the welfare of Australians. Its role is to help governments make better policies in the long-term interest of the Australian community
- Foreign Investment Review Board** (FIRB) advises the Treasurer and the Government on Australia's foreign investment policy and its administration

### Notes on the Map of Australian Tech Policy Stakeholders

The map reflects the Australian ecosystem as of January 2025. Placement on the map does not represent hierarchy or seniority. Every effort has been made to comprehensively reflect the ecosystem and to size logos consistently; size does not denote importance, and any omissions are unintended.

### Notes on the Index of Federal Government Tech Policy Responsibilities

The Index accompanies the Map as a ready reference. Departmental responsibilities as articulated in the Index are drawn from the Administrative Arrangement Order (as amended on 29 July 2024). Key areas within the Department are drawn from Departmental Organisational Charts (from public websites, accessed in January 2025). The Portfolio Responsibilities (Commonwealth Companies and Corporations) are drawn from The Australian Government Directory. Portfolio Responsibilities (accessed in January 2025).

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### Map Key

Member of Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet

Member of Secretaries' Committee of National Security

Formal Grouping with official recognition or governance

Portfolio Responsibility

Member of Federal Cabinet

Member of Secretaries' Digital and Data Committee

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