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PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Ministers and Portfolio Responsibilities

The objective of Australia's foreign and trade policy is to advance Australia's national interest – the security and prosperity of Australians.

The two portfolio ministers are the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Bob Carr, and the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, Minister for Trade and Competitiveness, and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Asian Century Policy, the Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP. The two portfolio Parliamentary Secretaries are Senator the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite, responsible for Pacific Island Affairs and Multicultural Affairs, and the Hon Kelvin Thomson MP, responsible for Trade.

The portfolio consists of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade), the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) and the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC).

In 2013-14, DFAT will seek to advance the security and prosperity of Australians through strong bilateral relationships and by extending Australia's influence on global and regional developments. DFAT will continue to promote a clear understanding of the Government's foreign and trade policy priorities and project a positive image of Australia.

DFAT will again contribute to increasing the international competitiveness of the Australian economy and Australian exporters by pursuing trade liberalisation and expanding markets for Australian exports through arrangements that complement and support the multilateral trading system.

DFAT will continue to protect the interests of Australian citizens abroad through timely and responsive travel advice, consular services and a secure passport system. DFAT will also continue to ensure the effectiveness and security of Australia's network of overseas diplomatic missions and to maintain and protect Australia's secure government communications systems. DFAT will deliver timely and responsive services to the diplomatic and consular corps in Australia.

Austrade will continue to promote Australia's international trade, investment and education interests, with a particular focus on Asian markets, and growth and emerging markets that offer commercial potential and which provide opportunities aligned with Australian capability. Within these markets, there is a clear role for Austrade, as a Government agency, to support Australian firms and education institutions. In established and selected Asian markets, Austrade will partner with State and Territory governments and other Commonwealth Government agencies to attract productive foreign direct investment in defined sectors. It will also promote

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Australia as a preferred education destination and provider of education services in market.

In working with industry and education institutions, Austrade will encourage the use of the *Australia Unlimited / Future Unlimited* brands to showcase Australia's capabilities to international audiences.

Austrade will continue to administer the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) Scheme and the new Asian Century Business Engagement (ACBE) Plan.

Austrade will also deliver consular and passport services in specific locations overseas.

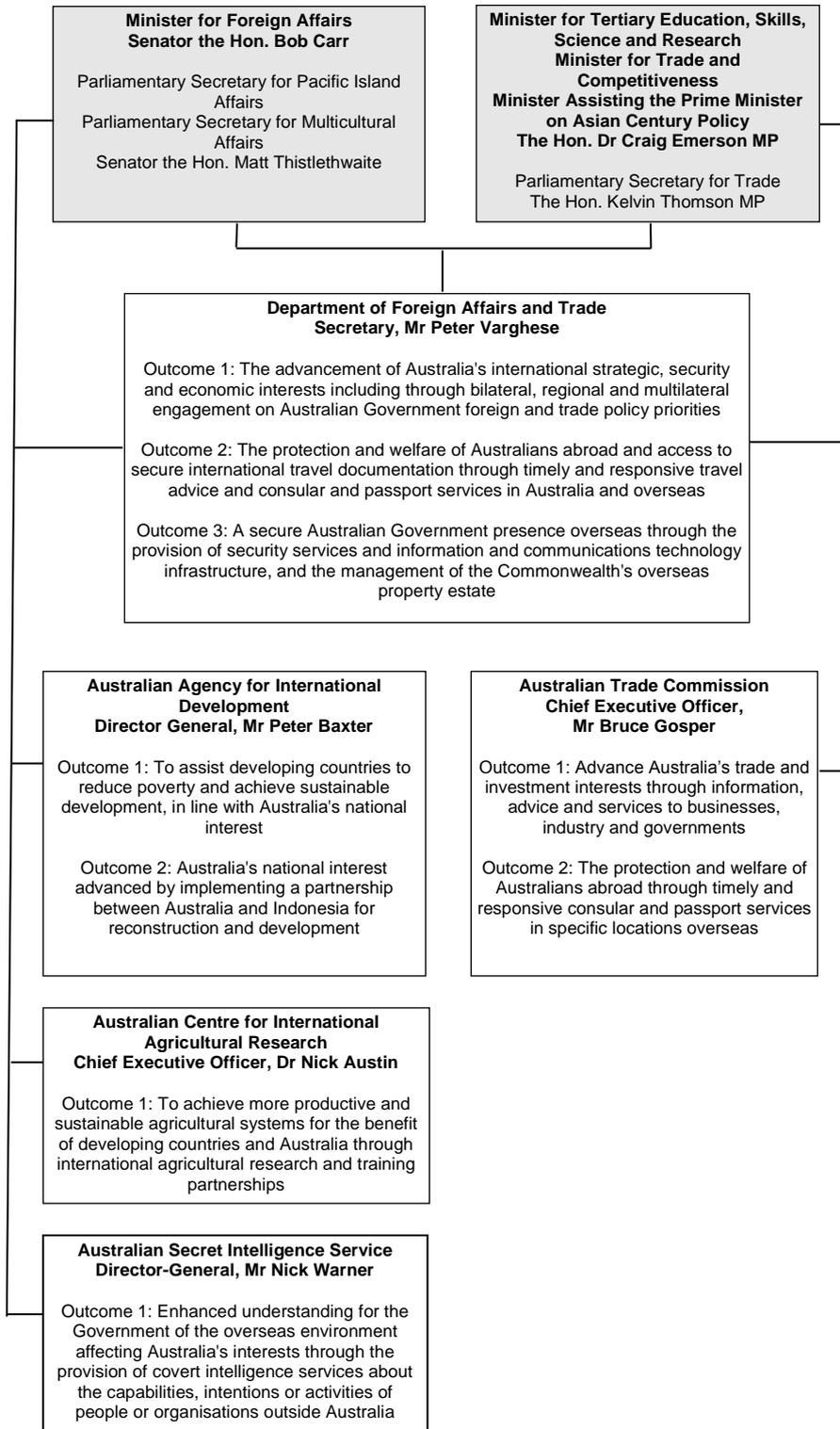
Through AusAID, the Australian aid program aims to reduce the number of people living in poverty, especially in developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. By doing so, the aid program also advances our national interest through promoting a more stable and prosperous region and world. The aid program is guided by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the internationally agreed targets for poverty reduction and human development.

ACIAR will continue to focus Australia's agricultural research expertise on enhancing food security and alleviating poverty in the Asia-Pacific region and Africa, in line with priorities established in Australia's aid policy statement: *An effective aid program for Australia*. ACIAR will invest in capacity building and training activities for individuals and institutions in developing countries in these regions. ACIAR will continue to administer and manage Australia's investment in multilateral agricultural innovation through the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research.

Through ASIS, the portfolio will continue to enhance government understanding of the overseas environment affecting Australia's vital interests and take appropriate action, consistent with applicable legislation, to protect identified interests.

EFIC, in consultation with DFAT, will help Australian exporters and companies investing in projects overseas to gain access to internationally competitive finance and insurance services. EFIC will continue to provide financial facilities for exporters, including loans, guarantees, medium-term credit insurance, bonds and political risk insurance, with a focus on SMEs, particularly those seeking to do business in new and emerging markets. It will continue to manage the National Interest Account. EFIC does not appear in the 2013-14 Portfolio Budget Statements as it is not part of the general government sector.

Figure 1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio Structure and Outcomes



PORTFOLIO RESOURCES

Table 1 shows the total new resources provided to the portfolio in the 2013-14 budget year by agency.

Table 1: Portfolio Resources 2013-14

	Appropriation			Receipts	Total
	Bill No. 1 \$m	Bill No. 2 \$m	Special \$m	\$m	\$m
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade					
Administered appropriations	291.0	-	1.0	-	292.0
Departmental appropriations	971.9	61.2	-	170.5	1,203.6
Total:	1,262.9	61.2	1.0	170.5	1,495.6
Australian Trade Commission					
Administered appropriations	126.9	-	-	-	126.9
Departmental appropriations	170.2	-	-	21.8	192.0
Total:	297.1	-	-	21.8	318.9
Australian Agency for International Development					
Administered appropriations	4,595.1	604.1	-	-	5,199.2
Departmental appropriations	366.0	14.5	-	5.3	385.8
Total:	4,961.1	618.7	-	5.3	5,585.1
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research					
Administered appropriations	83.7	-	-	35.1	118.8
Departmental appropriations	10.6	0.0	-	1.2	11.8
Total:	94.3	0.0	-	36.3	130.6
Australian Secret Intelligence Service					
Administered appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental appropriations	208.0	2.3	-	37.5	247.7
Total:	208.0	2.3	-	37.5	247.7
Portfolio total	6,823.4	682.1	1.0	271.4	7,530.2
Less amounts transferred within portfolio					-
Resources available within portfolio:					7,530.2

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