



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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When the Ministry was appointed on 4 April 1990, I advised relevant Ministers to settle the various responsibilities within their portfolios.

Portfolio Ministers have now advised me concerning the allocation of responsibilities. A schedule showing the responsibilities of non-portfolio Ministers is attached.

In order to reflect accurately the responsibilities now allocated to them, the titles of three non-portfolio Ministers have been changed. The Governor-General appointed the three Ministers this morning to their renamed ministerial offices.

The Ministers concerned and their new titles are as follows:

- . Mr Baldwin has been appointed Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services;
- . Senator Collins has been appointed Minister for Shipping and Aviation Support;
- . Mr Staples has been appointed Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF NON-PORTFOLIO MINISTERS

MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMERCE -
(Senator the Hon. John Button)

Minister for Science and Technology -
(The Hon. Simon Crean, MP)

The CSIRO, the Australian Institute of Marine Science, the Australian Nuclear and Science Technology Organisation, the Commission for the Future, the National Standards Commission and the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation.

Housing and construction activities.

Mr Crean is also Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Science and Minister Assisting the Treasurer.

Minister for Small Business and Customs -
(The Hon. David Beddall, MP)

The small business function in the Industry, Technology and Commerce portfolio and, in conjunction with the respective Ministers, small business matters in other portfolios.

Issues involving the management of, and day-to-day decisions required in relation to, the Customs Service (in consultation with Senator Button as appropriate).

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE -
(Senator the Hon. Gareth Evans, QC)

Minister for Trade Negotiations -
(The Hon. Neal Blewett, MP)

Bilateral and multilateral trade policy and negotiations, including relevant ministerial meetings and diplomatic contacts.

Co-ordination and conduct of Australia's position in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations - and more generally the promotion of a more equitable international trading environment.

The agreement on Closer Economic Relations with New Zealand.

Australia's relations with UNCTAD.

Operations of trade-related councils involving the Australian business community.

Dr Blewett also assists the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce and the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy in relation to major commodity negotiations and export promotion.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL -
(The Hon. Michael Duffy, MP)

Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs -
(Senator the Hon. Michael Tate)

Bankruptcy matters.

Consumer affairs matters (including statutory responsibilities under the Trade Practices Act) and representation of the Government on appropriate Commonwealth-State ministerial committees.

Criminology, including youth and crime.

Legal aid and financial assistance, including carriage of negotiations with the States on new legal aid agreements.

Remissions of fines.

Federal prisoners.

Marriage celebrants, marriage guidance, counselling and mediation services.

Police and police liaison, including membership of appropriate Commonwealth-State committees.

The Protective Services Co-ordination Centre.

Territories matters coming within the Attorney-General's portfolio (other than the ACT Supreme Court, ACT Magistrates Court and corporate affairs involving the ACT).

MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING -
(The Hon. J.S. Dawkins, MP)

Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services -
(The Hon. Peter Baldwin, MP)

Higher education programs, including targeted research and development.

Special employment, education and income support programs:

- . Employment and Training Assistance for Disadvantaged Clients: the Integrated Program (JOBTRAIN, JOBSTART, Job Search Training); NEWSTART, JET; and restructured arrangements for assistance to the unemployed (administrative/delivery aspects).
- . Community-based Strategies: SkillShare; New Enterprise Incentive Scheme; Rural Education and Training.

- . Education Income Support (administrative/delivery aspects): AUSTUDY; ABSTUDY; Assistance for Isolated Children.

Labour market operations:

- . Client Services (administrative/delivery aspects): Job Placement Services; Job Seeker Specialist Services; Youth Services; Industry Services; and Information Services.
- . Mobility Assistance.
- . Industry Labour Adjustment Assistance (including OLMA).

Corporate services and portfolio advising in relation to Youth Programs and Services.

**Minister for Aboriginal Affairs -
(The Hon. Robert Tickner, MP)**

Commonwealth Aboriginal affairs responsibilities, including the operations of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC); and programs under the responsibility of ATSIC.

The Aboriginal Education Policy and those aspects of the Aboriginal Employment Development Policy administered by DEET.

**MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS -
(The Hon. Kim C. Beazley, MP)**

**Minister for Land Transport -
(The Hon. Bob Brown, MP)**

Land transport (including road programs and the implementation of rail reform at the Federal level and oversight of AN) and road safety matters.

Representation of the Commonwealth on the Australian Transport Advisory Council.

Policy and administrative issues associated with Australia Post.

**Minister for Shipping and Aviation Support -
(Senator the Hon. Bob Collins, MP)**

Shipping (including oversight of ANL), the waterfront, and maritime operations (pending the establishment of AMSA).

Aviation infrastructure (including implementation of the Government's decisions on the Kingsford Smith Airport third runway and management of congestion at the Airport) and airport safety; and oversight of the FAC and CAA.

Senator Collins is also Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Northern Australia.

MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY -
(The Hon. John Kerin, MP)

Minister for Resources -
(The Hon. Alan Griffiths, MP)

Petroleum and energy matters, including the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation - Regional Energy Co-operation Project, the High Level Energy Group, the Pipeline Authority, the Snowy Mountains Authority and (with Mr Kerin) the Bureau of Mineral Resources.

Forestry.

Food quality issues and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH -
(The Hon. Brian Howe, MP)

Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services -
The Hon. Peter Staples, MP)

Aged care (including aged residential care, the Home and Community Care Program and broader issues in relation to the aged).

Services for the homeless and others in crisis (the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program and the Burdekin initiatives for homeless youth).

The Children's Services Program and policy development in the area of family services.

The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Issues relating to drugs of dependence, including the National Campaign Against Drug Abuse.

Regulation in the interests of public health of pharmaceuticals and medical devices (through the Therapeutic Goods Administration), food quality, chemicals safety, radiation health and air and water quality.

Broader environmental health issues.

Services for the hearing impaired (principally children and aged pensioners) through the National Acoustics Laboratory.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs -
(The Hon. Ben Humphreys, MP)

Administration and policy development in relation to services for veterans.

MINISTER FOR DEFENCE -
(Senator the Hon. Robert Ray)

Minister for Defence Science and Personnel -
(The Hon. Gordon Bilney, MP)

The Defence Science and Technology Organisation, including development of policies and programs for the marketing of the DSTO product.

Oversight and administration of service personnel policies relating to members and ex-members of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

Australian Defence Force assistance to the civil community, of a non-emergency nature.

Community matters arising from, and in connection with, Australian Defence Force operational training activities.

Acquisition and disposal of defence properties; planning, design, construction and budgetary aspects of defence facilities; Public Works Committee matters; environmental and heritage aspects of defence facilities; repairs and maintenance of defence facilities; leasing of buildings and properties for defence purposes.

Logistic support for the Australian Defence Force.

MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS -
(The Hon. Gerard L. Hand, MP)

Minister for Local Government -
(The Hon. Wendy Fatin, MP)

Local government and regional development.

Ms Fatin also assists the Prime Minister in relation to the status of women.

MINISTER FOR THE ARTS, SPORT, THE ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND TERRITORIES - (The Hon. Ros Kelly, MP)

Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories -
(The Hon. David Simmons, MP)

Territories (excluding the Antarctic territories), including continuing involvement in relations between the ACT and Commonwealth Governments.

Tourism matters, including the tourist industry.

The arts and cultural affairs.