



**THE HON. MALCOLM TURNBULL MP
PRIME MINISTER**

Tuesday, 19 December 2017

Ministerial Arrangements

I have refreshed my Ministry to reflect the priorities and values of my Government.

The Ministry features two new, major portfolios: one focused on job creation, the other on national security. This reflects my Government's determination to provide opportunity and security for every Australian.

We have entrusted those portfolios to two of our most experienced and respected Ministers.

Peter Dutton will become Minister for Home Affairs, for the first time bringing together the nation's security, border and intelligence agencies under one department.

Senator Michaelia Cash will become Minister for Jobs and Innovation, charged with harnessing the policies of the government to create more jobs and job opportunities.

Senator Cash will be a key part of the Government's economic team working to deliver on our commitment of more jobs, more investment, and stronger economic growth.

I'm delighted to welcome Barnaby Joyce back as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport - a vital portfolio as the Government rolls out its record \$75 billion infrastructure program.

Christian Porter will become Attorney General, a role he previously held in the West Australian State Government.

Mathias Cormann will take on the additional role Special Minister of State. Mathias's expanded portfolio is testament to his outstanding performance as a Cabinet Minister.

Kelly O'Dwyer will take on the additional role of Minister for Women, which was previously held by Senator Cash.

I am pleased to welcome five new members of Cabinet.

Deputy Nationals Leader Bridget McKenzie joins Cabinet as Minister for Sport, Rural Health and Regional Communications. Bridget has long campaigned for better services for regional communities.

Michael Keenan will join Cabinet as Minister for Human Services and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Transformation - a central role in ensuring all Australians get the services they expect when dealing with the Government, particularly as more and more services shift online.

Dan Tehan will join Cabinet in the critical role of Minister for Social Services. He will work closely with the newly created role of Assistant Minister for Children and Families, which will be filled by David Gillespie, as well as with Jane Prentice, who has been doing an outstanding job as Assistant Minister for Social Services and Disability Services.

John McVeigh, who previously served as a minister in the Queensland Liberal National Party State Government, will join Cabinet as Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government.

David Littleproud will become Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources. He will bring to the role two decades of experience in agribusiness before he joined parliament.

This new Cabinet will not include some familiar faces.

Senator Arthur Sinodinos wrote to me this week to tell me his medical treatment is taking longer than anticipated and he is unlikely to be able to return from leave until the middle of next year.

In those circumstances, he has asked that he not be included in this new ministry.

Senator Sinodinos is one of this generation's most accomplished and experienced public servants and his contributions to the Cabinet have been sorely missed since his illness was first diagnosed.

Naturally, we wish him well in his recovery and I look forward to him regaining full health and returning to a senior Ministerial or other government role in the future.

Senator George Brandis, who after 17 years of distinguished service in the Senate, has signalled his plans to stand down.

Senator Brandis has been a stalwart of this Government in the Senate, particularly in the past couple of years given the difficulties of negotiating with a large and, at times, unpredictable crossbench.

Senator Brandis' legacy as Attorney General will be remembered for two things in particular. First, it was on his watch as Attorney, and in so small measure thanks to his eloquent advocacy over many years, that Australia legislated for marriage equality.

Secondly, as the Minister responsible for domestic national security since 2013, he undertook the most comprehensive reforms of our national security laws to keep Australians safe.

I hope that Senator Brandis' public service to the nation is not over. Early in the new year I intend to recommend to the Governor-General that he be appointed as Australia's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. I know he will excel at this role.

Senator Brandis' position as Leader of the Senate will be filled by Senator Cormann, who has been integral in steering the Government's agenda through the Senate. His determination and his counsel are invaluable.

I obviously consult with the Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Nationals on the makeup of the Ministry.

I take this opportunity to thank Darren Chester for his significant contributions to the Cabinet as the outgoing Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. I know that we will all continue to call on his wisdom and experience.

Changes in the Outer Ministry reflect this Government's focus on business enterprise, national security and families.

Craig Laundy is promoted to the role of Minister for Small & Family Business, Workplaces and Deregulation. Craig spent two decades in private business before joining Parliament so will bring unique insight into the challenges faced by small businesses.

He will take direct responsibility for workplace relations and will work closely with Senator Cash in her new role to ensure the Government is doing everything possible to give companies the confidence they need to invest and create jobs, and to give Australians the confidence they can get the skills and opportunities they need to find a job or land a better paying job.

Michaelia Cash, Craig Laundy and Zed Seselja - as the new Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation - will work together to make sure we harness the jobs of the future through new industries and small business so Australians can adapt and thrive in this era of innovation and technological change.

As Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton will be supported by two Ministers: Angus Taylor as Minister for Law Enforcement and Cybersecurity and Alan Tudge as Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

He will also continue to have the assistance of Alex Hawke as Assistant Minister for Home Affairs.

The Department of Home Affairs will keep Australians safer by ensuring full coordination between ASIO, the AFP, Australian Border Force, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and AUSTRAC. It will also contribute enormously to nation building through its focus on our immigration program.

Paul Fletcher will take on an expanded role as Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities, charged with ensuring the Government's infrastructure program meets its objectives of reducing congestion and improving the liveability of our cities. He will also continue the delivery of City Deals with state and local governments around the country.

After serving as Minister for Small Business since last year, Michael McCormack will become Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel and will assist me in this final year of the ANZAC centenary.

Melissa Price joins the Ministry as Assistant Minister for the Environment. She will work closely with Minister for Environment and Energy Josh Frydenberg and is tasked with developing and implementing the Government's policies on issues as broad as climate change, Landcare and the protection of the Great Barrier Reef.

In the new role of Assistant Minister for Children and Families, Dr David Gillespie will work with the Minister for Social Services, Dan Tehan, to ensure children get the best start in life and families get all the support they need.

Damian Drum, currently the Chief Nationals Whip, will join the ministry as Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister.

David Coleman, who came to Parliament after a long career in business, is also elevated to the ministry as Assistant Minister for Finance, while Luke Hartsuyker moves to the role of Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.

I thank Keith Pitt for his service in the Assistant Trade Minister role.

The Ministry is filled with energy and rich with diverse life experiences.

Together we look forward to securing and delivering a safer and more prosperous Australia.

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TITLE	MINISTER
Prime Minister	The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Minister for Indigenous Affairs	Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion
Minister for Women	The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP
<i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Transformation</i>	<i>The Hon Michael Keenan MP</i>
<i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service</i>	<i>The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP</i>
<i>Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister</i>	<i>Senator the Hon James McGrath</i>
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport	The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government	Dr John McVeigh MP
Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities	The Hon Paul Fletcher MP
<i>Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister</i>	<i>The Hon Damian Drum MP</i>
Minister for Foreign Affairs	The Hon Julie Bishop MP
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment	The Hon Steven Ciobo MP
Minister for International Development and the Pacific	Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells
<i>Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment</i>	<i>The Hon Luke Hartsuyker MP</i>
Minister for Finance (Vice-President of the Executive Council) (Leader of the Government in the Senate)	Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann
Special Minister of State	Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann
<i>Assistant Minister for Finance</i>	<i>Mr David Coleman MP</i>
Treasurer	The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Minister for Revenue and Financial Services	The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP
<i>Assistant Minister to the Treasurer</i>	<i>The Hon Michael Sukkar MP</i>
Minister for Defence	Senator the Hon Marise Payne
Minister for Defence Industry (Leader of the House)	The Hon Christopher Pyne MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs	The Hon Michael McCormack MP
Minister for Defence Personnel	The Hon Michael McCormack MP
(Deputy Leader of the House)	
<i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC</i>	<i>The Hon Michael McCormack MP</i>
Minister for Home Affairs	The Hon Peter Dutton MP
Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs	The Hon Alan Tudge MP
Minister for Law Enforcement and Cybersecurity	The Hon Angus Taylor MP
<i>Assistant Minister for Home Affairs</i>	<i>The Hon Alex Hawke MP</i>
Attorney-General	The Hon Christian Porter MP
Minister for Jobs and Innovation	Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash
Minister for Small and Family Business, Workplace and Deregulation	The Hon Craig Laundy MP
<i>Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation</i>	<i>Senator the Hon Zed Seselja</i>
Minister for Resources and Northern Australia	Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan
Minister for Health	The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Rural Health	Senator Bridget McKenzie
Minister for Sport	Senator Bridget McKenzie
Minister for Aged Care	The Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP
Minister for Indigenous Health	The Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP
Minister for Communications	Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield
Minister for the Arts (Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate)	Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield
Minister for Regional Communications	Senator Bridget McKenzie
Minister for Education and Training (Manager of Government Business in the Senate)	Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham
<i>Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills</i>	<i>The Hon Karen Andrews MP</i>
Minister for Social Services	The Hon Dan Tehan MP
<i>Assistant Minister for Social Services and Disability Services</i>	<i>The Hon Jane Prentice MP</i>
<i>Assistant Minister for Children and Families</i>	<i>The Hon Dr David Gillespie MP</i>
Minister for Human Services	The Hon Michael Keenan MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy	The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
<i>Assistant Minister for the Environment</i>	<i>Ms Melissa Price MP</i>
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources	Mr David Littleproud MP
<i>Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources</i>	<i>Senator the Hon Anne Ruston</i>

Each box represents a portfolio. **Cabinet Ministers are shown in bold type.** As a general rule, there is one department in each portfolio. However, there can be two Departments in one portfolio. The title of a department does not necessarily reflect the title of a minister in all cases. Assistant Ministers in italics are designated as Parliamentary Secretaries under the *Ministers of State Act 1952*.