

Senior Commonwealth Public Service Appointments

February 2013

On **Friday 8 February 2013**, Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced that she had appointed Mr. Drew Clark PSM as Secretary of the Department of Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy.

This comes following the Government's announcement on 26 November 2012 to recommend the appointment of Mr. Peter Harris, the current Secretary of the Department of Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy, to the position of Chair of the Productivity Commission.

Prior to this appointment Mr. Clark has been Secretary of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, a role he assumed in 2010. Mr. Clark has also held the positions of Deputy Secretary for resources, Energy and Tourism; Head of the Energy and Environment Division and Executive General Manager of AusIndustry.

The appointment was made for a period of five years from 11 March 2013. The Prime Minister will announce the arrangements for the position of the Secretary of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism in the near future.

In August and September last year the Prime Minister announced a number of significant appointments within the Commonwealth Public Service to take effect in December 2012 and January 2013 respectively.

Thus Mr. Dennis Richardson AO assumed the role of Secretary of the Department of Defence, whilst Mr. Peter Varghese AO took over as Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 3 December 2012. Mr. Andrew Metcalfe AO assumed the role of Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Mr. Martin Bowles PSM took over as Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship on 29 January 2013.

All four appointments are for five year terms.

Departments and Secretaries

The following is a list of Departments and corresponding Secretaries. It should be noted that this list is subject to change.

Department	Secretary
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Mr. Andrew Metcalfe AO
The Attorney-General's Department	Mr. Roger Wilkins AO
The Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	Mr. Peter Harris <i>(Mr. Drew Clarke PSM from 11 March 2013)</i>
The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	Mr. Blair Comley
The Department of Defence	Mr. Dennis Richardson AO
The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Ms. Lisa Paul AO, PSM
The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Mr. Finn Pratt PSM
The Department of Finance and Deregulation	Mr. David Tune PSM
The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Mr. Peter Varghese AO
The Department of Health and Ageing	Ms. Jane Halton
The Department of Human Services	Ms. Kathryn Campbell CSC
The Department of Immigration and Citizenship	Mr. Martin Bowles PSM
The Department of Infrastructure and Transport	Mr. Mike Mrdak
The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education	Dr. Don Russell
The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dr. Ian Watt AO
The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government (part of PM&C)	Ms. Glenys Beauchamp
The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	Mr. Drew Clarke PSM <i>until 11 March 2013</i> <i>(Prime Minister will announce the arrangements for this role in the near future)</i>
The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	Dr. Paul Grimes
The Department of the Treasury	Dr. Martin Parkinson PSM
The Department of Veterans' Affairs (part of Defence)	Mr. Ian Campbell PSM