

Appointment of Commonwealth Departmental Secretaries and Administrative Arrangements Order

September 2013

Following the swearing-in of the first Abbott Ministry on 18 September, the following appointments of Departmental Secretaries were confirmed.

Department	Secretary	First Appointed
Department of Agriculture	Dr Paul Grimes PSM	September 2013
Attorney-General's Department	Mr Roger Wilkins AO	September 2008
Department of Communications	Mr Drew Clarke PSM	March 2013
Department of Defence	Mr Dennis Richardson AO	October 2012
Department of Education	Ms Lisa Paul AO PSM	December 2007
Department of Employment	Ms Renée Leon PSM	September 2013
Department of Environment	Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM	September 2013
Department of Finance	Mr David Tune PSM	August 2009
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Mr Peter Varghese AO	December 2012
Department of Health	Ms Jane Halton PSM	January 2002
Department of Human Services (Part of the Social Services Portfolio)	Ms Kathryn Campbell CSC	March 2011
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	Mr Martin Bowles PSM	January 2013
Department of Industry	Ms Glenys Beauchamp PSM	September 2013
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	Mr Mike Mrdak	June 2009
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dr Ian Watt AO	September 2011
Department of Social Services	Mr Finn Pratt PSM	April 2011
Treasury	Dr Martin Parkinson PSM	March 2011
Department of Veterans' Affairs (Part of the Defence Portfolio)	Mr Simon Lewis PSM	July 2013

Treasury Secretary Dr Martin Parkinson PSM also advised the Treasurer that he will be standing down mid-2014. No replacement has been announced.

The Administrative Arrangements Order was released and is available [here](#). The Administrative Arrangements Order assigns policy responsibility and the administration of legislation to specific departments.