Organisational Structure

DSS Executive

Secretary – Finn Pratt

Deputy Secretaries reporting to the Secretary

* Deputy Secretary – Serena Wilson, Social Security
* Deputy Secretary – Barbara Bennett, (Tim Reddel Acting 1-19 September) (Cate McKenzie Acting 22 September-10 October), Families & Communities
* Deputy Secretary & Chief Operating Officer – Michael Lye Acting, (Janean Richards Acting 9‑30 September), Corporate & Delivery
* Deputy Secretary – Felicity Hand, (Nick Hartland Acting to 5 September) (Evan Lewis Acting from 8 September), Disabilities & Housing
* Deputy Secretary – Carolyn Smith Acting, Ageing & Aged Care

Deputy Secretary Areas of Responsibility

Deputy Secretary – Serena Wilson, Social Security

Payments Policy – Cath Halbert – Group Manager (Ty Emerson Acting 1 September-6 October)

* Labour Market Payments Policy – Ty Emerson, Branch Manager (Erin Rule Acting 1 September-6 October)
* Age, Disability & Carer Payments Policy – Michalina Stawyskyj, Branch Manager
* Family & Students Payments Policy – Flora Carapellucci, Branch Manager (Diana Lindenmayer Acting)

Social Security Policy – Paul McBride, Group Manager (Alanna Foster Acting to late 2014)

* Rates and Means Testing Policy – Andrew Whitecross, Branch Manager (Ian Joyce Acting)
* Eligibility & Participation Policy – Alanna Foster, Branch Manager (Peter Hutchinson Acting)
* Social Security Performance & Analysis – Murray Kimber, Branch Manager

Policy Office – Sean Innis, Group Manager

* Policy Strategy – Allyson Essex, Branch Manager
* Policy Systems – Kathryn Mandla, Branch Manager
* Policy Evidence – David Dennis, Branch Manager

Welfare System Taskforce (to late 2014) – Paul McBride, Group Manager

* Welfare System Taskforce – Mary McLarty, Acting Branch Manager

**Welfare Reform – Andrew Whitecross – Acting Group Manager**

* Welfare Reform – Danielle Donegan, Acting Branch Manager

Deputy Secretary – Barbara Bennett, Families & Communities (Tim Reddel Acting 1‑19 September) (Cate McKenzie Acting 22 September-10 October)

**Multicultural, Settlement Services & Communities – Cate McKenzie, Group Manager (Warren Pearson Acting 22 September-10 October)**

* Multicultural & Communities – Warren Pearson, Branch Manager (Amy Prendergast Acting 22 September-10 October)
* Settlement – Kris Cala, Branch Manager
* Family Safety – Jill Farrelly, Branch Manager (Amy Laffan Acting 6 September-28 November)

Programme Office – Tim Reddel, Group Manager (Trish Woolley Acting 25 August-19 September)

* Civil Society & Programme Delivery Policy – Trish Woolley, Branch Manager (Jennifer Kay Acting 25 August-19 September)
* Programme Systems & Strategy – Chantelle Stratford, Acting Branch Manager
* Programme Operations – Leo Kennedy, Branch Manager
* Programme Performance – Helen Board, Branch Manager

Families – Michael Lye, Group Manager (Liz Hefren-Webb Acting)

* Birth, Adoption & Care – Phil Brown, Branch Manager
* Families & Children – Eliza Strapp, Acting Branch Manager
* Financial & Social Capability – Liz Hefren-Webb, Branch Manager (Lara Purdy Acting)

Deputy Secretary & Chief Operating Officer – Michael Lye Acting, Corporate & Delivery (Janean Richards Acting 9-30 September)

Delivery Strategy & Operations – Iain Scott, Group Manager

* National Delivery – Dave Agnew, Branch Manager
* Delivery, Strategy & Performance – Beth Arnold, Acting Branch Manager
* Northern Territory – Amanda Vallance, State Manager
* South Australia – Christine Steele, State Manager
* Victoria – Bernadette Ryan, State Manager
* Tasmania – Anthony Speed, State Manager
* New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory – Lucelle Veneros, State Manager
* Western Australia – Helen Grinbergs, State Manager
* Queensland – Liz Cain, State Manager

Finance & Services – Scott Dilley, Acting Group Manager

* Financial Accounting – Stephen Sheehan, Branch Manager
* Financial Management – Kurt Munro, Branch Manager (Helen Martin Acting)
* Budget Development – Scott Dilley, Branch Manager (Tracey Carroll Acting)

Legal Services – Janean Richards, Chief Legal Counsel and Group Manager (Matthew Roper Acting 1-30 September)

* Commercial & Aged Care Law – Matthew Roper, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel and Branch Manager (Lesley Dunstone Acting 1-19 September) (Clara Barlow Acting 22 September-10 October)
* Public Law – Joanna Carey, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel and Branch Manager
* SSAT Registrar – Louise Anderson, Branch Manager

Information Management & Technology – Peter Qui, Group Manager

* Corporate & Data Services – Sebastian Hood, Branch Manager
* Application Services – Watson Blaikie, Branch Manager
* IT Operations – Helen Duke, Acting Branch Manager
* Shared Services – Scott Glare, Branch Manager
* Aged Care Business Systems – Sharon McCarter, Branch Manager

Corporate Support – Margaret McKinnon, Group Manager (Sharon Bailey Acting 15 September-14 October)

* Ministerial, Parliamentary & Executive Support – Sharon Bailey, Branch Manager (Sandra van Aalst Acting 15 September-14 October)
* Communication & Media – Tracey Bell, Branch Manager
* People – Shona Moloney, Branch Manager
* People Branch Projects – Shirley Browne, Branch Manager
* Enterprise Agreement – Kurt Munro, Branch Manager

**Deregulation, Assurance & Property – Steve Jennaway, Group Manager (Ros Baxter Acting 18 September-10 October)**

* Project & Deregulation Office – Tristan Reed, Acting Branch Manager
* Project & Deregulation Office – Ros Baxter, Branch Manager
* Property, Environment, Procurement & Security – Peter Broadhead, Branch Manager
* Assurance – Jan Lawless, Branch Manager

Deputy Secretary – Felicity Hand, Disabilities & Housing (Nick Hartland Acting to 5 September) (Evan Lewis Acting from 8 September)

Housing, Homelessness & Gambling – Bryan Palmer, Group Manager

* Homelessness, NRAS & Gambling – Susan Black, Principal Advisor
* Housing & Analysis – John Riley, Branch Manager

Specialist Employment Services – Fiona Buffinton, Group Manager

* Disability Employment Services Programme – Lis Kelly, Branch Manager
* Disability Employment Services Policy – Sharon Stuart, Branch Manager
* Disability Employment Services Compliance – Lyn Murphy, Branch Manager

Disability & Carers – Evan Lewis, Group Manager (Karen Wilson Acting from 8 September)

* Disability & Carers Policy – Karen Wilson, Branch Manager (Craig Flintoft Acting from 8 September)
* NDIS Transition & Disability Service – Mitchell Cole, Acting Branch Manager
* BSWAT Employment Response Team – Laura Angus, Branch Manager
* Mental Health – Karen Pickering, Branch Manager

NDIS – Nick Hartland, Group Manager (Deborah Winkler Acting to 5 September)

* Policy & Legislation – Alison Smith, Branch Manager
* Policy & Legislation – Bruce Smith, Branch Manager
* Governance & Stakeholder Relations – Deborah Winkler, Branch Manager (Kath Paton Acting to 5 September)
* Financial Policy & Performance – Jillian Moses, Branch Manager

Deputy Secretary – Carolyn Smith Acting, Ageing & Aged Care

Aged Care Quality & Compliance – James Christian, Group Manager

* Aged Care Complaints – Bernadette Walker, Acting Branch Manager
* Prudential & Approved Provider Regulation – Damian Coburn, Branch Manager
* Standards, Indicators & Compliance – Michael Culhane, Branch Manager
* Senior Nurse Advisor – Susan Hunt, Branch Manager

Aged Care Policy & Reform – Carolyn Smith, Group Manager (Rachel Balmanno Acting)

* Policy – Russell de Burgh, Branch Manager
* Access Reform – Craig Harris, Branch Manager
* Financing & Funding – Nigel Murray, Branch Manager
* Reform Support & Engagement – Rachel Balmanno, Branch Manager (Kerrie Westcott Acting)

**Ageing & Aged Care Services – Donna Moody**

* Home Support Implementation – Ben Vincent, Branch Manager
* Aged Care Programmes – Shona McQueen, Branch Manager
* Ageing & Sector Support – Louise O’Neill, Acting Branch Manager

The Department of Social Services Portfolio Bodies and Statutory Office Holders

* [Australian Institute of Family Studies](http://www.aifs.gov.au/)
* [National Disability Insurance](http://www.disabilitycareaustralia.gov.au/) Agency
* [Social Security Appeals Tribunal](http://www.ssat.gov.au/)
* Australian Aged Care Quality Agency
* Aged Care Commissioner
* Aged Care Pricing Commissioner