Organisational Structure

DSS Executive

Secretary – Finn Pratt

Deputy Secretaries reporting to the Secretary

* Deputy Secretary – Serena Wilson, Social Security
* Deputy Secretary – Barbara Bennett, Families & Communities
* Deputy Secretary – Jackie Wilson, Early Childhood & Child Care
* Deputy Secretary & Chief Operating Officer – Michael Lye Acting, Corporate & Delivery
* Deputy Secretary – Felicity Hand, 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

* Labour Market Payments Policy – Ty Emerson, Branch Manager
* Age, Disability & Carer Payments Policy – Michalina Stawyskyj, Branch Manager
* Family & Students Payments Policy – Diana Lindenmayer, Acting Branch Manager

Social Security Policy – Paul McBride, Group Manager

* Rates & Means Testing Policy – Andrew Whitecross, Branch Manager
* Eligibility & Participation Policy – Alanna Foster, Branch Manager
* 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

Deputy Secretary – Barbara Bennett, Families & Communities

**Multicultural, Settlement Services & Communities – Cate McKenzie, Group Manager**

* Multicultural & Communities – Warren Pearson, Branch Manager
* Settlement – Kris Cala, Branch Manager
* Family Safety – Amy Laffan, Acting Branch Manager

Programme Office – Tim Reddel, Group Manager

* Civil Society & Programme Delivery Policy – Christine Bruce, Branch Manager
* Programme Systems & Strategy – Chantelle Stratford, Acting Branch Manager
* Programme Operations – Leo Kennedy, Branch Manager
* Programme Performance – Helen Board, Branch Manager

Families – Phil Brown, Acting Group Manager

* Birth & Adoption – Flora Carapellucci, Branch Manager
* Families & Children – Tracy Creech, Acting Branch Manager
* Financial Capability & Childrens Policy – Lara Purdy, Acting Branch Manager
* Welfare Conditionality Reform – Mathew Johnston, Acting Branch Manager

Deputy Secretary – Jackie Wilson, Early Childhood & Child Care

**State Network – Michael Maynard – Group Manager**

* Western Australia – Robin Keen
* New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory – Sharron Hawkins
* Queensland – Shane Williams
* Northern Territory – Andrea Kelly
* South Australia and State Network Support – Chris Sheedy
* Tasmania – Shane Williams
* Victoria – Tanya Blight

Early Childhood Initiatives – Gillian Mitchell, Acting Group Manager

* Early Childhood Quality Research – Russell Ayres, Branch Manager
* Stakeholder Engagement & Budget Based Funding – Joanna Stanion, Branch Manager
* Early Childhood Workforce – Suzanne Northcott, Branch Manager

**Early Childhood Care Support – Margaret Pearce, Group Manager**

* Early Childhood Education Care Service Policy & Operations – Deb Rollings, Branch Manager
* Childcare Payments Compliance – Robyn Priddle, Branch Manager
* Early Childhood Education Care Payments to Families & Services – Belinda Catelli, Acting Branch Manager

**Early Childhood Strategy – David De Silva, Group Manager**

* Payment & Quality – Joan ten Brummelaar, Branch Manager
* Policy Linkages & Programme – Jeff Willing, Branch Manager
* Early Childhood Analysis – Matthew Hardy, Branch Manager

Deputy Secretary & Chief Operating Officer – Michael Lye Acting, Corporate & Delivery

Delivery Strategy & Operations – Iain Scott, Group Manager

* National Delivery – Dave Agnew, Branch Manager
* Delivery, Strategy & Performance – Rachel Goddard, 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 – Janet Stodulka, Acting State Manager

Finance & Services – Scott Dilley, Acting Group Manager

* Financial Accounting – Stephen Sheehan, Branch Manager
* Financial Management – Helen Martin, Acting Branch Manager
* Budget Development – Tracey Carroll, Acting Branch Manager

Legal Services – Janean Richards, Chief Legal Counsel & Group Manager

* Commercial & Aged Care Law – Matthew Roper, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel and Branch Manager
* Public Law – Joanna Carey, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel and Branch Manager
* SSAT Registrar – Louise Anderson, Branch Manager

Corporate Support – Margaret McKinnon, Group Manager

* Ministerial, Parliamentary & Executive Support – Sharon Bailey, Branch Manager
* Communication & Media – Tracey Bell, Branch Manager
* People – Shona Moloney, 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

**Deregulation, Assurance & Property – Steve Jennaway, Group Manager**

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

Deputy Secretary – Felicity Hand, Disabilities & Housing

Housing, Homelessness & Gambling – Damian Coburn, Acting Group Manager

* NRAS & Gambling – Cathy Nelson, Acting Branch Manager
* Housing & Homelessness – Jill Mills, Acting Branch Manager

NDIS – Nick Hartland, Group Manager

* Policy & Legislation – Alison Smith, Branch Manager (part-time)
* Policy & Legislation – Bruce Smith, Branch Manager
* Governance & Stakeholder Relations – Deborah Winkler, Branch Manager
* Financial Policy & Performance – Jillian Moses, Branch Manager

Disability, Employment & Carers – Evan Lewis, Group Manager

* BSWAT Employment Response Team – Laura Angus, Branch Manager
* Disability & Carers Policy – Karen Wilson, Branch Manager
* NDIS Transition & Disability Service – Mitchell Cole, Acting Branch Manager
* Mental Health – Karen Pickering, Branch 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 Employment Taskforce – John Riley, Branch Manager

NDIS (PM&C Secondment) – Helen McDevitt, Group Manager

Deputy Secretary – Carolyn Smith Acting, Ageing & Aged Care

**Aged Care Gateway & BSWAT – Fiona Buffinton, Group Manager**

* Access Reform – Craig Harris, Branch Manager

Aged Care Policy & Reform – Rachel Balmanno, Acting Group Manager

* Policy – Russell de Burgh, Branch Manager
* Finance & Funding – Nigel Murray, Branch Manager

**Aged Care Quality & Compliance – James Christian, Group Manager**

* Aged Care Complaints – David Laffan, Acting Branch Manager
* Prudential & Approved Provider Regulation – Bernadette Walker, Acting Branch Manager
* Quality & Regulatory Policy – Michael Culhane, Branch Manager
* Senior Nurse Advisor – Susan Hunt, Branch Manager

**Ageing & Aged Care Services – Donna Moody, Group Manager**

* Home Support Implementation – Ben Vincent, Branch Manager
* Aged Care Programmes – Shona McQueen, Branch Manager
* Ageing & Sector Support – Louise O’Neill, Acting Branch Manager
* Reform Support & Engagement – Kerrie Westcott, 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 Agency](http://www.disabilitycareaustralia.gov.au/)
* [Social Security Appeals Tribunal](http://www.ssat.gov.au/)
* [Australian Aged Care Quality Agency](http://www.aacqa.gov.au/)
* [Aged Care Commissioner](http://www.agedcarecommissioner.gov.au/)
* [Aged Care Pricing Commissioner](http://www.acpc.gov.au/)
* [Australian Children’s Education Care and Quality Board](http://www.acecqa.gov.au/)
* Ministerial Advisory Council for the Child Care and Early Learning