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 – Fiona Buffinton, Acting, Ageing & Aged Care (Dr Margot McCarthy from 17 August)

Deputy Secretary Areas of Responsibility

Deputy Secretary – Serena Wilson, Social Security

Payments Policy – Cath Halbert, Group Manager

* Labour Market Payments Policy – Emma-Kate McGuirk, Branch Manager
* Age, Disability & Carer Payments Policy – Russell De Burgh, Branch Manager
* Family & Students Payments Policy – Ty Emerson, Branch Manager

Social Security Policy – Paul McBride, Group Manager

* Rates & Means Testing Policy – Andrew Whitecross, Branch Manager
* Eligibility & Participation Policy – Mary McLarty, 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 – Evan Lewis, Group Manager**

* Multicultural & Communities – Laura Angus, Branch Manager
* Settlement – Kris Cala, Branch Manager

Programme Office – Tim Reddel, Group Manager (Christine Bruce Acting until 25 August)

* Programme Design & Policy – Christine Bruce, Branch Manager (Beth Arnold Acting 3 August to 25 August)
* Programme Systems & Strategy – Stacey Pondes, Branch Manager
* Programme Support & Selections – Leo Kennedy, Branch Manager
* Programme Performance – Helen Board, Branch Manager
* Programme Management Transition Team - Greg Keen, Branch Manager

Families – Ros Baxter, Group Manager

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

Principal Adviser, Family Safety – Cate McKenzie, Group Manager

* Phil Brown – Family Safety, Branch Manager

Deputy Secretary – Jackie Wilson, Early Childhood & Child Care

Early Childhood Initiatives – Gillian Mitchell, Acting Group Manager (Joanna Stanion Acting)

* Quality, Coordination & Evaluation – Ben Vincent, Branch Manager
* Stakeholder Engagement & Budget Based Funded – Joanna Stanion, Branch Manager (Anne Twyman Acting)
* Inclusion Support & Budget – Robyn Priddle, Branch Manager

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

* Child Care Services Support – Deb Rollings, Branch Manager
* Child Care Payments Compliance – Suzanne Northcott, Branch Manager
* Child Care Payments Policy – Dave Agnew, Branch Manager

**Early Childhood Strategy – David De Silva, Group Manager (Gillian Mitchell Acting)**

* IT Solutions & Governance – Joan ten Brummelaar, Branch Manager
* Legislation Reform – Jeff Willing, Branch Manager
* Child Care Safety Net – Matthew Hardy, Branch Manager

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

**Delivery Strategy & Operations – Michael Maynard, Group Manager**

* Early Childhood & Child Care Compliance Operations – Chris Sheedy
* National Delivery – Chantelle Stratford, 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, State Manager

Finance & Services – Scott Dilley, Group Manager

* Financial Accounting – Stephen Sheehan, Branch Manager
* Financial Management – Helen Martin, Acting Branch Manager
* Budget Development – Tracey Carroll, Branch Manager
* Property, Environment, Procurement & Security – Peter Broadhead, Branch Manager

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

* Investigations & Aged Care Law – Matthew Roper, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel & Branch Manager
* Portfolio Governance, Welfare & Employment Law – Joanna Carey, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel & Branch Manager
* Commercial, Child Care & Disability & Information Law – Alan Grinsell-Jones, Branch Manager
* Corporate Service Improvement Project – Helen Duke, Acting Branch Manager

Corporate Support – Margaret McKinnon, Group Manager

* Ministerial, Parliamentary & Executive Support – Diana Lindenmayer, Branch Manager
* People – Andy Paras, Acting Branch Manager (Sharon Bailey from 24 August)
* Communication Campaigns – Tracey Bell, Branch Manager
* Project, Risk & Deregulation – Ailsa Borwick, Branch Manager

Information Management & Technology – Peter Qui, Group Manager

* Corporate & Data Services – Sebastian Hood, Branch Manager
* Digital Business Solutions – Watson Blaikie, Branch Manager
* IT Operations – Robert Michie, Acting Branch Manager
* Client Services – Michael Gately, Branch Manager
* Application Delivery – Sharon McCarter, Branch Manager

Deputy Secretary – Felicity Hand, Disabilities & Housing

Housing, Homelessness & Assurance – Iain Scott, Group Manager

* NRAS – Damian Coburn, Branch Manager
* Housing & Homelessness – Stewart Thomas, Branch Manager
* Assurance – Jan Lawless, Branch Manager
* Programme Assurance & Gambling – Lyn Murphy, Branch Manager

Disability, Employment & Carers – James Christian, Group Manager

* Disability & Employment Sector Reform – Warren Pearson, Branch Manager
* Disability, Carer Policy & Access – Lis Kelly, Branch Manager
* Mental Health – Russell Ayres, Branch Manager
* Disability Employment Services Programme – Mitchell Cole, Acting Branch Manager (15 June to 9 November)
* Disability Employment Services Policy – Sharon Stuart, Branch Manager
* Disability Employment Taskforce – John Riley, Branch Manager

NDIS – Helen McDevitt, 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

NDIS – Bryan Palmer, Group Manager

* Policy & Legislation – Alison Smith, Branch Manager (part-time)
* Policy & Legislation – Bruce Smith, Branch Manager

NDIS – Nick Hartland, Group Manager

Deputy Secretary – Fiona Buffinton, Acting, Ageing & Aged Care (Dr Margot McCarthy from 17 August)

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

* Aged Care Policy – Sharon Rose, Branch Manager
* Funding Policy & Legislation – Nigel Murray, Branch Manager
* Home Care Reform & Sector Engagement – Shona McQueen, Branch Manager

**Access, Quality & Compliance – Fiona Buffinton, Group Manager (Craig Harris Acting 29 July to 14 August)**

* Aged Care Complaints – Shona Moloney, Branch Manager
* Prudential & Approved Provider Regulation – David Laffan, Acting Branch Manager
* Quality & Regulatory Policy – Michael Culhane, Branch Manager
* Access Reform – Craig Harris, Branch Manager (Paul Hutchinson Acting 29 July to 14 August)

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

* Home Support – Karen Pickering, Branch Manager
* Ageing & Sector Support – Lou O’Neill, Branch Manager
* Residential & Flexible Care – 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](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
* [Australian Children’s Education Care and Quality Board](http://www.acecqa.gov.au/)
* Ministerial Advisory Council for the Child Care and Early Learning