Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Senior Executive Service Organisational Chart

Michael Lye
SECRETARY

Chief of Staff
Office of the Secretary
Ellen Fitzgerald, A/g BM

Social Security
Matt Flavel
Deputy Secretary

- Participation and Family Payments
  Ben Peoples, GM
  - Participation and Supplementary Payments
    Katrina Chatham, BM
  - Carer, Disability and Student Payments
    Dani Chatillon, BM
  - Family Payments
    Paul Dowling, A/g BM
  - ■ Child Support Reform
    Lauren Power, BM
- System, Strategy and Seniors
  Cheryl-Anne Navarro, A/g GM
  - Payment Structures and Seniors
    Kirsty Johnson, BM
  - Strategy and Analysis
    Gillian Beer, BM
  - International Payments and Compliance
    Xia Du, A/g BM
- Disability Employment
  Kellie Spence, GM
  - Disability Employment Programs
    Cath Pou, A/g BM
  - Disability Employment Policy
    Alex Buckley, BM

Delivery and Data
Corri McKenzie
Deputy Secretary

- Data and Evaluation
  James Steen, A/g GM
  - Data Reporting and Evaluation
    Danielle Aeuckens, BM
  - Data Governance and Use
    Agnieszka Nelson, BM
  - Income Management Taskforce
    Kirsti van der Steen, BM
- Delivery and Communities
  Pia van de Zandt, GM
  - Communities
    Heidi Kiekebosch-Fitt, BM
  - Closing the Gap Delivery
    Rick Haines, BM
  - Delivery Unit
    Sarah Mourney, A/g BM

Families and Communities
Corri McKenzie
Interim Deputy Secretary

- Family Wellbeing
  Jacqueline Hrast, GM
  - Child and Family Programs
    Janaya Cox, A/g BM
  - Reform and Implementation
    Janaya Cox, A/g BM
  - Financial Resilience and Response
    Mary Hodge, BM
  - Korea-Australia Intercountry Adoption Program
    Joanna Carey, Taskforce Lead
- Family Safety
  Anna Lutz, GM
  - Design and Development
    Tim Crosier, BM
  - National Programs
    Eve Cordeiro, BM
  - Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist Policy
    Emily Hurley, BM
  - Children's and Youth Policy
    Emily Devine, BM

Acting Chief Operating Officer
Thea Connolly

- Chief Counsel
  Legal Services, Audit and Assurance
  Bronwyn Worswick, GM
  - Legal Services
    Nicola Pearson, A/g BM
  - Audit and Assurance
    Rob Stedman, BM
- Corporate and Government Services
  Richard Baumgart, GM
  - Chief Communication Officer
    Communication
    Melissa Evans, BM
  - People Services
    Sam Ursich, BM
  - Parliamentary, Security and Governance
    Kraig Lowes, BM
- Chief Finance Officer
  Finance and Information Services
  Mark Richardson, A/g GM
  - Budget Development
    Leung Lau, A/g BM
  - Financial Management and Property Services
    Hitesh Rohra, BM
  - Chief Information Officer
    Alana Lundy, BM
- Social Policy
  Andrew Whitecross, GM
  - Strategy and Delivery
    Thomas Abhayaratna, BM

Service Delivery
Grant Lovelock
Acting Deputy Secretary

- Community Grants Hub
  Kath Paton, A/g GM
  - Hub Operations
    Tamsin Jackson, BM
  - Community Sector Relationships
    Emma Cook, BM
  - Client Grants
    Jessica Ballinger, A/g BM
  - DSS Grants
    Mike Mays, A/g BM
  - Inclusive Employment Delivery
    Tanya George, BM
- Redress
  Jacinda Still, A/g GM
  - Policy, Institutions and Governance
    Lauren Ambrose, A/g BM
  - Integrity and Information
    Val Still, BM
  - Operations and Outcomes
    Justine Fievez, BM

Legend
"A/g" indicates the employee is temporarily acting in the role
"GM" Group Manager
"BM" Branch Manager
■ indicates a temporary group/branch
… Chief Counsel reports to both the Secretary and the Chief Operating Officer

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