

Brief Number A-1

Opening Statement explaining MoG changes and senior staffing

Talking Points

- I am Rebecca Cross, Head of Domestic Policy, in the Department.
- I would like to advise the Committee who is in attendance from the Department and of the recent machinery of government changes to the Department.

Witnesses

- The members of the Department's Executive in attendance for this session to answer your questions are:
 - Mr Richard Sadlier, representing Dr Margot McCarthy Associate Secretary, National Security and International Policy as she is on official overseas travel
 - Ms Elizabeth Kelly, Deputy Secretary, Governance
 - Dr Heather Smith, Deputy Secretary, G20
 - Mr David Hazelhurst, acting Deputy Secretary Economic and Strategy
- Other senior officers will be available to assist as required.
- Ms Liza Carroll, Head of Indigenous Affairs, and Mr Richard Eccles, Deputy Secretary, Indigenous Affairs, will attend with senior members of the Indigenous Affairs Group on Friday. I propose that, Mr Sadlier, Ms Kelly, Dr Smith, Mr Hazlehurst and I be excused once the Committee commences questions on Indigenous Affairs.

Machinery of government changes

- Changes to the administrative arrangements order made on 18 September 2013 and 3 October 2013 have resulted in the following changes to the PM&C portfolio:

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- responsibility for the not-for-profit sector, volunteering and philanthropy has transferred to the Department of Social Services (DSS)
- the Mental Health Commission is now part of the Health portfolio
- responsibility for Indigenous Affairs has transferred to PM&C from the following departments:
 - DSS
 - Attorney-General's Department
 - Department for the Environment
 - Department of Education
 - Department of Employment
 - Department of Communications
 - Department of Industry
 - the former Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport, and
 - the former Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism
- responsibility for the Office for Women has transferred to PM&C from DSS
- responsibility for Deregulation has transferred to PM&C from Department of Finance

Elizabeth Kelly
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