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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

1.1 The Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (the committee) is responsible for examining the annual reports of the departments and agencies of the Attorney-General's Portfolio and the Home Affairs Portfolio.

1.2 This report on annual reports (No. 1 of 2020) provides an overview of the committee's examination of annual reports presented to the Parliament between 1 May 2019 and 31 October 2019.<sup>1</sup> Copies of this and other committee reports can be obtained from the Senate Table Office, the committee secretariat, or [online](#) at the committee's web page.

## Terms of reference

1.3 Under Senate Standing Order 25(20), the annual reports of certain departments and agencies stand referred to committees for examination and assessment. Each committee is required to:

- (a) examine each annual report referred to it and report to the Senate whether the report is 'apparently satisfactory';
- (b) consider in more detail, and report to the Senate on, each annual report which is not apparently satisfactory, and on the other annual reports which it selects for more detailed consideration;
- (c) investigate and report to the Senate on any lateness in the presentation of annual reports;
- (d) in considering an annual report, take into account any relevant remarks about the report made in debate in the Senate;
- (e) if the committee so determines, consider annual reports of departments and budget-related agencies in conjunction with examination of estimates;
- (f) report on annual reports tabled by 31 October each year by the tenth sitting day of the following year, and on annual reports tabled by 30 April each year by the tenth sitting day after 30 June of that year;
- (g) draw to the attention of the Senate any significant matters relating to the operations and performance of the bodies furnishing the annual reports; and

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1 Standing Order 25(20)(f) requires the committee to report on annual reports tabled between 1 May and 31 October by the tenth sitting day of the following year, and report on annual reports tabled between 1 November and 3 April by the tenth sitting day after 30 June of that year.

(h) report to the Senate each year whether there are any bodies which do not present annual reports to the Senate and which should present such reports.<sup>2</sup>

## Allocated portfolios

1.4 The Senate allocated departments and agencies to committees on 4 July 2019.<sup>3</sup> In accordance with that resolution, the committee has responsibility for the oversight of the following:

- Attorney-General's Portfolio;<sup>4</sup> and
- Home Affairs Portfolio.

## Performance Reporting Framework

1.5 The *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) established a performance reporting framework for all Commonwealth entities and companies. Section 38 of the PGPA Act requires all Commonwealth entities to measure and assess their performance.

1.6 Section 39 of the PGPA Act requires all Commonwealth entities to prepare an annual performance statement and include those statements in their annual reports. Entities use annual performance statements to report on the results achieved against the targets, goals and measures established at the beginning of a reporting year in the relevant corporate plan and Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS).

1.7 These documents are an essential part of the accountability system that provides the minister, the Parliament and the public with detailed information about the actual financial and non-financial performance of entities through the cycle of reporting periods, and facilitate the examination of how the use of public resources achieve the intended results for a Commonwealth body.<sup>5</sup>

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2 The Senate, *Standing Orders and other orders of the Senate*, August 2018, SO 25(20).

3 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 3, 4 July 2019, pp. 83–84.

4 By operation of the Administrative Arrangements Order dated 29 May 2019, responsibility for workplace relations, including work health and safety, rehabilitation and compensation functions was moved from the former Department of Jobs and Small Business to the Attorney-General's Department. The Department of Finance issued an instrument on 21 June 2019 which assigned responsibility for the preparation of the 2018-19 annual report and annual performance statements for those functions to the Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business. Further, by virtue of a motion of the Senate dated 4 July 2019, the responsibility for industrial relations was allocated to the Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment. As such, matters relating to those functions, including reporting on annual reports, are considered by that committee.

5 Department of Finance, Resource Management Guide No. 135, *Annual Report for Non-Corporate Commonwealth Entities*, May 2019, p. 7, [https://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-12/RMG%20135\\_Annual\\_reports\\_for\\_non-corporates.pdf](https://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-12/RMG%20135_Annual_reports_for_non-corporates.pdf) (accessed 21 January 2020).

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1.8 The Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014 (PGPA Rule) supports the implementation of the PGPA Act and outlines the requirements of annual reports for Commonwealth entities.

### ***Requirements for Annual Reports***

1.9 Annual reports place a great deal of information about government departments and agencies on the public record. Accordingly, the tabling of annual reports is an important element of accountability to the Parliament, as the information provided in annual reports assists in the effective examination of the performance of departments and agencies, and the administration of government programs.

1.10 Different types of Commonwealth bodies have separate provisions for annual reporting which affect content and preparation requirements. Legislative provisions for Commonwealth bodies include:

- Non-corporate Commonwealth entity<sup>6</sup>—section 46 of the PGPA Act and Subdivision A of Division 3A of Part 2–3 of the PGPA Rule;
- Corporate Commonwealth entity<sup>7</sup>—section 46 of the PGPA Act and Subdivision B of Division 3A of Part 2–3 of the PGPA Rule;
- Commonwealth company<sup>8</sup>—section 97 of the PGPA Act, which refers to additional requirements under the *Corporations Act 2001* and Part 3–3 of the PGPA Rule;
- Statutory office holders and statutory bodies—statutory office holders are engaged or employed under an Act, which may prescribe annual reporting requirements pursuant to the office. It should be noted that there may be reporting requirements in the enabling legislation for statutory bodies (which may also be a Commonwealth entity);<sup>9</sup> and
- Non-statutory bodies (NSBs)—NSBs are established by a minister and are not pursuant to a statute. Guidelines for the preparation of annual reports for NSBs are contained in the government response to the Senate Standing

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6 An entity that is legally and financially part of the Commonwealth, and includes departments of state, parliamentary departments, statutory authorities, and listed entities (a body, person, group of persons or organisation that is prescribed by rules made under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act)).

7 A body corporate that has a separate legal personality from the Commonwealth, and includes statutory authorities. It can act in its own right exercising certain legal rights such as entering into contracts and owning property.

8 A company established by the Commonwealth under the *Corporations Act 2001* that is wholly controlled by the Commonwealth.

9 For example, some Acts that establish statutory bodies have separate reporting requirements under those Acts. For example, section 17 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* prescribes specific reporting requirements for the Australian Electoral Commission.

Committee on Finance and Public Administration report on non-statutory bodies.<sup>10</sup>

1.11 In addition to legislative requirements, the Department of Finance (Finance) provides guidance material for Commonwealth entities and companies which sets out further detail on the content requirements for annual reports under the Commonwealth performance framework in accordance with the PGPA Act and PGPA Rule.<sup>11</sup> The material available from this website includes the following guides which apply to the reports being examined:

- *Resource Management Guide No. 135—Annual reports for non-corporate Commonwealth entities;*
- *Resource Management Guide No. 136—Annual reports for corporate Commonwealth entities; and*
- *Resource Management Guide No. 137—Annual reports for Commonwealth companies.*

1.12 The committee notes that Finance published updated versions of these guidance documents in May 2019 intended for 2018–19 annual reports, which include implementation steps resulting from the *Independent review into the PGPA Act* (the review).<sup>12</sup>

1.13 Following the review, two amendments to the PGPA Rule were registered on 4 April 2019. These amendments—the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Annual Reporting) Rules 2019 and the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Reporting Executive Remuneration) Rules 2019—affect reporting obligations for entities' and Commonwealth companies' annual reports from the 2018–19 period.

1.14 The amendments expand the Commonwealth entity and company annual reporting requirements in the following ways:

*Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Annual Reporting) Rules 2019*

- providing for annual reports to be published using Finance's digital reporting tool as soon as practicable after presentation to the Parliament;

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10 Senate Hansard, 8 December 1987, pp. 2643–45.

11 Department of Finance, *List of Resource Management Guides*, <https://www.finance.gov.au/publications/resource-management-guides> (accessed 17 January 2020).

12 The report of this review, the *Independent review into the operation of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 and Rule* was tabled in both Houses of Parliament on 19 September 2018.

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- creating a requirement to report on statistics of all employees of an entity or company (in addition to statistics on Australian Public Service (APS) employees of the entity or company); and
- inclusion of compliance index templates for corporate Commonwealth entities and companies, in a structure similar to the existing compliance index for non-corporate commonwealth entities.<sup>13</sup>

*Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Reporting Executive Remuneration) Rules 2019*

- providing for further requirements for Commonwealth entities and companies to report on the details of the remuneration of key management personnel and other senior executives in their annual report;
- establishing further requirements for Commonwealth entities and companies to report on their policies and practices for the remuneration of key management personnel; and
- requiring Commonwealth entities and companies to publish their annual reports on their website as soon as practicable after tabling in either House of Parliament, if required to do so.<sup>14</sup>

1.15 The committee assessed Commonwealth entities' and companies' annual reports for compliance with these new requirements. The committee's assessment is set out in this report.

## Reports examined

1.16 In accordance with Standing Order 25(20)(f), this report examines annual reports tabled in the period 1 May 2019 to 31 October 2019. In this period, 25 annual reports of Commonwealth entities, companies and statutory office holders were tabled and referred to the committee. The annual reports examined in this report are categorised as follows:

### ***Attorney-General's Portfolio***

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal—report for 2018–19;
- Attorney-General's Department—report for 2018–19;
- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—report for 2018–19;
- Australian Financial Security Authority—report for 2018–19;
- Australian Human Rights Commission—report for 2018–19;

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13 Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Annual Reporting) Rules 2019, Explanatory Memorandum, pp. 1–4.

14 Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Reporting Executive Remuneration) Rules 2019, Explanatory Memorandum, pp. 1–11.

- Australian Law Reform Commission—report for 2018–19;
- Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—report for 2018–19;
- Commonwealth Ombudsman—report for 2018–19;
- Family Court of Australia—report for 2018–19;
- Federal Circuit Court of Australia—report for 2018–19;
- Federal Court of Australia—report for 2018–19, including the report of the National Native Title Tribunal;
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—report for 2018–19;
- National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—report for 2018–19;
- Office of the Australian Information Commissioner—report for 2018–19; and
- Office of Parliamentary Counsel—report for 2018–19.

### ***Home Affairs portfolio***

- Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre—report for 2018–19;
- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission—report for 2018–19;
- Australian Institute of Criminology—report for 2018–19;
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)—report for 2018–19;
- Department of Home Affairs—report for 2018–19; and
- Australian Federal Police (AFP)—report for 2018–19, including reports on delayed notification search warrants, the National Witness Protection Program and unexplained wealth investigations and proceedings.

1.17 The committee is not obliged to examine reports on the operation of Acts, policy papers, budget documents or corporate plans. A list of all reports referred to the committee, including those not examined in this report can be found at Appendix 1.

### **Timeliness**

1.18 Section 46 of the PGPA Act requires Commonwealth entities (corporate and non-corporate) to prepare annual reports and for such reports to be provided to the responsible minister by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fourth month after the end of the reporting period for the entity. The PGPA Act does not provide a timeframe for presentation to the Parliament; however the minister is obliged to present it within 15 sitting days upon receiving the report.<sup>15</sup>

1.19 The PGPA Rule 2014 states that annual reports for corporate Commonwealth entities, non-corporate Commonwealth entities and Commonwealth companies must

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15 *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, subsection 34C(3).

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comply with the guidelines for presenting documents to the Parliament.<sup>16</sup> The *Guidelines for the Presentation of Documents to the Parliament (including Government Documents, Government Responses to Committee Reports and Other Instruments)*, prepared by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C), were superseded by new *Tabling Guidelines* (the guidelines), which were published in June 2019.

1.20 The revised PM&C guidelines direct Commonwealth entities and companies to consult the Finance resource management guides for information about the preparation, content and reporting timeframes for annual reports.<sup>17</sup>

### ***Timeliness of reports examined***

1.21 Standing Order 25(20)(c) requires the committee to report to the Senate on the late presentation of annual reports. The committee considers the timely presentation of annual reports to be an important element in accountability to the Parliament and reiterates its preference of having annual reports available to the Parliament before Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings.

1.22 Appendix 1 lists the annual reports tabled between 1 May 2019 and 31 October 2019 and referred to the committee for examination. This table includes the dates the reports were tabled in the Senate (or received by the President out of session) and the House of Representatives. For the purposes of the committee's examination of timeliness, the earlier date is taken as the presentation date to the Parliament. The table also includes the dates the reports were submitted to, and received by, the minister, if available.

1.23 The committee notes that all Commonwealth entities submitted their annual reports to the responsible minister by the prescribed date of 15 October 2019. However, a number of reports were tabled on the date immediately preceding Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings on 21 and 22 October 2019. The committee reminds entities of best practice advice articulated within the PM&C guidelines, which states that reports should be tabled before the commencement of Supplementary Estimates hearings.

1.24 The committee encourages Commonwealth entities and companies to prepare annual reports in accordance with the timeframe outlined by the PGPA Rule, the PM&C guidelines and the Finance resource management guides.

### **Bodies which have not presented annual reports to the Parliament**

1.25 Standing order 25(20)(h) requires the committee to report to the Senate on whether there were any bodies that were required but failed to present an annual report

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16 See Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014, sections 17AB, 17BC and 28C.

17 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, *Tabling Guidelines*, June 2019, p. 4.

to the Senate. The committee notes that all relevant bodies in the portfolios over which the committee has oversight presented annual reports to the Senate.

### **Annual reports referred to in the Senate**

1.26 Under Standing Order 25(20)(d), the committee is required to take into consideration any remarks made in the Senate about each annual report. The committee notes that there were no relevant remarks about tabled annual reports in the Senate for the periods covered in this report.

### **'Apparently satisfactory'**

1.27 Standing Order 25(20)(a) requires the committee to report to the Senate on whether the annual reports referred to it in the relevant period were 'apparently satisfactory'.<sup>18</sup> In assessing these reports, the committee has taken into consideration the position of the annual reports within the Commonwealth performance framework, the legislative requirements for the reports, and guidance for best practice issued by the PM&C guidelines and the Finance resource management guides. The committee considers all reports examined to be 'apparently satisfactory', however, as noted above, it continues to encourage Commonwealth bodies to aim for standards of best practice in preparing annual reports.

## Chapter 2

### Annual reports of departments

2.1 The annual reports of the following departments for the financial year 2018-19, were referred to the committee for examination and report:

- Attorney-General's Department (the AGD); and
- Department of Home Affairs (the DHA).

#### Attorney-General's Department

##### *Tabling of report*

2.2 The 2018-19 annual report was tabled in the Senate on 11 November 2019, after having been tabled in the House of Representatives on 21 October 2019. The report was available to senators for the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018-19 hearing on 22 October 2019.

##### *Secretary's review*

2.3 In his review for 2018-19, the Secretary of the AGD, Mr Chris Moraitis PSM, noted the department's continued support of the Attorney-General by providing high-quality advice to government and delivering policies and programs. He particularly highlighted the AGD's work in areas affecting vulnerable people, including:

- family law reform, following the release of the Australian Law Reform Commission's review of the family law system on 10 April 2019;<sup>1</sup>
- preparation and execution of the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse on 22 October 2018;<sup>2</sup> and
- integral involvement in the establishment of both the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with a Disability.<sup>3</sup>

2.4 The Secretary noted the AGD's work in formulating legislative responses to significant events, including the judgment in *Griffiths v State of Northern Territory* (Timber Creek), a decision he described as one of the most significant native title decisions since Mabo and Wik.<sup>4</sup> He also noted the swift contribution of the AGD to

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1 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 2.

2 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 2.

3 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 2.

4 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 2.

legislative reform in response to food contamination events and the sharing of violent material through the passage of criminal laws.<sup>5</sup>

2.5 Mr Moraitis noted the AGD's instrumental role in the commencement of the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme in 2018, and the additional controls that were implemented under the scheme for election periods.<sup>6</sup>

2.6 The Secretary's year in review noted the AGD's international successes, including: the department's contribution to Papua New Guinea's hosting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum; the assistance the AGD provided to Pacific Island countries to advance cybercrime laws; and the department's continued contributions to the response to the downing of flight MH17, to name a few.<sup>7</sup>

2.7 The Secretary's outlook for 2019-20 noted the incorporation of industrial relations into the AGD following amendment to the Administrative Arrangements Order announced on 29 May 2019. Mr Moraitis stated that concurrent to that transition, the AGD would be furthering government priorities, including: the development of a religious discrimination bill; the establishment of a Commonwealth Integrity Commission; and further progression of family law reform.<sup>8</sup>

### ***Performance reporting***

2.8 The AGD has made further refinements to its structure for performance evaluation implemented during the 2017-18 reporting period, applying three high-level key performance indicators (KPIs), as opposed to the four proffered previously. They are:

- effectiveness in achieving objectives;
- efficiency in meeting goals; and
- community impact.

Each of these are used to measure achievement of the AGD's five strategic priorities.<sup>9</sup>

2.9 Performance criteria and targets under each strategic priority are outlined in the Portfolio Budget Statement (PBS) for 2018-19.<sup>10</sup> This is, in turn, reflected in the

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5 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 2.

6 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 3.

7 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 3.

8 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 3.

9 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 13.

10 *Portfolio Budget Statements 2018-19, Attorney-General's Portfolio*, pp. 23-27

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*Corporate Plan 2018-19.*<sup>11</sup> The Corporate Plan outlines the relevant KPIs under each strategic priority and explains how each are connected to the performance criteria outlined in the PBS.<sup>12</sup> The performance statement contained in the annual report reflects a combination of the performance criteria in the PBS and the KPIs set by the Corporate Plan. This approach provides a 'clear read' when compared with the PBS and Corporate Plan.

2.10 The methodology employed in undertaking the evaluation of the AGD's performance against the KPIs was largely based on client and stakeholder surveys, and by reference to the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index and the Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index. Two surveys were undertaken: the Australian Government Solicitor Group's biennial client survey; and an independently conducted stakeholder survey across the other departmental groups.<sup>13</sup> In respect of the former, over 2,000 clients were invited to participate, and 430 responses were received.<sup>14</sup> In respect of the latter, more than 1700 stakeholders were invited to participate, and more than 450 responses were received. The latter survey sought views on two of the three KPIs: efficiency and effectiveness.<sup>15</sup> The two Indexes were used to garner indicators of community perceptions and public views.<sup>16</sup>

2.11 The committee has noted on two previous occasions that one performance criterion, 'Community impact', has not been applied to Strategic Priority 1: Legal in either its annual report statement or its Corporate Plan.<sup>17</sup> The 2018-19 annual report appears to continue this trend.<sup>18</sup> The committee has raised a number of apparent anomalies with this approach, including the resultant inconsistency in evaluation of programs that appear in multiple strategic priorities, especially in light of a lack of explanation in any of the PBS, the Corporate Plan or the annual report.<sup>19</sup> It would be of benefit to the committee if, should the trend continue in the 2019-20 annual report,

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11 *Attorney-General's Department Corporate Plan 2018-19*, p. 22.

12 *Attorney-General's Department Corporate Plan 2018-19*, p. 22.

13 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 13.

14 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 13.

15 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 13.

16 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 14.

17 See, for example, *Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee Report on Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2018)* and *Report on Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2019)*.

18 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, pp. 15-16.

19 See: Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, *Report on Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2019)*, p 3.

an explanation might be provided as to why 'Community Impact' is not applied to this strategic priority.

2.12 The AGD largely met its KPIs, with the exception of the following:

- Strategic priority 1 (Legal), Target 5: Efficiency—Royal Commission private session transcripts provided within six weeks of request.<sup>20</sup> The AGD stated that the nature of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (which was the first to hold public hearings) raised 'complicated legal questions' requiring regulatory amendments and policy changes, which in turn delayed provision of the transcripts.<sup>21</sup>
- Strategic priority 2 (Integrity), Target 3: Community Impact—a score of 80 or more on the Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index. Australia's score was 77.<sup>22</sup> No further discussion was provided.
- Strategic priority 3 (Security), Target 1: Effectiveness—stakeholder satisfaction with the effectiveness of the department's delivery of national security and criminal justice priorities. 63 per cent of respondents expressed satisfaction, compared to a target of 80 per cent.
- Strategic priority 3 (Security), Target 3: Efficiency—referred to stakeholder satisfaction with the efficiency in policy advice, program work and legislative change under this strategic priority. The recorded satisfaction rate was 74 per cent, against a benchmark of 80 per cent. The AGD identified a number of factors that might have contributed to this result, including a limited pool in the number of stakeholders available to participate in the relevant survey, and the time constraint imposed on the parliamentary year by the May 2019 federal election, which limited time in which targets might be achieved.<sup>23</sup>
- Strategic priority 3 (Security), Target 4: Community Impact—Australia's regional and global position on criminal justice (Factor 8) in the World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index. Australia achieved a score of 0.73 and a ranking of 12, compared to a target score of greater than 0.75. Australia's ranking improved by one place from its previous position.<sup>24</sup> As in respect to Target 3, the AGD identified a small pool of available stakeholders, and the shortened

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20 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 16.

21 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 24.

22 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 26.

23 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 31.

24 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2017-18*, p. 41.

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parliamentary year as a result of the federal election as possible contributory factors to this result.<sup>25</sup>

- Strategic priority 5 (Rights), Target 1: Effectiveness–Stakeholder satisfaction with the department's effectiveness in enabling a free society. The recorded satisfaction rate was 77 per cent, compared to a target of 80 per cent.<sup>26</sup> The AGD noted that this satisfaction rate was an increase from the previous year (75 per cent), but referred again to the impact of the federal election in May 2019 on the amount of time available to achieve targets.<sup>27</sup>

### ***Financial performance***

2.13 The AGD recorded a surplus of \$5.623 million (after providing for income tax expenses and asset revaluation) compared to a surplus of \$20.506 million in 2017-18.<sup>28</sup> In the Secretary's year in review, Mr Moraitis attributed the surplus to a strong performance by the Australian Government Solicitor and the timing of implementing budget measures.<sup>29</sup>

2.14 The total administered expenses for the financial year was reported to be \$413.222 million, which was a slightly reduced figure compared to the 2017-18 period which reported \$426.166 million in total administered expenses. The expenses for the reported financial year included \$47.347 million for the royal commissions, \$284.481 million in grants payments, and \$16.709 million paid to the corporate entities within the portfolio.

### ***Conclusion***

2.15 The committee considers the report to be 'apparently satisfactory'.

## **Department of Home Affairs**

### ***Tabling of report***

2.16 The 2018-19 annual report was tabled in the Senate and the House of Representatives on 16 October 2019. The report was available to senators for the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018-19 hearing on 21 October 2019.

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25 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 31.

26 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 50.

27 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 49.

28 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 88.

29 *Attorney-General's Department Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 3.

2.17 The committee notes that neither the Secretary's nor the Commissioner's transmittal letter is dated by the accountable authority on the date that the final text was approved as required by PGPA Rule 17AD(g).

#### ***Secretary's and Commissioner's reviews***

2.18 The Secretary of Home Affairs, Mr Michael Pezzullo, and the Commissioner of the Australian Border Force (ABF), Mr Michael Outram APM, provided separate reviews for the annual report.

2.19 In the Secretary's review, Mr Pezzullo emphasised the DHA's continued contribution towards Australia's prosperity, national security and unity by delivering services such as: Australia's Migration Program; responses to national disasters; modernisation to support Australian businesses and travellers; and the improvement of strategy, planning and coordination of domestic security and law enforcement.<sup>30</sup>

2.20 Mr Pezzullo stated that following the establishment of the Home Affairs Portfolio in December 2017, the DHA prioritised supporting its people and embedding its organisational culture in 2018-19.<sup>31</sup> The DHA pursued new initiatives at the graduate level, with 103 graduates commencing in February 2019 who would undertake a 12 month program which includes the completion of a Diploma in Government.<sup>32</sup> Leadership development was also prioritised, with a number of initiatives, including capability assessments, conferences and other learning opportunities provided.<sup>33</sup> The DHA developed a Statement of Commitment to promote diversity and inclusivity in the workplace.<sup>34</sup>

2.21 In looking forward, Mr Pezzullo stated that the DHA would continue to build on successes in the following year, with a focus on improvement to service provision to the community and government.<sup>35</sup>

2.22 In the Commissioner's review, Mr Outram highlighted the ABF's position as a 'global influencer within the international customs and border enforcement community'.<sup>36</sup> Mr Outram noted that while the ABF maintains operational

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30 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 9.

31 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 14.

32 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 14.

33 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 14.

34 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 14.

35 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 15.

36 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 20.

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independence from DHA, both entities have complimentary imperatives: 'the facilitation of travel and trade, and the security of Australia's border'.<sup>37</sup>

2.23 The Commissioner noted that 53 million air cargo consignments and 2.3 million sea cargo containers were processed in the reporting period, culminating in 324,697 detections of prohibited and restricted goods.<sup>38</sup> Further, a record 35,763 detections of illicit drugs and precursors were recorded, with an overall weight of 19,440 kilograms.<sup>39</sup>

2.24 The Commissioner's review noted that the DHA, with the support of the ABF, commenced the Future Maritime Surveillance Capability Project, which aims to ensure that marine capability is kept well positioned to address threats in the maritime context.<sup>40</sup>

### ***Performance reporting***

2.25 The annual performance statement clearly draws links between the relevant PBS outcomes and purposes, and the purposes and correlating Strategic Performance Measures contained in the Corporate Plan to provide a 'clear read'.<sup>41</sup> The annual report notes that the performance measures in the report have been updated to accurately account for the Machinery-of-Government change in December 2017.<sup>42</sup>

2.26 Most KPIs were met or partially met. Those that were not met are as follows:

- Purpose 3 (Advance Trade and Revenue), KPI 3.2.2–Increased level of compliant Import and Export Declarations. The DHA reviewed 5,720 Import Declarations, a decrease from the 6,175 reviewed in 2017-18. Of those reviewed, 75.4 per cent were compliant, a decrease of 2.1 per cent from the previous reporting period. 668 Export Declarations were reviewed, compared to 895 from the previous period. Of those reviewed, 50.9 per cent were compliant, a decrease from 68 per cent in the previous reporting period.<sup>43</sup>
- Purpose 3 (Advance Trade and Revenue), KPI 3.2.3–Increase in voluntary compliance resulting from the range of industry engagement initiatives

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37 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 20.

38 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 21.

39 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 21.

40 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 23.

41 See Figure 5 and Table 3, *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, pp. 31-32.

42 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 31.

43 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 76.

compared with the previous year. In the reporting period, 51 voluntary disclosure cases by importers were finalised, compared to 55 cases from the previous reporting period. The annual report notes the fluctuations in figures common in initiatives that rely on self-reporting, and states that reported values are not indicative of seasonal trends or operational tempo, nor are they a predictor of future trends.<sup>44</sup>

2.27 The committee notes the failure to meet a number of KPIs. However, the committee recognises that Home Affairs largely explained the causes of this. The committee commends Home Affairs' overall continued success in achieving excellent results.

### ***Financial performance***

2.28 The total departmental operating result for 2018-19 was a \$344.69 million deficit, an increase from the \$324.4 million deficit seen in the previous reporting period. The DHA notes, however, that, had the Australian government funded depreciation and amortisation expenses, the total departmental operating result would have been a \$0.24 million surplus.<sup>45</sup>

2.29 The DHA reported that the reporting period's administered expenses were \$2.04 billion, a decrease from the previous reporting period of \$2.36 billion. The difference between the reporting periods was attributable to the gifting of infrastructure to the Papua New Guinea government after the cessation of Australia's involvement in managing the Manus Island Regional Processing Centre.<sup>46</sup>

2.30 Home Affairs' net asset position was \$1.23 billion (assets minus liabilities), representing a decrease from the previous reporting period by \$91.04 million.<sup>47</sup> Liabilities equated to 43 per cent of the total asset base.

### ***Management of human resources***

2.31 In previous annual reports, the committee has noted the omission of statistics relating to the number of employees who identified as Indigenous as is required under PGPA Rule 17AG(4)(b).<sup>48</sup> The committee notes the inclusion of this statistic in the

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44 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 82.

45 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 82.

46 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 82.

47 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 82.

48 See: Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, *Report on Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2018)*, pp. 8-9; and Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, *Report on Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2019)*, p. 9.

current annual report,<sup>49</sup> and congratulates the DHA on improving its compliance with the PGPA Rules.

### ***Conclusion***

2.32 The committee considers the report to be 'apparently satisfactory'.

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49 *Department of Home Affairs Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 181.



## Chapter 3

### Annual reports of agencies

3.1 The annual reports of the following agencies were referred to the committee for examination and report during the period 1 May 2019 to 31 October 2019:

*Attorney-General's Portfolio*

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal;
- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity;
- Australian Financial Security Authority;
- Australian Human Rights Commission;
- Australian Law Reform Commission;
- Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions;
- Commonwealth Ombudsman;
- Family Court of Australia;
- Federal Circuit Court of Australia;
- Federal Court of Australia, including the report of the National Native Title Tribunal;
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security;
- National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council;
- Office of Parliamentary Counsel; and
- Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

*Home Affairs Portfolio*

- Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre;
- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission;
- Australian Institute of Criminology;
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation; and
- Australian Federal Police.

3.2 On this occasion, the committee has examined in more detail the reports of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, which was last examined in *Report on Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2017)*, and the Commonwealth Ombudsman (the Ombudsman), which has not been examined by the committee since its incorporation into the Legal and Constitutional Affairs portfolio.

## Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

3.3 The Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) tabled its report in the Senate and the House of Representatives on 16 October 2019. The report was available to senators for the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018–19 hearing on 21 October 2019.

3.4 In its *Report on Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2019)*, the committee identified that the ASIO annual report for 2017–18 was not 'apparently satisfactory' because it failed to comply with the following PGPA Act mandatory requirements:

- inclusion of a description of the purposes of the entity as included in the agency's corporate plan, as required under section 17AE(1)(a)(iv); and
- a description of non-salary benefits provided to employees, as required under section 17AG(4)(c)(iii).

3.5 The committee further identified that the report provided incomplete or unclear information in relation to:

- the annual performance statement in accordance with paragraph 39(1)(b) of the Act and section 16F of the Rule, as required under section 17AD(c)(i); and
- information on any enterprise agreements, individual flexibility arrangements, Australian workplace agreements, common law contracts and determinations under subsection 24(1) of the *Public Service Act 1999*, as required by section 17AG(4)(c)(iii).

3.6 It is in this context that the committee considers the 2018–19 annual report.

### **Director-General's review**

3.7 In the Director-General's review, Mr Duncan Lewis AO DSC CSC, remarked on the evolution of the organisation in its 70-year history. He noted the one constant over that period was ASIO's 'resolute focus on protecting Australia from those who wish us harm'.<sup>1</sup>

3.8 Mr Lewis highlighted the major contemporary threats, including an enduring threat of terrorism on Australian soil, and espionage and foreign interference, acts which, Mr Lewis stated, 'occur on a daily basis, [and] are of unprecedented scale and sophistication'.<sup>2</sup>

3.9 The Director-General pointed to measures ASIO had taken in the reporting period in order to meet increasingly complex challenges, including building on partnerships and seeking to harness new technological capabilities such as artificial

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1 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2017–18*, p. 3.

2 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2017–18*, p. 4.

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intelligence and machine-learning.<sup>3</sup> A significant development was the commencement of the Enterprise Transformation Program to implement the recommendations from Mr David Thodey AO's 2017 report *A digital transformation of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation*. Part of that program involves building partnerships with technology partners on the open market.<sup>4</sup>

### ***Performance reporting***

3.10 Mr Lewis, as Director-General, was the accountable authority for ASIO during the relevant period. ASIO is a non-corporate Commonwealth entity under the Home Affairs Portfolio. At the time that the Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) for 2018-19 were drafted, ASIO fell under the Attorney-General's Portfolio. As such, ASIO's outcome appears in that portfolio's statements.

3.11 ASIO has one outcome:

Informed government decisions about the development, reform and harmonisation of Australian laws and related processes through research, analysis, reports and community consultation and education.<sup>5</sup>

3.12 One performance criterion<sup>6</sup> is applied to evaluate success against a number of targets grouped into four key activities:

- counter-terrorism;
- counter espionage, foreign interference and malicious insiders;
- countering serious threats to Australia's border integrity; and
- providing protective security advice to government and industry.<sup>7</sup>

These key activities and targets are reflected in the *Corporate Plan 2018-19*.<sup>8</sup> The targets outlined in the PBS are reflected as performance measures in the Corporate Plan. The performance statement contained in the annual report reflects a combination of the targets in the PBS and the performance measures set by the Corporate Plan.

3.13 The methodology used to develop the annual performance statement was analysis of internal performance reporting and the conduct of an independent survey

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3 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2017-18*, p. 5.

4 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2017-18*, p. 5.

5 *Portfolio Budget Statements 2018-19, Attorney-General's Portfolio*, p. 5.

6 Effective advice, reporting and services that assist the Australian Government and ASIO's partners to manage security risks and disrupt activities that threaten Australia's security. See *Portfolio Budget Statements 2018-19, Attorney-General's Portfolio*, p. 121; and *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2017-18*, p. 32.

7 *Portfolio Budget Statements 2018-19, Attorney-General's Portfolio*, pp. 119-121.

8 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Corporate Plan 2018-19*, pp. 10-13.

of 74 stakeholders. Six of the eight performance objectives (or performance measures as referred to in the Corporate Plan) were met during the reporting period. Two performance objectives were 'partially met':

- Performance objective 2b: 'National security partners use our advice to disrupt and defend against harmful espionage, foreign interference, sabotage and malicious insiders'. The annual report states that the partial achievement was attributed largely to the fact that demand for advice is greater than ASIO's capacity to provide it.<sup>9</sup> ASIO has instigated a number of measures to overcome this challenge, but the annual report acknowledged that the significant growth in demand for advice will be a continuing challenge for the agency.<sup>10</sup>
- Performance objective 2c: 'We collect foreign intelligence in Australia that advances Australia's national security interests'. ASIO attributes this outcome to the ongoing high tempo of counter-terrorism and counter-espionage investigations, and the limitation of available resources to this objective. ASIO noted that while valuable intelligence was obtained through its operations, a number of operations requested by partners were unable to be progressed.<sup>11</sup>

3.14 The committee refers to its previous observation about a lack of clarity in ASIO's previous annual report, and congratulates ASIO for its work in improving clarity in its performance evaluation processes. The committee does note, however, that clarity could be further enhanced by the consistent use of language across the three key documents. In some instances, it appears that multiple labels are applied to the one concept.<sup>12</sup>

### ***Financial performance***

3.15 ASIO recorded a deficit of \$14.4 million (excluding depreciation) compared to a surplus of \$1 million in 2017-18.<sup>13</sup> The annual report attributed this loss to a mandatory accounting adjustment of \$8.3 million for employee and make-good provisions due to interest rate movement, and to necessary supplier costs, despite the

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9 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2018–19*, p. 45.

10 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2018–19*, p. 45.

11 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2018–19*, p. 47.

12 See, for example, 'Counter-terrorism' appears as a Target under the PBS (see p. 119), but also appears as a Key Activity in the annual report and the Corporate Plan (see p. 33). Further, performance measures in the Corporate Plan are referred to as performance objectives in the annual report.

13 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2018–19*, p. 61.

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implementation of measures to reduce expenditure.<sup>14</sup> ASIO noted that the appropriate government process was followed as a result of the outcome.<sup>15</sup>

### ***Management of human resources***

3.16 The annual report notes an increase in ongoing staff from 1,900 in 2017-18 to 1,961 in 2018-19, and a decrease in non-ongoing staff from 31 to 25 in the same periods.<sup>16</sup> Just over half of the new ongoing positions were filled by females.<sup>17</sup>

3.17 The committee notes its previous concerns regarding the lack of information on enterprise agreements and other workplace arrangements, as required by PGPA Rule 17AG(4)(c)(iii), in ASIO's previous annual report. The current annual report does not appear to provide this information. The list of requirements indicates that this provision was not applicable in this annual report.<sup>18</sup> It would assist the committee if some guidance was provided as to why this mandatory requirement was not applicable.

### ***Other matters***

3.18 In relation to its observations about the lack of a description of the agency's purpose, as required by PGPA Rule 17AE(1)(a)(iv), the committee congratulates ASIO on its efforts to remedy this concern by clearly outlining its purpose as per the *Corporate Plan 2018-19*.<sup>19</sup>

3.19 A list of requirements has been provided as required by PGPA Rule 17AJ(d), but the committee notes that ASIO has chosen to reference the relevant part (akin to a chapter) of the report, rather than pinpointing any reference with specificity. It would assist the committee if specific references were made within the report, rather than the more general approach listed in the annual report.

### ***Conclusion***

3.20 While the committee identified a number of shortcomings with ASIO's report, on balance it considers the report to be 'apparently satisfactory'. The committee commends ASIO for the improvements applied to its annual reporting processes thus far and encourages the agency to continue this trend.

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14 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 61.

15 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 61.

16 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 119.

17 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 119.

18 *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 130.

19 See *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Corporate Plan 2018-19*, p. 2; and *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Annual Report 2018-19*, p. 11.

## Commonwealth Ombudsman

3.21 The Commonwealth Ombudsman tabled its report in the House of Representatives on 21 October 2019 and in the Senate on 11 November 2019. The report was available to senators for the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018–19 hearing on 22 October 2019.

### ***Review by the Ombudsman***

3.22 In his review, the Commonwealth Ombudsman, Mr Michael Manthorpe PSM noted the continuing trend of high volume of incoming complaints, with a total of 37,388 received over the reporting period. In the Ombudsman's 40 plus year history, that number had only been exceeded once, in the preceding year, with a figure of 38,026.<sup>20</sup> Stakeholder groups which saw growth in the number of complaints over the year included parties interested in the National Disability Insurance Scheme, current and former students who had incurred debts under the VET FEE-HELP Scheme, and overseas students.<sup>21</sup> Mr Manthorpe noted that complaints about the Department of Human Services, while still representing the greatest number of complaints, fell during the reporting period. A similar trend was detected in respect of private health insurers and Australia Post.<sup>22</sup>

3.23 Mr Manthorpe flagged that in the 2019-20 reporting period, the Ombudsman would reform its examination of performance measures to evaluate its ability to build and maintain the confidence of the people who use it, the agencies overseen by it, and the Parliament.<sup>23</sup> The committee looks forward to examining this new approach in the course of its consideration of the 2019-20 annual report.

### ***Performance reporting***

3.24 The Commonwealth Ombudsman has one outcome:

Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government entities and prescribed private sector organisations, by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and statutory compliance inspects and reporting.<sup>24</sup>

3.25 The Ombudsman evaluates its performance by reference to 12 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) under five objectives.<sup>25</sup> When read alongside the

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20 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 12.

21 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 12.

22 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 12.

23 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 14.

24 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 29.

25 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 12.

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*Corporate Plan 2018-19* and the PBS, the annual report appears to provide a 'clear read' in relation to its performance criteria.

3.26 The Ombudsman achieved eight out of 12 KPIs. The KPIs not achieved were as follows:

- KPI 6—Percentage of public law enforcement reports finalised within Office standards. The year end result produced an achievement rate of 50 per cent, compared to the 85 per cent target benchmark.<sup>26</sup> The annual report notes that three out of six public law enforcement reports were completed within the relevant time period. The Ombudsman attributed this result to resourcing issues carried over from the previous year, and stated that it did not anticipate recurrence.<sup>27</sup>
- KPI 8—Percentage of immigration detention State of the Network reports issued within three months of the reporting cycle. 50 per cent of these reports were issued within the prescribed time, compared to a KPI target of 90 per cent.<sup>28</sup> The annual report notes that two reports were issued within the reporting period. The first was issued after the three month deadline, while the second was issued within it.<sup>29</sup>
- KPI 9—Percentage of public users who completed the survey for [privatehealth.gov.au](http://privatehealth.gov.au) and provided a 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' response regarding the quality of information provided by the website. The annual report noted a KPI result of 78 per cent, in comparison to the KPI target of 80 per cent.<sup>30</sup> The Ombudsman noted that it would continue to explore ways to improve the website user experience.<sup>31</sup>
- KPI 10—Percentage of industry complaints handled within Office service standards. 69 per cent of industry complaints were closed within the Office service standards, compared to a target of 85 per cent.<sup>32</sup>

3.27 The committee acknowledges the Ombudsman's efforts to meet all KPI targets in coming reporting periods. The committee will continue to take an interest in the Ombudsman's efforts to do so, particularly under the new evaluation program foreshadowed by Mr Manthorpe in his review.

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26 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 30.

27 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 37.

28 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 30.

29 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 39.

30 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 31.

31 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 40.

32 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 40.

### ***Financial performance***

3.28 The Ombudsman recorded an operating surplus of \$1.4 million, excluding depreciation, amortisation and write down of assets. This was an increase from the previous year's deficit of \$0.147 million.<sup>33</sup> Expenses increased by \$7 million to \$43 million to accommodate for travel, property, contractors and additional staffing costs associated with new functions.<sup>34</sup> Revenue also increased from \$23.7 million to \$39.1 million. This was largely in the form of additional funding for new and existing programs.<sup>35</sup>

### ***Conclusion***

3.29 The committee commends the Ombudsman for a clear and user-friendly annual report, and considers it to be 'apparently satisfactory'.

**Senator Amanda Stoker**  
**Chair**

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33 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 46.

34 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 46.

35 *Annual Report for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman 2018-19*, p. 46.

## Appendix 1

### Reports tabled during the period 1.5.2019 and 31.10.2019 and referred to the committee

Department/authority/ operation of an act or program	Date submitted to minister/date received by minister	Date tabled in Senate (received in Senate out of session)	Date tabled in the House of Reps
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#### *Attorney-General's Portfolio*

Department/authority – Report			
Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2018-19	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2018-19	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Report for 2018-19	04.10.2019/ 10.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Australian Financial Security Authority –Report 2018-19	09.10.2019/ 09.10.2019	11.11.2019	23.10.2019
Australian Human Rights Commission— Report for 2018-19	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Australian Law Reform Commission—Report for 2018-19	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2018-19	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2018-19	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Family Court of Australia—Report for 2018- 19	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Federal Circuit Court of Australia—Report for 2017-18	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2018- 19, including the report of the National Native Title Tribunal	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security— Report for 2018-19	01.10.2019/ 04.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019

National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2018-19	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2018-19	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner—Report for 2018-19	08.10.2019/ 08.10.2019	11.11.2019	21.10.2019
<i>Operation of an act/program</i>			
Australian Law Reform Commission – Family Law for the Future - An Inquiry into the Family Law System – Final Report and Summary Report – ALRC Report 135 – Section 23 of the <i>Australian Law Reform Commission Act 1996</i>	31.03.2019/ 03.04.2019	(10.04.2019) 02.07.2019	04.07.2019
Report – Review: Section 4 of the <i>Tribunals Amalgamation Act 2015</i> (Cth) - I.D.F Callinan AC – Section 4 of the <i>Tribunals Amalgamation Act 2015</i>	14.06.2019/ 12.07.2019	23.07.2019	23.07.2019
Australian Human Rights Commission— Report No. 127—Ms HM and Master YM v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Home Affairs)	14.06.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Australian Human Rights Commission— Report No. 128 – Ms BK, Ms CO and Mr DE on behalf of themselves and their families v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Home Affairs)	07.02.2019/ 25.07.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Independent National Security Legislation Monitor – Report no. 7- Review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of terrorism-related citizenship loss provisions contained in the <i>Australian Citizenship Act 2007</i>	15.08.2019/ 15.08.2019	18.09.2019	18.09.2019
Australian Human Rights Commission – Report 129 – Mr IB and Mr IC v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Home Affairs) – Section 46 of the <i>Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986</i>	31.07.2019/ 02.08.2019	11.11.2019	23.10.2019
Australian Human Rights Commission – Report 130 – Use of force in immigration detention – Section 46 of the <i>Australian Human Rights Commission Act 2013</i>	31.07.2019/ 02.08.2019	11.11.2019	23.10.2019
Australian Human Rights Commission – Report 131 – Mr BP, Ms BQ and Miss BR v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Home Affairs) – Section 46 of the <i>Australian Human Rights Commission Act 2013</i>	31.07.2019/ 23.09.2019	11.11.2019	23.10.2019

<i>Royal Commission – Report</i>  <i>Note: There is no legislative requirement to table these reports</i>			
Aged Care Quality and Safety—Royal Commission—Interim Report (3 volumes)		(31.10.19) 11.11.19	25.11.2019

<b>Department/authority/ operation of an act or program</b>	<b>Date submitted to minister/date received by minister</b>	<b>Date tabled in Senate (received in Senate out of session)</b>	<b>Date tabled in the House of Reps</b>
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***Home Affairs portfolio***

<i>Department/authority – Report</i>			
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2018-19	18.09.2019/ 18.09.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission—Report for 2018-19	18.09.2019/ 18.09.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Australian Institute of Criminology—Report for 2018-19	18.09.2019/ 18.09.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)—Report for 2018-19	20.09.2019/ 23.09.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Department of Home Affairs—Report for 2018-19	17.09.2019/ 19.09.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Australian Federal Police (AFP)—Report for 2017-18, including reports on delayed notification search warrants, the National Witness Protection Program and unexplained wealth investigations and proceedings	11.10.2019/ 16.10.2019	(18.10.2019) 21.10.2019	21.10.2019

<i>Migration Act 1958</i>			
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 3 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 000510-O2, 1000846-O3, 1001472-O2, 1001513-O3, 1001534-O2, 1002672-O1, 1002714-O1, 1002803-O1, 1002810-O1, 1002889-O, 1002904-O, 1002909-O, 1002912-O, 1002916-O, 1002921-O, 1002923-O, 1002931-O, 1002933-O, 2000009-O1, 2000017-O1, 1000516-O3, 1001026-O1, 1001232-O3, 1001257-O1, 1001285-O2, 1001676-O3, 1001758-O2, 1001857-O2, 1001913-O2, 1002387-O3, 1002247-O3, 1002426-O1, 1002488-O1, 1002647-O1, 1002845-O, 1002862-O, 1002888-O, 1002891-O, 1002938-O, 1002949-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	02.04.2019/ 08.04.2019	22.07.2019	04.07.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 3/2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	02.04.2019/ 08.04.2019	22.07.2019	04.07.2019
Independent Health Advice Panel (IHAP) – First Quarterly Report – Summary Report – Section 199E of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	26.06.2019/ 03.07.2019	22.07.2019	04.07.2019
Response to the Independent Health Advice Panel (IHAP) – First Quarterly Report (2-31 March 2019) – Section 199E of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	26.06.2019/ 03.07.2019	22.07.2019	04.07.2019
Reports by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 4 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000230-O1, 1000675-O2, 1001388-O2, 1001593-O3, 1001833-O2, 1002558-O2, 1002719-O1, 1002749-O1, 1002799-O1, 1002806-O1, 1002812-O1, 1002910-O1, 1002911-O, 1002914-O, 1002917-O, 1002919-O, 1002945-O, 1002948-O, 1003005-O, 1003009-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	27.02.2019/ 29.07.2019	31.07.2019	31.07.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No.4/2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	11.07.2019/ 29.07.2019	31.07.2019	31.07.2019
Reports by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 5 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001847-O3, 1001899-O, 1002621-O2, 1002655-O1, 1002691-O2, 1002722-O1, 1002772-O2, 1002773-O2, 1002814-O1, 1002817-O1, 1002818-O1, 1002870-O1, 1002873-O1, 1002925-O, 1002973-O, 1002975-O, 1002976-O, 1002980-O, 1002981-O, 2000007-O1.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	19.02.2019/ 29.07.2019	31.07.2019	31.07.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No.5/2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	11.07.2019/ 29.07.2019	31.07.2019	31.07.2019

Reports by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 6 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001254-O2, 1001666-O3, 1001675-O4, 1002348-O2, 1002504-O2, 1002520-O3, 1002526-O3, 1002538-O3, 1002544-O2, 1002570-O2, 1002588-O2, 1002747-O1, 1002809-O2, 1002811-O2, 1002868-O1, 1002871-O1, 1002985-O, 1002988-O, 1003004-O, 1003007-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	08.03.2019/ 29.07.2019	31.07.2019	31.07.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No.6/2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	11.07.2019/ 29.07.2019	31.07.2019	31.07.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 7 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000399-O2, 1000689-O3, 1000966-O3, 1001123-O1, 1001173-O2, 1001678-O3, 1002115-O2, 1002535-O2, 1002703-O1, 1002741-O1, 1002756-O1, 1002757-O1, 1002874-O1, 1002887-O, 1002897-O, 1002908-O, 1002965-O, 1002966-O, 1002968-O, 1002984-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	14.03.2019/ 03.09.2019	09.09.2019	09.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 7/2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	05.08.2019/ 03.09.2019	09.09.2019	09.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 8 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001253-O2, 1001665-O3, 1002632-O1, 1002725-O1, 1002776-O2, 1002792-O1, 1002803-O2, 1002820-O1, 1002821-O1, 1002878-O, 1002879-O1, 1002892-O, 1002901-O, 1002915-O, 1002927-O, 1002953-O, 1002972-O, 1002979-O, 1002983-O, 1003003-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	20.03.2019/ 03.09.2019	09.09.2019	09.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 8 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	13.08.2019/ 03.09.2019	09.09.2019	09.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 9 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000857-O3, 1001736-O3, 1002201-O4, 1002373-O4, 1002810-O2, 1002854-O, 1002869-O, 1002899-O1, 1002912-O1, 1002939-O, 1002957-O, 1002977-O, 1002978-O, 1002982-O, 1002999-O, 1003010-O, 1003012-O, 1003016-O, 1003017-O, 1003027-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	22.03.2019/ 03.09.2019	09.09.2019	09.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 9 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	13.08.2019/ 03.09.2019	09.09.2019	09.09.2019

Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 10 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000373-O3, 1001534-O3, 1001581-O2, 1001697-O3, 1001712-O2, 1001921-O2, 1002057-O1, 1002212-O3, 1002534-O2, 1002578-O2, 1002643-O2, 1002660-O2, 1002676-O2, 1002795-O1, 1002918-O1, 1002971-O, 1002989-O, 1002995-O, 1003026-O, 2000011-O2.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	01.04.2019/ 03.09.2019	09.09.2019	09.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 10 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	13.08.2019/ 03.09.2019	09.09.2019	09.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 11 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000846-O4, 1001148-O3, 1001170-O3, 1001379-O3, 1002426-O2, 1002640-O2, 1002723-O1, 1002734-O1, 1002786-O2, 1002827-O1, 1002831-O1, 1002877-O1, 1002904-O1, 1002932-O1, 1002933-O1, 1002935-O1, 1002950-O1, 1003002-O, 1003031-O, 1003050-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	10.04.2019/ 09.09.2019	12.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 11 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	14.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 12 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000854-O2, 1001037-O3, 1002096-O1, 1002281-O2, 1002634-O2, 1002641-O2, 1002671-O2, 1002685-O1, 1002706-O1, 1002709-O1, 1002807-O2, 1002824-O1, 1002829-O1, 1002840-O1, 1002852-O1, 1002866-O1, 1002894-O1, 1002895-O1, 1002898-O1, 1002916-O1, 1002936-O1, 1002957-O, 1002967-O, 1002990-O, 1002992-O, 1002993-O, 1003008-O, 1003019-O, 1003023-O, 1003025-O, 1003030-O, 1003058-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	12.09.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 12 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	14.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 13 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001513-O4, 1001583-O3, 1002205-O3, 1002240-O3, 1002301-O3, 1002368-O4, 1002376-O2, 1002386-O3, 1002463-O3, 1002519-O2, 1002527-O2, 1002552-O2, 1002789-O1, 1002804-O1, 1002808-O1, 1002813-O2, 1002833-O1, 1002875-O, 1002903-O1, 1003015-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	23.04.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019

Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 13 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	14.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.14 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000727-O3, 1002177-O3, 1002200-O4, 1002391-O2, 1002397-O2, 1002399-O2, 1002458-O2, 1002533-O2, 1002547-O2, 1002581-O2, 1002645-O1, 1002666-O1, 1002861-O1, 1002884-O1, 1002923-O1, 1002926-O1, 1002929-O, 1002996-O, 1003011-O, 1003020-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	23.04.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 14 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	16.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.15 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001202-O2, 1001377-O3, 1002229-O3, 1002380-O3, 1002384-O3, 1002393-O2, 1002404-O2, 1002410-O3, 1002574-O2, 1002668-O1, 1002744-O1, 1002788-O2, 1002828-O1, 1002885-O, 1002920-O, 1002934-O, 1003037-O, 1003042-O, 1003044-O, 1003052-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	23.04.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 15 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	16.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.16 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000936-O, 1001062-O2, 1001341-O, 1001728-O3, 1001856-O3, 1001953-O3, 1002559-O2, 1002642-O2, 1002656-O2, 1002657-O2, 1002661-O2, 1002672-O2, 1002705-O1, 1002900-O1, 1002941-O, 1002962-O, 1002987-O, 1002994-O, 1002998-O, 1003006-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	23.04.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 16 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	16.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.17 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 000479-O2, 1000518-O2, 1000872-O1, 1000878-O2, 1000934-O3, 1001272-O2, 1001332-O3, 1002100-O2, 1002449-O3, 1002679-O1, 1002684-O1, 1002787-O2, 1002794-O1, 1002815-O2, 1002902-O, 1002956-O, 1002958-O, 1002964-O, 1003014-O, 1003018-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	24.04.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019

Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 17 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	27.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.18 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000880-O3, 1001301-O, 1001645-O2, 1001646-O2, 1002294-O3, 1002394-O3, 1002629-O2, 1002708-O1, 1002726-O2, 1002834-O1, 1002837-O1, 1002839-O1, 1002896-O1, 1002913-O, 1003022-O, 1003043-O, 1003045-O, 1003046-O, 1003059-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	13.05.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 18 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	21.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.19 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000881-O2, 1001592-O2, 1002128-O2, 1002353-O3, 1002356-O3, 1002453-O2, 1002457-O2, 1002470-O2, 1002496-O2, 1002596-O2, 1002667-O1, 1002670-O1, 1002758-O1, 1002841-O, 1002858-O1, 1002965-O1, 1002970-O, 1003038-O, 1003056-O, 1003057-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	14.05.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 19 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	03.09.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.20 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001501-O3, 1001519-O4, 1001618-O3, 1002176-O2, 1002269-O1, 1002287-O3, 1002293-O3, 1002459-O2, 1002553-O3, 1002691-O3, 1002819-O1, 1002826-O1, 1002836-O1, 1002938-O1, 1003021-O, 1003024-O, 1003036-O, 1003041-O, 1003051-O, 1003066-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	14.05.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 20 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	03.09.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.21 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000925-O2, 1001237-O3, 1002226-O2, 1002236-O3, 1002273-O2, 1002315-O2, 1002332-O3, 1002439-O2, 1002549-O1, 1002550-O2, 1002554-O2, 1002741-O2, 1002844-O1, 1002856-O, 1002905-O1, 1002930-O, 1002949-O1, 1003013-O, 1003039-O, 1003065-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	14.05.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019

Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 21 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	03.09.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.22 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000997-O2, 1002227-O2, 1002270-O3, 1002473-O2, 1002497-O2, 1002500-O2, 1002595-O2, 1002597-O1, 1002609-O1, 1002614-O1, 1002735-O1, 1002775-O, 1002835-O1, 1002848-O1, 1002924-O, 1002942-O, 1002946-O, 1002975-O1, 1003070-O, 2000005-O1.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	18.06.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 22 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	03.09.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.23 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001232-O4, 1001970-O3, 1002314-O3, 1002322-O2, 1002343-O3, 1002371-O3, 1002506-O1, 1002507-O2, 1002509-O2, 1002598-O1, 1002701-O1, 1002715-O1, 1002720-O1, 1002943-O, 1003040-O, 1003047-O, 1003072-O, 1003073-O, 2000001-O1.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	18.06.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 23 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	03.09.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.24 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000153-O2, 1001302-O3, 1001899-O1, 1002416-O2, 1002443-O2, 1002460-O2, 1002608-O2, 1002611-O1, 1002707-O1, 1002714-O2, 1002732-O2, 1002747-O2, 1002843-O, 1002862-O1, 1002960-O, 1002961-O, 1003028-O, 1003061-O, 1003074-O, 1003079-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	18.06.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 24 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	28.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.25 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001758-O3, 1002274-O3, 1002359-O4, 1002505-O2, 1002632-O2, 1002867-O1, 1002879-O2, 1002968-O1, 1002997-O, 1003034-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	18.06.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 25 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	28.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019

Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.26 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000557-O2, 1002304-O3, 1002477-O1, 1002727-O1, 1002766-O, 1002845-O1, 1003048-O, 1003053-O, 1003068-O, 1003087-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	18.06.2019/ 27.08.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 26 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	27.08.2019/ 09.09.2019	16.09.2019	12.09.2019
Response to the Independent Health Advice Panel – Quarterly Report 1 April 2019 - 30 June 2019 – Section 199E(2) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	30.08.2019/ 30.08.2019	16.09.2019	16.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 27 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001113-O3, 1001123-O2, 1001247-O2, 1002619-O2, 1002626-O2, 1002825-O1, 1002850-O1, 1002851-O1, 1002937-O, 1003049-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	03.07.2019/ 09.09.2019	17.09.2019	17.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 27 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	04.09.2019/ 09.09.2019	17.09.2019	17.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 28 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001775-O3, 1002022-O2, 1002569-O2, 1002572-O2, 1002765-O1, 1002940-O, 1002963-O, 1003033-O, 1003064-O, 1003086-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	08.07.2019/ 09.09.2019	17.09.2019	17.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 28 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	04.09.2019/ 09.09.2019	17.09.2019	17.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No.29 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000894-O2, 1002051-O2, 1002215-O2, 1002756-O2, 1002854-O1, 1002865-O1, 1002954-O, 1003001-O, 1003077-O, 1003083-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	08.07.2019/ 09.09.2019	17.09.2019	17.09.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 29 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	04.09.2019/ 09.09.2019	17.09.2019	17.09.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 30 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000875-O3, 1001250-O2, 1001280-O2, 1002536-O1, 1002636-O1, 1002647-O2, 1002759-O1, 1002846-O, 1002966-O1, 1003081-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	25.07.2019/ 23.09.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 30 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	18.09.2019/ 23.09.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019

Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 31 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001313-O2, 1002162-O3, 1002331-O2, 1002510-O2, 1002515-O3, 1002530-O2, 1002721-O1, 1002736-O1, 1002876-O, 1002890-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	26.07.2019/ 16.09.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 31 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	16.09.2019/ 16.09.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 32 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 000090-O, 1000940-O2, 1001842-O3, 1001947-O2, 1002499-O2, 1002528-O2, 1002880-O, 1002959-O, 1002985-O1, 1003063-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	26.07.2019/ 04.10.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 32 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	18.09.2019/ 04.10.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 33 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001647-O3, 1001966-O3, 1002351-O3, 1002392-O2, 1002405-O3, 1002605-O2, 1002790-O2, 1002951-O, 1002969-O, 1003000-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	26.07.2019/ 10.10.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 33 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	24.09.2019/ 10.10.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 34 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001257-O2, 1002115-O3, 1002255-O3, 1002326-O3, 1002413-O3, 1002471-O2, 1002981-O1, 1003032-O, 1003035-O, 1003054-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	26.07.2019/ 10.10.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 34 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	26.09.2019/ 10.10.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 35 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1002479-O2, 1002495-O2, 1002576-O2, 1002604-O2, 1002639-O2, 1002869-O1, 1002955-O, 1003069-O, 1003078-O, 2000017-O2.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	26.07.2019/ 10.10.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 35 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	27.09.2019/ 10.10.2019	16.10.2019	16.10.2019

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Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 36 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	30.09.2019/ 10.10.2019	12.11.2019	23.10.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 37 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 000510-O3, 1000023-O3, 1000319-O2, 1002163-O3, 1002177-O4, 1002334-O3, 1002486-O2, 1002522-O2, 1002673-O2, 1002986-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	13.08.2019/ 21.10.2019	12.11.2019	23.10.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 37 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	01.10.2019/ 22.10.2019	12.11.2019	23.10.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 38 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1000785-O3, 1001820-O3, 1002687-O2, 1002873-O2, 1002912-O2, 1002974-O, 1002991-O, 1003055-O, 1003082-O, 1003088-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	13.08.2019/ 21.10.2019	12.11.2019	23.10.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 38 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	01.10.2019/ 22.10.2019	12.11.2019	23.10.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 39 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001856-O4, 1002520-O4, 1002621-O3, 1002767-O2, 1002776-O3, 1002786-O3, 1002877-O2, 1002976-O1, 1002987-O1, 1003084-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	13.08.2019/ 10.10.2019	12.11.2019	23.10.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 39 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	01.10.2019/ 10.10.2019	12.11.2019	23.10.2019
Assessments by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman, under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – No. 40 / 2019 – [Personal identifier: 1001285-O3, 1001805-O3, 1001941-O1, 1001981-O3, 1002480-O3, 1003075-O, 1003076-O, 1003085-O, 1003096-O.] – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	23.08.2019/ 21.10.2019	12.11.2019	23.10.2019
Response to Ombudsman's Assessments made under section 486O of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> – Statement to Parliament – No. 40 / 2019 – Section 486P of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	08.10.2019/ 21.10.2019	12.11.2019	23.10.2019

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Commonwealth Ombudsman—Activities under Part V of the <i>Australian Federal Police Act 1979</i> —Report for 2017-18		02.07.2019	04.07.2019
<i>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Collection) Amendment Act 2014</i> —Review of the AUSTRAC Industry Contribution Levy Arrangements	23.04.2019/ 23.04.2019	03.07.2019	04.07.2019
<i>Surveillance Devices Act 2004</i> —Report for 2017-18 on the operation of the Act	01.07.2019/ 01.07.2019	23.07.2019	23.07.2019
<i>Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979</i> —Commonwealth Ombudsman’s monitoring of agency access to stored communications and telecommunications data—Report for 2016-17	15.11.2018/ 15.11.2018	(03.04.2019) 22.07.2019	21.02.2019
<i>Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979</i> —Report on the operation of the Act for 2017-18	01.07.2019/ 01.07.2019	23.07.19	23.07.2019
<i>Surveillance Devices Act 2004</i> —Commonwealth Ombudsman’s report to the Minister for Home Affairs on agencies’ compliance for the period 1 July to 31 December 2018	01.08.2019/ 01.08.2019	10.09.2019	10.09.2019
<i>Telecommunications (Intercept and Access) Act 1978</i> —Commonwealth Ombudsman’s monitoring of agency access to stored communications and telecommunications data—Report for 2017-18	01.08.2019/ 01.08.2019	10.09.2019	10.09.2019
Telecommunications Sector Security Reforms – Annual Report 2018-19 – Section 315J of the <i>Telecommunications Act 1997</i>	19.08.2019/ 19.08.2019	11.11.2019	23.10.2019
<i>Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018</i> – 2018-19 Periodic Report – Section 60 of the <i>Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018</i>	19.08.2019/ 19.08.2019	11.11.2019	23.10.2019