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Question:

What changes have occurred at SES-level in the department since the committee's Budget Estimates hearing.

How many staff are engaged in each group in the department: (a) domestic policy (b) national security and international policy (c) governance and (d) Indigenous Affairs.

Answer:

A summary of the changes at SES-level by group from 1 May 2015 are outlined in the table below.

Group	Key Changes
Domestic Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White Paper on Northern Australia Taskforce – finalised and disbanded (previously led by SES Band 2).• White Paper on Agriculture – finalised and disbanded (previously led by SES Band 1).• ICE Taskforce Secretariat created (led by SES Band 1).• Creation of Women's Safety Taskforce (SES Band 2 role in the Office for Women reclassified to SES Band 1 role in the Taskforce).• Public Data Branch joined PM&C through the Machinery of Government changes (SES Band 1 role transferred to PM&C).• Taskforce on Innovation created (led by SES Band 2).• Digital Transformation Office moved to the Communications portfolio

	and then back to the PM&C portfolio.
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honours and Symbols Branch merged with Legal Policy Branch (SES Band 1 role removed).
National Security and International Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of the Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Coordinator role (SES Band 3). Cyber Review and Strategy Branch created (led by SES Band 1). Creation of Special Adviser – Counter-Terrorism role (SES Band 1). Creation of Counter-Terrorism Branch (led by SES Band 1).
Indigenous Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of a Special Advisor role within Housing, Land and Culture Division (SES Band 1). Creation of Regional Manager, National Priorities role (SES Band 1). Forrest Implementation review team disbanded and function moved to Employment Policy and Programmes Branch.

Staffing number by Group

As at 30 September, the following number of people were employed in each Group:

- Domestic Policy – 277
- Governance – 523
- National Security and International Policy – 101
- Indigenous Affairs – 1408