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**Question:**

Can the roles and responsibilities of (a) Mr McKinnon and (b) Mr Moriarty be outlined.

Which roles and responsibilities of former Associate Secretary Dr McCarthy were assigned to (a) Mr McKinnon and (b) Mr Moriarty following her departure from the department on or around 7 August 2015.

Have any roles and responsibilities of Dr McCarthy been discontinued.

**Answer:**

Mr McKinnon as Deputy Secretary, National Security, provides advice on Australia's foreign policy, trade and treaty matters; defence; intelligence; non-proliferation; law enforcement; information sharing; cyber policy; and border security and crisis management. Mr Moriarty as Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Coordinator oversees the implementation of the Government's counter-terrorism measures; and creates a coordinated approach to counter-terrorism across Commonwealth and State and Territory agencies.

With the exception of counter-terrorism, Mr McKinnon has assumed all of Dr McCarthy's roles and responsibilities. Mr Moriarty has assumed the lead on counter-terrorism issues, including co-chairing the Australia-New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee. Consistent with his overall responsibilities for national security, Mr McKinnon consults closely with Mr Moriarty on counter-terrorism policy and activities.

No roles or responsibilities previously performed by Dr McCarthy have been discontinued.