

Department of Defence

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ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Senator the Hon David Johnston, Minister for Defence, has had his allocation of responsibilities for the Assistant Minister for Defence and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence approved by the Prime Minister.
2. As the senior Minister, Senator Johnston has overall responsibility for all matters covered by the Defence portfolio, including Cabinet matters.
3. The specific allocation of responsibilities is outlined in [annex A](#).

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Annex:

A. [Allocation of portfolio responsibilities](#)

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Senator the Hon David Johnston Minister for Defence	The Hon Stuart Robert MP Assistant Minister for Defence	The Hon Darren Chester MP Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight of all aspects of the Defence portfolio, and lead on all Cabinet and National Security Committee submissions, with specific responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Strategic policy – Operations – Intelligence and security – International policy – Force structure – Portfolio management, finances and reform – Defence estate policy and major projects – The military justice system – Defence export controls – Defence Housing Australia (as joint shareholder Minister) – Australian Strategic Policy Institute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel policy and implementation, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Personnel policy, including workforce planning – Recruitment and retention – Reserves – Pay and superannuation – Equity and diversity – Personnel support – Defence families and community organisations – Housing policy – Defence Housing Australia contractual matters – Health (including Work Health and Safety) • Science and technology policy, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Strategic direction – External engagement – Support to operations • <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i> entities other than those that are the responsibility of the Minister for Defence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the Minister for Defence on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Defence estate policy and major projects – Garrison support – Skills policy – Equipment disposal – Military justice – Medals and awards – Parliamentary exchange program – Navy, Army and Air Force Cadets
Capability Responsibilities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Defence Capability Plan (DCP) • Defence materiel acquisition—major and minor—and sustainment • Industry capacity, structure, policy and engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting with Defence materiel acquisition at the direction of the Minister for Defence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the Minister for Defence on industry engagement