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The Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio agencies produce a range of outputs needed for well-coordinated, efficient and accountable public administration supported by a values-based Australian Public Service.

The portfolio comprises fourteen agencies, including one *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* (CAC Act) company and one statutory and prescribed agency, as follows:

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- National Australia Day Council (CAC Act)
- Australian Institute of Family Studies
- Australian National Audit Office
- Australian Public Service Commission
- National Archives of Australia
- Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
- Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
- Office of National Assessments
- Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General
- Office of the Privacy Commissioner
- Old Parliament House
- Department of Climate Change
- Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator (statutory and prescribed agency operating under the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*).

Figure 1 on page 5 shows the overall structure of the portfolio.

Effective from 1 July 2008, Old Parliament House commenced operation as an executive agency under the *Public Service Act 1999*. There have been no other changes to the functions of the portfolio since the 2008–09 Budget.

For budget purposes, separate documents are prepared for the Department of Climate Change and its related agency, the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator. Further information can be obtained in the Department of Climate Change Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2008–09 (PAES).

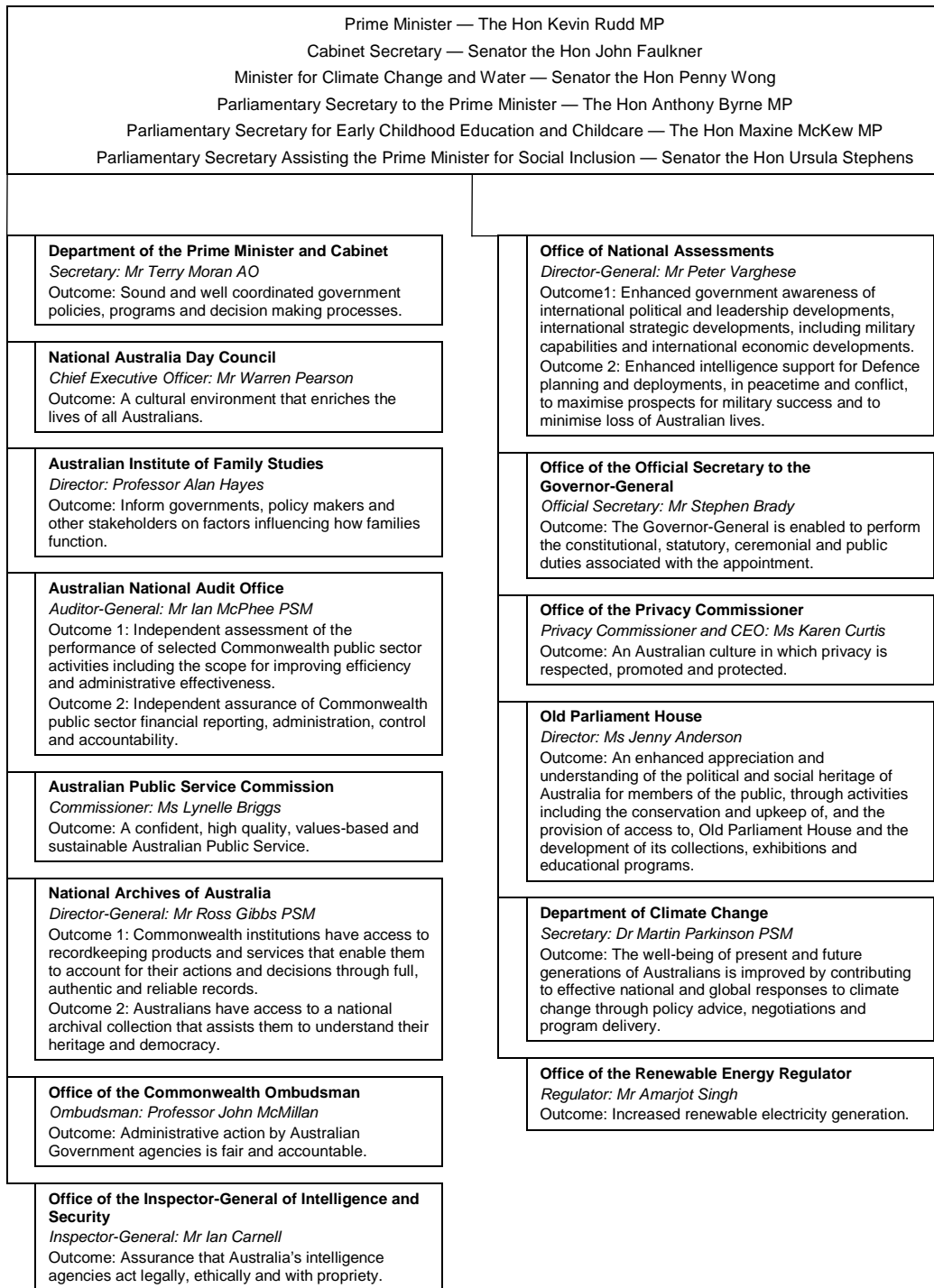
Portfolio Overview

The agencies reporting in this PAES are:

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- National Australia Day Council
- Australian National Audit Office
- Australian Public Service Commission
- Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
- Office of National Assessments
- Old Parliament House.

The National Australia Day Council is a CAC Act body within the portfolio. While most CAC Act entities do not prepare PB Statements or PAES, the council's status as a general government sector entity has led to a decision that it should do so. Because the council is impacted by the 2008-09 Additional Estimates, it is included as an agency in this PAES.

Figure 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio structure and outcomes



ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS – PORTFOLIO LEVEL

The Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio is being provided with additional funds to meet the following new measures and substantial variations since Budget.

- The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet:
 - to fund the National Australia Day Council to provide the Australia Day Live concert and other Australia Day activities in the national capital
 - to host the Pacific Islands Forum in Australia in August 2009
 - to fund the implementation of Operation Sunlight
 - to fund other departmental operations.
- Australian National Audit Office:
 - to fund increased scope of audit work required following mergers and acquisitions for Australia Post and Medibank Private
 - to fund the implementation of Operation Sunlight
 - to provide Government communications advice.
- Australian Public Service Commission:
 - to fund the Ethics Advisory Service
 - to participate in the review of government use of information and communications technology
 - to develop a recruitment advertising policy and website.
- Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman:
 - to improve the non-statutory refugee status assessment process.
- Office of National Assessments:
 - to provide additional funding and to re-phase existing funding for fit-out purposes.
- Old Parliament House:
 - to establish Old Parliament House as an Executive Agency and to enhance its education and public programs.

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