

OPENING STATEMENT

Additional Budget Estimates February 2018

Talking Points

- I am Ms Stephanie Foster, Deputy Secretary of the Governance Group in the Department. I joined the Department on 11 December 2017, taking over from Ms Yael Cass who was Acting Deputy Secretary at the time.

Witnesses

- The members of the Department's Executive in attendance for this session to answer your questions are:
 - Dr David Gruen, Deputy Secretary, Economic Group;
 - Ms Lin Hatfield-Dodds, Deputy Secretary, Social Policy;
 - Mr Barry Sterland, Deputy Secretary, Innovation and Transformation; and
 - Ms HK Yu, A/g Deputy Secretary, National Security.
- Other senior officers will be available to assist as required.
- Mr Andrew Tongue, Associate Secretary, Indigenous Affairs, and Professor Ian Anderson, Deputy Secretary, Indigenous Affairs, will attend with senior members of the Indigenous Affairs Group on Friday 2 March 2018.

Executive changes (since the last hearing)

- Mr Allan McKinnon, Deputy Secretary National Security, is working on the establishment of the Office of National Intelligence and a new Home Affairs portfolio. Ms HK Yu is acting Deputy Secretary, National Security during this time.
- On 27 November 2017, Mr Barry Sterland PSM, joined the Department as Deputy Secretary, Innovation and Transformation.
- On 11 December 2017, Ms Stephanie Foster, joined the Department as Deputy Secretary, Governance Group.
- On 20 December 2017, Mr Alastair MacGibbon, Deputy Secretary Cyber Security, and Mr Tony Sheehan, Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, joined the Department of Home Affairs.
- I also have an updated organisational chart here for the Committee.