

# **PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW**



# EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

## PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

The Australian Government takes a national leadership role in education, science and training. Through its portfolio agencies, the Australian Government works with various industries, State and Territory governments, other Australian Government agencies and a range of contracted service providers to provide high quality policy, advice and services for the benefit of Australia.

The Education, Science and Training Portfolio is comprised of:

- the Department of Education, Science and Training (the Department);
- the Anglo Australian Telescope Board (AATB);
- the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS);
- the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS);
- the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Ltd (Teaching Australia);
- the Australian National University (ANU);
- the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO);
- the Australian Research Council (ARC);
- the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Ltd (Carrick Institute); and
- the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

To advance education and training systems, the Australian Government works with the States and Territories through the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA), the Ministerial Council for Vocational and Technical Education (MCVTE) and with education and training providers, industry and other agencies.

## *Portfolio Overview*

The education and training sectors comprise:

- schools – including preschools, primary schools, secondary and senior secondary schools
- vocational and technical education – which involves publicly owned TAFE institutions and other registered training organisations
- higher education, including research – public and private universities and other higher education institutions.

The States and Territories have primary responsibility for school education. The Australian Government, through MCEETYA, provides leadership in identifying national standards and priorities to achieve the agreed *National Goals for Schooling in the 21st Century*. The Australian Government also provides State, Territory and non-government school authorities with substantial additional funding to improve student outcomes.

States and Territories also have a primary responsibility in the vocational and technical education sector. The Australian Government works with the States and Territories, through the Ministerial Council for Vocational and Technical Education, and with industry to ensure that the sector promotes:

- high quality outcomes for students
- national consistency and coherence
- a system that is responsive to industry needs.

Australian Government funding for vocational education and training is provided to States and Territories and through programmes administered by the Australian Government.

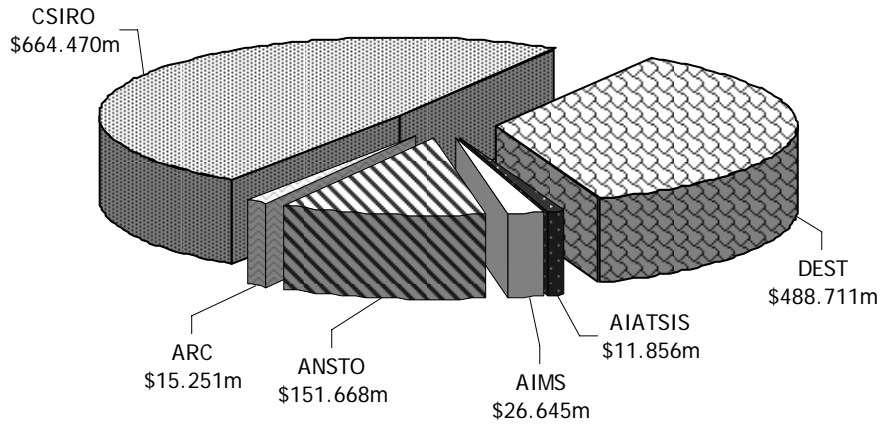
The Australian Government has the primary responsibility for funding and policy making in the higher education sector. Apart from the Australian National University and the Australian Maritime College (legislation for the Australian Maritime College is administered by the Department of Transport and Regional Services), the States and Territories are responsible for legislation to establish universities and for the accreditation of higher education courses by private providers.

The Australian Government has provided clear guidance on its priorities for science, research and innovation through its Innovation Action Plan – Backing Australia’s Ability, and through its further investment in Backing Australia’s Ability – *Building our Future through Science and Innovation*. The Australian Government supports the science and innovation framework through such bodies as the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC), the Chief Scientist and through targeted funding and international promotion of Australia’s scientific and technological capabilities. The Australian Government also directly supports the work of CSIRO, ANSTO and AIMS.

### **APPROPRIATIONS AND VARIATIONS AT THE PORTFOLIO LEVEL**

Since the 2006-07 Budget the Education, Science and Technology portfolio has not been subject to any administrative arrangement orders.

**Figure 1: Departmental appropriations for agencies in the portfolio**



**Figure 2: Administered appropriations for agencies in the portfolio**

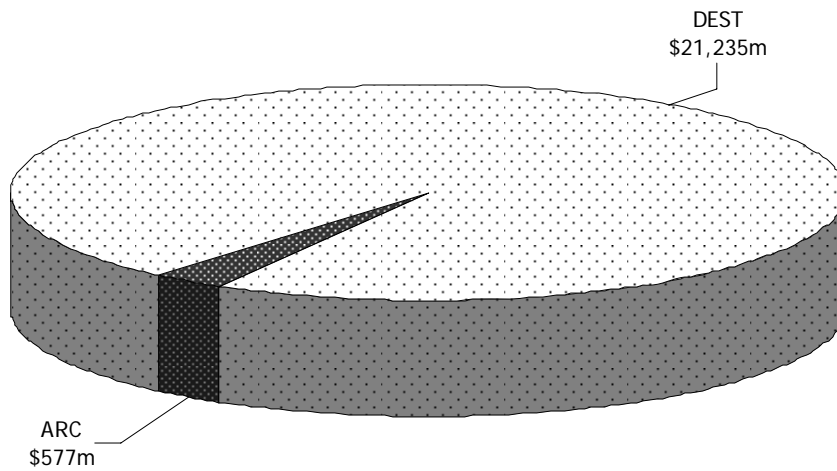
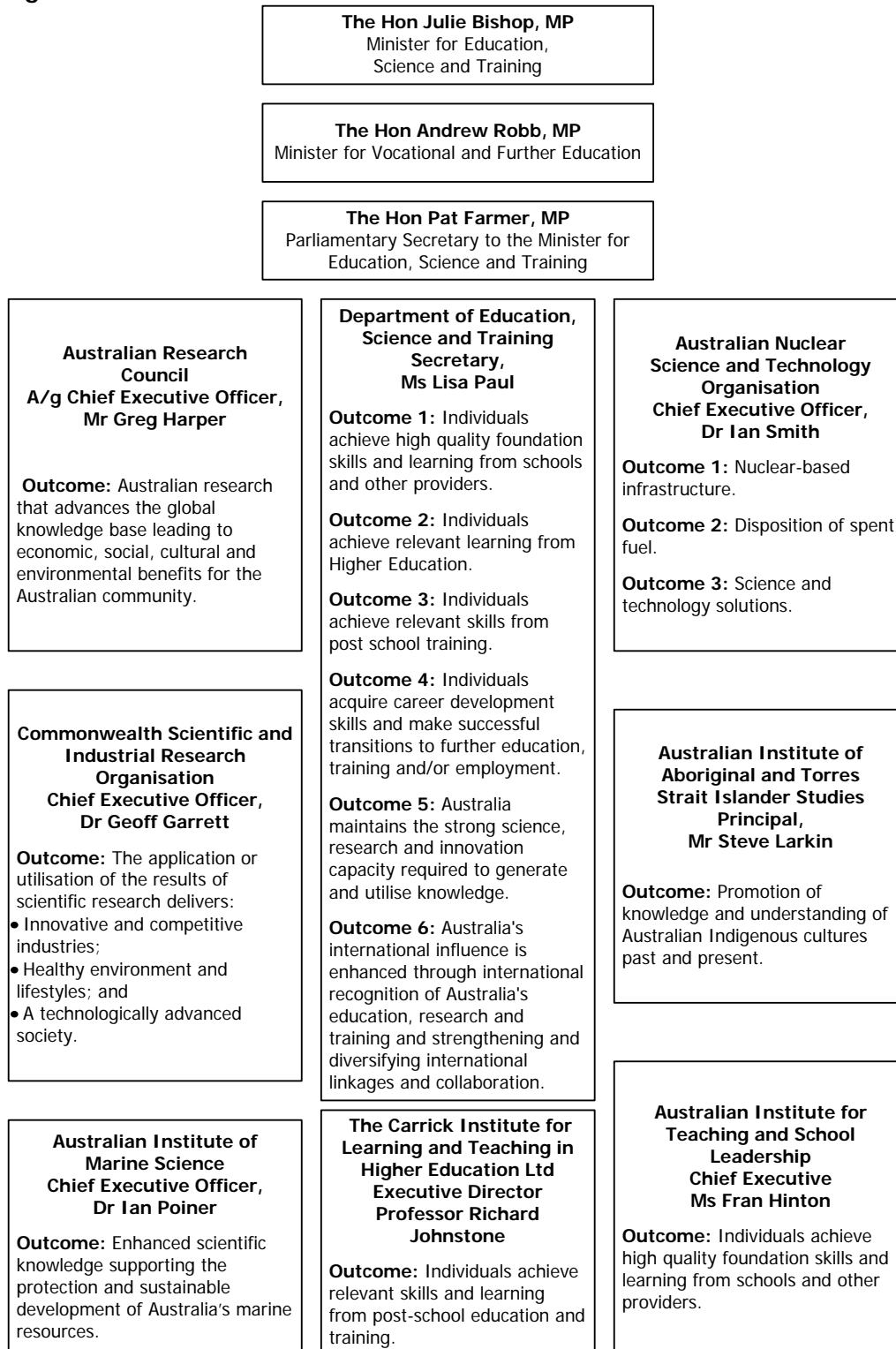


Figure 3: Portfolio structure and outcomes



## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INDIGENOUS EXPENDITURE (AGIE) EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING PORTFOLIO

Table 1: Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure —portfolio level

Outcome	Appropriations				Other \$'000	Total \$'000
	Bill No. 1 \$'000	Bill No. 2 \$'000	Special Approp \$'000	Total Approp \$'000		
	<b>AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES</b>					
Departmental 2007-08	11,856	0	0	11,856	3,215	15,071
<i>Departmental 2006-07</i>	<i>11,566</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11,566</i>	<i>2,635</i>	<i>14,201</i>
<b>Total 2007-08</b>	<b>11,856</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,856</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>15,071</b>
<b>Total 2006-07</b>	<b>11,566</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,566</b>	<b>2,635</b>	<b>14,201</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL</b>						
Administered 2007-08	0	0	626	626	0	626
<i>Administered 2006-07</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>590</i>	<i>590</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>590</i>
<b>Total 2007-08</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>626</b>
<b>Total 2006-07</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>590</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING</b>						
Administered 2007-08	284	0	541,446	541,730	0	541,730
<i>Administered 2006-07</i>	<i>3,328</i>		<i>501,000</i>	<i>504,328</i>	<i>50,000*</i>	<i>554,328</i>
Departmental 2007-08	39,021	0	0	39,021	0	39,021
<i>Departmental 2006-07</i>	<i>33,655</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>33,655</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>33,655</i>
<b>Total - 2007-08</b>	<b>39,305</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>541,446</b>	<b>580,751</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>580,751</b>
<b>Total - 2006-07</b>	<b>36,983</b>		<b>501,000</b>	<b>537,983</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>587,983</b>
<b>Total Education, Science &amp; Training Portfolio AGIE 2007-08</b>	<b>51,161</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>542,072</b>	<b>593,233</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>596,448</b>
<b>Total Education, Science &amp; Training Portfolio AGIE 2006-07</b>	<b>48,549</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>501,590</b>	<b>550,139</b>	<b>52,635</b>	<b>602,774</b>

Note \* Appropriation Bill No 5

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