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Your portfolio

‘Your portfolio’ volume provides an overview of the administrative, governance and funding arrangements for the portfolio. This includes:

Programs at a glance and major program briefs

The **Programs ‘at a glance’** section lists all programs and summarises funding, and program length. The program funding outlined in this section relates to administered funding and special accounts.

Major program briefs have been prepared for significant programs and provide further information on the programs’ current status and full funding profile as at the Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2025.

Portfolio entities

The portfolio encompasses oversight of several entities governed under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*. We have summarised the entities within your portfolio, including each entity’s funding profile, and management board.

Other boards and structures

This section provides you with an overview of the various boards and governance bodies associated with the portfolio, including statutory boards, advisory councils, committees and panels.

Regulatory functions

We have provided you with an overview of the major regulatory functions across your portfolio.

We deliver our regulatory functions in line with a Statement of Expectations issued by the Minister, which provides clarity on government policies, objectives and priorities. You have the opportunity to issue a new Ministerial Statement of Expectations for regulators.

Significant ministerial roles

You hold a number of significant positions crucial to advancing domestic and international policy objectives, which are summarised in this section. The department supports your participation as well as the effective operation of these forums.

Portfolio legislation

Included in this section are details of your portfolio’s legislation. The legislation outlined below is current as at 4 May 2025 and may not match the Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO) created on 13 October 2022 (as amended on 29 July 2024).

The AAOs will be updated by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to align with the swearing in of the Ministry.

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Programs 'at a glance'



Programs 'at a glance'

Program	Total funding over forward estimates 2025–26 to 2028–29 (\$m) ¹ Administered	Program terminating date or 'ongoing'	Major brief prepared	Contact
Outcome 1				
Regional Level Crossing Safety Program The Regional Australia Level Crossing Safety Program improves safety at regional level railway crossings through research and innovation, improvements to data accuracy and accessibility of the National Level Crossing Safety Portal, raising awareness of risks at level crossings and providing infrastructure upgrades at level crossings.	\$127.7 (Includes \$126.2m Treasury Specific Purpose Payment)	June 2027	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Outcome 2				
Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast (ADS-B) Rebate Program Support for aviation operators to install ADS-B equipment in their aircraft.	\$5.6	30 June 2027	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme (BSPVES) The BSPVES aims to reduce the cost of sea travel between the mainland and Tasmania by providing a rebate for the transportation of an eligible passenger vehicle across Bass Strait.	\$250.0 (BSPVES is a demand driven program)	Ongoing	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Emerging Aviation Technologies Programs Grant program supporting strategic partnerships with industry, using emerging aviation technology to address community and regional needs.	\$3.1	30 June 2026	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Program	Total funding over forward estimates 2025–26 to 2028–29 (\$m) ¹ Administered	Program terminating date or 'ongoing'	Major brief prepared	Contact
Enhanced Regional Security Screening The Regional Airports Screening Infrastructure (RASI) program funds necessary capital works and a portion of initial operating costs for enhanced security screening equipment at eligible regional airports.	\$6.0	30 June 2027	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included in 'Regional aviation programs' No <input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Freight and Supply Chain Strategy – Freight Data Hub (TraNSIT resilience program) TraNSIT provides decision-makers with enhanced capabilities to evaluate Australia's supply chain resilience over time including during disruptions like floods.	\$0.3	30 June 2026	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) – contribution An ongoing annual contribution to ICAO, the international aviation standards and recommended practices setting organization.	\$13.8 (\$3.5 annually. Annual contributions are based on relative level of aviation activity in each member country)	Ongoing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
International Maritime Organization (IMO) – contribution The IMO is a specialised agency of the United Nations responsible for the safety and security of shipping, and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships. This program meets the Australian Government's contribution of IMO operating expenses, which is shared between member states.	\$1.6 (Annual contributions are based on registered shipping tonnage)	Ongoing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
International Transport Forum (ITF) – contribution The ITF at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development is an intergovernmental organisation which acts as a think tank for transport policy and organises the Annual Summit of transport ministers. This program meets the Australian Government's contribution to the ITF.	\$0.5 (Annual contributions are based on a formula agreed upon by the member countries)	Ongoing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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National Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator delivers the Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative on behalf of the Australian Government by funding practical, non-infrastructure projects to improve heavy vehicle safety nationally.	\$18.9	Ongoing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Newcastle Airport International Terminal Upgrade Funding for the upgrading of the Newcastle Airport International Terminal providing enhanced passenger and border processing facilities.	\$7.5 (Funding represents last two payments of the \$55 million capped total Commonwealth contribution)	30 June 2026	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Parking Infringement Notice Scheme (PINS) PINS is an opt-in governance framework that is administered by the Commonwealth and enables leased federal airports to issue and manage traffic and parking infringement notices within their landside areas, under the <i>Airports (Control of On Airport Activities) Regulations 1997</i> .	\$4.0	Ongoing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Payment scheme for Airservices Australia's en route charges Provides a subsidy to commercial or aeromedical air operators servicing regional and remote locations through a reimbursement of charges levied by Airservices Australia.	\$8.0	Ongoing	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included in 'Regional aviation programs' No <input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
PFAS Airports Investigation Program The Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Airports Investigation Program aims to determine the nature and extent of PFAS contamination at civilian airports.	\$64.2	30 June 2027	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Real World Testing of Vehicle Efficiency The program funds on-road real world vehicle emissions and fuel economy testing of light vehicles so consumers have more information on vehicle efficiency.	\$3.5	June 2026	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Program	Total funding over forward estimates 2025–26 to 2028–29 (\$m) ¹ Administered	Program terminating date or 'ongoing'	Major brief prepared	Contact
Regional Airports Program The Regional Airports Program (RAP) assists regional airport owners undertake essential works to promote aviation safety and community access.	\$45.8	30 June 2027	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included in 'Regional aviation programs' No <input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Regional Aviation Access Program The Regional Aviation Access Program (RAAP) provides remote communities with improved access to regional centres by supporting air transport services and airstrip works includes the Remote Air Services Subsidy (RASS) Scheme, Remote Aerodrome Inspection Program (RAI) and the Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Program.	\$124.4	Ongoing (RASS and RAI) 30 June 2027 (RAU)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included in 'Regional aviation programs' No <input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project The Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project (SLGAAP) assists local government road managers undertake capacity assessments of bridges and culverts on key routes for heavy vehicles to assist their road managers make decisions about heavy vehicle access to the road network. Delivery partners are the NHVR, QLD Government and NSW Government who work with local governments.	\$14.4	June 2029	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES) The TFES supports the Tasmanian economy by reducing the additional cost of transporting non-bulk sea freight across the Bass Strait.	\$821.0 (TFES is a demand driven program)	Ongoing	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Program	Total funding over forward estimates 2025–26 to 2028–29 (\$m) ¹ Administered	Program terminating date or 'ongoing'	Major brief prepared	Contact
Tourist and Heritage Operators Rail Safety Regulation The Tourist and Heritage Operators Rail Safety Regulation provides funding to the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) to regulate and ensure ongoing safety and viability of tourist and heritage rail operators, many of which are in regional areas. Funding has been secured for the period 2023–24 to 2028–29 as the Commonwealth contribution for regulation of tourist and heritage rail. Provision of this funding to ONRSR is reliant on new cost recovery arrangements for rail regulation being agreed, which is yet to occur. To date, funding has been returned annually to consolidated revenue.	\$7.2	Ongoing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Western Sydney Airport - preparatory roles Funds to support Commonwealth obligations, including for biodiversity offsets, airspace design, treatment of intrusions, noise insulation and property acquisition, and the establishment of a keeping place for Aboriginal cultural heritage.	\$106.2	31 December 2027	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Whyalla Airport Upgrade Contribution towards upgrading Whyalla Airport to enable larger aircraft to land safely and ensure regional connectivity.	\$6.2	30 June 2026	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included in 'Regional aviation programs' <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Women in the Aviation Industry The Women in the Aviation Industry Initiative seeks to encourage more women to pursue career opportunities in the aviation industry.	\$1.5	30 June 2026	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

¹ From 2025-26 to 2028-29. All figures as at 31 March 2025.

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Major program briefs



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Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme (BSPVES)

Outcome 2

Description The Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme (BSPVES) aims to reduce the cost of sea travel between the mainland and Tasmania by providing a rebate for the transportation of an eligible passenger vehicle across Bass Strait.

Status The BSPVES commenced in 1996 and provides an approximate subsidy, not an exact equalisation, relative to the cost of an equivalent road or rail journey on the mainland. The BSPVES is a demand-driven program and operates under Ministerial Directions, last updated on 7 May 2024.

In the 2023–24 financial year, approximately \$58.3 million was paid through BSPVES, providing assistance for approximately 201,425 eligible passenger vehicle movements. Since 1996 the rebate has been increased annually using the Consumer Price Index. The rebate for a car for a one-way trip is \$266, effective 1 July 2024.

There are two BSPVES services operators, TT-Line (who receives almost all of the funding) and Bass Island Line (for moving passenger vehicles to and from King Island).

As an uncapped and demand driven program, should demand exceed appropriation then funding is adjusted via an estimates variation to ensure sufficient funds are available to pay all eligible claims.

Your portfolio is responsible for the BSPVES and its settings, but claims are processed and paid by Services Australia who administer the Scheme on behalf of the department.

Program funding

	2025–26 (\$m)	2026–27 (\$m)	2027–28 (\$m)	2028–29 (\$m)
Program funding (at 2025–26 Budget) – administered	60.2	61.7	63.2	64.8

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PFAS Airports Investigation Program**Outcome 2**

Description The department is administering the PFAS Airports Investigation Program (the Program) at up to 37 civilian airports where the government or its entities historically provided firefighting services using PFAS-containing foams. The Program aims to identify the nature and extent of PFAS contamination through independently audited, whole-of-site testing, and develop nationally consistent management plans.

Participation will ensure thorough, independent and targeted testing and assessment is undertaken across the entire airport site, and include a:

- **Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI)** – desktop review of prior PFAS use, previous sampling results, site inspections and some limited sampling may also be undertaken;
- **Detailed Site Investigation (DSI)** – whole-of-site sampling and analysis to determine nature, extent and exposure pathways;
- **Human Health and/or Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA)** – to be undertaken if PFAS is detected above guideline levels and exposure pathways have been confirmed; and
- **PFAS Management Plan** – tailored to monitor and manage identified risks.

Management and remediation activities are beyond the scope of the Program and will require future consideration by the Government.

Status The Program commenced on 1 July 2021, and is funded to 30 June 2027. The total Program commitment is \$130.5 million. Airport participation is voluntary, with investigations being undertaken in tranches to manage market capacity constraints. As at 3 April 2025, a total of 16 airports were participating in the Program through Tranche 1 and 2. Tranche 3 is also underway with a further 16 airports invited to join the Program, of which (as at 3 April 2025) two have agreed to participate.

Program funding

	2025–26 (\$m)	2026–27 (\$m)	2027–28 (\$m)	2028–29 (\$m)
Program funding (at 2025–26 Budget)	38.8	25.3	–	–

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Regional aviation programs**Outcome 2**

Description	<p>The department administers five programs that support regional and remote aviation, predominantly to support connectivity and the delivery of essential goods and services. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Regional Airports Program (RAP) that supports essential safety and accessibility upgrades at regional airports to promote aviation safety and community access; the Enhanced Regional Security Screening (Regional Airports Screening Infrastructure (RASI) Program) that provides funding for capital works and a portion of initial operating costs for enhanced security screening equipment at eligible regional airports; the Airservices Australia Enroute Charges Payment Scheme (Enroute Scheme) that subsidises commercial or aeromedical air operators servicing low volume routes to regional and remote locations through a reimbursement of charges levied by Airservices Australia; the Regional Aviation Access Program (RAAP) that provides remote communities with improved access to regional centres by supporting subsidised flights and airstrip works. It is comprised of the Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Program, Remote Air Services Subsidy (RASS) Scheme and the Remote Aerodrome Inspection (RAI) Program; and funding for the Whyalla Airport Upgrade, to enable larger aircraft to land safely and ensuring continued safe regular air passenger transport and regional connectivity.
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Status

RAP	The RAP commenced on 24 October 2019 and is funded until 30 June 2027. In February and March 2025 the outcomes of Round 4 were announced, with 45 successful projects sharing in nearly \$25 million in funding. The final round within the current funding, with \$15 million available will be run in 2025–26. There are 28 projects still underway from Rounds 1 and 3.
RASI	The RASI Program commenced on 22 July 2020 and ends on 30 June 2027. It was established as a time and cost limited program (during COVID-19), aimed at reducing the cost burden regional airports faced in complying with regulated security screening requirements. Three airports have still to finalise their available support.
Enroute Scheme	The Enroute Scheme is an ongoing program that commenced on 1 January 2002, with annual funding of \$2 million. The department enters into yearly agreements with grantees.
RAAP	<p>The RAAP is comprised of the Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Program, the Remote Air Services Subsidy (RASS) Scheme and the Remote Aerodrome Inspection (RAI) Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RAU Program commenced on 19 October 2011 and is funded until 30 June 2027. Forty projects are currently underway Round 11 of the RAU was open for applications 4 November to 13 December 2024, and the outcomes are still to be agreed by the Australia Government. The final round within the current funding will be run in 2025–26.

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- The **RASS Scheme** commenced in 1982 and is an ongoing program that subsidises a regular weekly air transport service for goods, services and passengers at up to 275 remote communities. The department procures the air operators, with 6 air operators currently servicing 11 contract regions.
- The **RAI Program** commenced in 1992–93 and is ongoing, providing inspection reports to up to 52 airstrips servicing Indigenous communities.

Whyalla Airport The **Whyalla Airport Upgrade Program** is providing \$16.2 million over 2024–25 and 2025–26 to the South Australian Government. Works are underway.

Program funding

	2025–26 (\$m)	2026–27 (\$m)	2027–28 (\$m)	2028–29 (\$m)
TOTAL Regional Aviation program funding (at 2025–26 Budget) – administered	77.7	74.2	19.4	19.1
RAP	20.4	25.4	-	-
RASI	4.2	1.8	-	-
Enroute Scheme	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
RAAP*	44.9	45	17.4	17.1
Whyalla Airport Upgrade	6.2	-	-	-

*The RAAP is comprised of the RAU Program, RASS Scheme and the RAI Program

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Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES)**Outcome 2**

Description	The Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES) supports the Tasmanian economy by reducing the cost of transporting non-bulk sea freight across the Bass Strait. The TFES commenced on 1 July 1976 and is an ongoing program.
Status	The TFES assists in alleviating the higher cost incurred by shippers of eligible non-bulk goods transported between Tasmania and mainland Australia, and between the main island of Tasmania and King Island or the Furneaux Group. The main objective of the scheme is to provide Tasmanian industries with opportunities to compete in other domestic markets and internationally, recognising that, unlike their mainland counterparts, Tasmanian shippers do not have the option of transporting goods interstate by road or rail.

On 20 August 2024, the Senate established a select committee, to inquire into and report on the operation of TFES. On 19 December 2024, the Committee tabled its final report identifying five recommendations. A total of \$185.2 million in assistance was provided under TFES in the 2023–24 financial year, representing an increase of approximately \$6.7 million from the previous financial year. The TFES budget for each of the 2025–26 and 2026–27 financial years is \$228.5 million, reflecting the additional \$93.0 million of program funding committed and noted in the Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook, while a review into TFES is undertaken.

The TFES is a demand driven and uncapped program. The number of claims received and paid is driven by Tasmanian economic conditions and activity in the manufacturing, mining, agriculture, forestry and fishing industries.

As an uncapped and demand driven program, should demand exceed appropriation then funding is adjusted via an estimates variation to ensure sufficient funds are available to pay all eligible claims.

Your portfolio is responsible for the TFES and its settings, but claims are processed and paid by Services Australia, who administer the Scheme on behalf of the department.

Program funding

	2025–26 (\$m)	2026–27 (\$m)	2027–28 (\$m)	2028–29 (\$m)
Program funding (at PEFO 2025) – administered	228.5	228.5	182.0	182.0

Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
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Western Sydney Airport – preparatory roles**Outcome 2**

Description	The department is responsible for implementing a number of measures required to operationalise Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSI) by late-2026. These obligations are set out under the Western Sydney Airport Project Deed and conditions of the Airport Plan, and are referred to as the Commonwealth Preparatory Activities (CPAs).
Status	<p>Funding was provided to undertake the CPAs in the 2017–18 and 2024–25 Budgets. The CPAs are on track, but risks to the program increase as opening of the airport approaches. The CPAs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airspace and flight path design: The final Environmental Impact Statement for WSI's preliminary airspace and flight path design was published on 7 November 2024 (2024 EIS), following extensive community engagement. The department will seek your approval for the WSI preliminary airspace and flight paths early in your term. • Treatment of Obstacle Limitation Surface intrusions: The department is safeguarding the airspace around the WSI site by marking, lowering or removing structures which exceed height limits. As of 31 March 2025, two structures require treatment prior to the commencement of airport operations. • Noise insulation and property acquisition: The department is working to implement the Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition (NIPA) policy outlined in the 2024 EIS to support people most affected by WSI aircraft overflight noise. Under the NIPA program the department will insulate or acquire buildings around the WSI site at an expected cost of \$72.6 million over the forward estimates. The department will seek your approval of the NIPA program guidelines prior to the program's launch in the second half of 2025. • Biodiversity offsets: As at 31 March 2025, \$151 million of program funds have been used to offset environmental impacts on listed species and ecosystems, including the purchase of biodiversity credits in the NSW credit market and the establishment of a major conservation site at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills. The department will continue to engage the offset market to secure its remaining obligations for WSI. • Aboriginal cultural heritage: The department will undertake further consultation with relevant stakeholders to establish an Aboriginal cultural heritage keeping place that will provide secure storage of artefacts and allow access for cultural, interpretation, education and research purposes.

Program funding

	2025–26 (\$m)	2026–27 (\$m)	2027–28 (\$m)	2028–29 (\$m)
Program funding (at 2025–26 Budget) – administered	95.9	6.0	4.3	-

Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
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Portfolio entities



Portfolio entities

Airservices Australia (Airservices)

Description

Airservices Australia (Airservices) is responsible for providing air traffic services, aeronautical information services, aviation rescue and fire-fighting services, aeronautical communications, and facilities necessary for safe navigation of aircraft. Airservices also carries out activities to help minimise the impact on the environment from the effects of aircraft operations.

Airservices is a corporate Commonwealth entity established by the *Air Services Act 1995* (the Act).

Your role and responsibilities

Under the Act you:

- are responsible for appointing board members (other than the CEO) and can make acting appointments to the office of chair and deputy chair;
- have the power to grant leave of absence to the chair and to terminate the appointment of appointed board members;
- may give directions to Airservices relating to the performance of its functions or the exercise of its powers;
- may also:
 - direct Airservices to vary its corporate plan;
 - issue a Statement of Expectations to notify Airservices about its strategic direction and the manner in which it should perform its functions, noting the current Statement of Expectations is due to expire on 30 June 2025;
 - direct Airservices to supply any documents or information to a person nominated by you;
 - approve a written determination setting out charges for services or facilities provided by Airservices and penalties for late payment of these charges; and
 - approve or vary the board's dividend recommendations.

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Board members and leadership

Name: Airservices Board

Type: Management Board

Description: The Board is responsible for deciding on Airservices' objectives, strategies and policies, and ensuring it performs its functions in a proper, efficient and effective manner.

Member's name	Position	Current term expiry date
Mr John Weber	Chair	2 June 2025
Ms Anne Brown	Deputy Chair	10 December 2027
Ms Nicolle Connelly	Member	31 July 2026
Air Marshall (Ret'd) Mel Hupfeld AO DSC	Member	31 July 2027
Mr Lawrence Turner	Member	9 May 2027
Ms Susan Ferrier	Member	23 March 2029
Mr Douglas Bain	Member	31 March 2028
Vacant	Member	N/A
Mr Rob Sharp	Ex-officio member (CEO)	19 January 2029

Funding profile

Airservices is generally fully funded by industry through various charges for the provision of its services and facilities. These charges are regulated by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).

As at 2025–26 Budget*	2025–26 (\$m)	2026–2027 (\$m)	2027–2028 (\$m)	2028–2029 (\$m)
Revenue from Government	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other Revenue	1,332	1,515	1,639	1,722
Total Revenue	1,332	1,515	1,639	1,722

Average Staffing Level	3,642**	-	-	-
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*Airservices does not appear in the Portfolio Budget Statements as it does not receive direct funding through annual appropriations. Figures are sourced from Airservices Australia's Corporate Plan 2024–25.

**Total ongoing and non-ongoing staff sourced from Annual Report 2023–24.

Contacts

Department contact: Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

Portfolio entity contacts: Rob Sharp, Chief Executive Officer; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii) and Paul Stoddart, Chief Customer and External Relations Officer; s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

Description

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) is Australia's national maritime regulatory body responsible for ensuring safe vessel operations, combating marine pollution and rescuing people in distress. AMSA has regulatory responsibilities for international shipping in Australian waters and the safety of domestic commercial vessels.

AMSA's responsibilities include:

- promoting maritime safety and protection of the marine environment;
- preventing and combating ship-sourced pollution in the marine environment;
- providing infrastructure to support safety of navigation in Australian waters;
- providing a national search and rescue service to the maritime and aviation sectors;
- providing, on request, services to the maritime industry on a commercial basis; and
- providing, on request, services of a maritime nature on a commercial basis to the Australian Government and/or states and territories.

AMSA is an independent statutory authority established under the *Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990* (AMSA Act).

Your role and responsibilities

Under the AMSA Act you:

- are responsible for appointing AMSA Board members for periods not exceeding five years;
- may issue directions to AMSA 'as to the performance of its functions' (section 8), with reimbursement by the Commonwealth for any associated financial detriment (section 9);
- have responsibility for issuing Statements of Expectations (section 9A). The current statement expires on 30 September 2026;
- are responsible for appointing a chief executive officer to hold office for a period not exceeding five years; and
- may delegate a number of your powers under the AMSA Act to the Secretary or an Senior Executive Officer of the department. These powers relate to asset transfers and payments (sections 30, 31, 34, 48, 59) and are not currently delegated. The department is not aware of these powers being used in recent history.

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Portfolio entities

Board members and leadership**Name:** AMSA Board**Type:** Management Board**Description:** The Board is responsible for deciding on AMSA's objectives, strategies and policies, and ensuring it performs its functions in a proper, efficient and effective manner.

Member's name	Position	Current term expiry date
Ms Kaylene Dale	CEO (ex-officio)	30 September 2029
Captain Jeanine Drummond	Chair	2 July 2027
Ms Jennifer Clark	Deputy Chair	9 February 2026
Mr Daryl Quinlivan AO	Member	15 December 2026
Mr Dean Summers	Member	2 July 2028
Ms Michelle Taylor	Member	2 July 2028
Mr Warwick Norman AM	Member	10 February 2028
Ms Katherine Hughes	Member	10 February 2028
Ms Cha Jordanoski (as the department's CFO)	Member (ex-officio – nominated Departmental position)	N/A

Funding profile

As at 2024–25 Budget	2025–26 (\$m)	2026–27 (\$m)	2027–28 (\$m)	2028–29 (\$m)
Revenue from Government	234.5	238.1	241.7	245.8
Other Revenue	21.6	16.7	15.4	13.5
Total Revenue	256.1	254.8	257.1	259.3

Average Staffing Level

492

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Revenue from Government includes the transfer of funds levied from industry. In 2025–26 this is estimated to be \$132.3m.

Contacts**Department contact:** Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)**Portfolio entity contact:** Kaylene Dale, CEO, AMSA; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)**OFFICIAL: SENSITIVE**

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Portfolio entities

Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB)

Description

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) is an independent statutory agency which conducts no-blame safety investigations in the aviation, rail and interstate and overseas shipping modes of transport. The ATSB's purpose is to improve transport safety for the greatest public benefit through independent investigations and influencing safety action.

The ATSB is a non-corporate Commonwealth entity established by the *Transport Safety Investigation Act 2003* (TSI Act). The TSI Act makes it clear that in carrying out its purpose the ATSB cannot apportion blame, assist in determining liability or, as a general rule, assist in court proceedings. Under the TSI Act the ATSB is required to publish a report as soon as practicable after completion of an investigation. The ATSB will typically provide the your office with advance notice of all final investigation reports prior to release.

Your role and responsibilities

Under the TSI Act you:

- appoint the chief commissioner and other commissioners;
- may give a written Statement of Expectations to the ATSB on its strategic direction, noting the current Statement of Expectations is due to expire on 30 June 2025; and
- may direct the ATSB to investigate a transport safety matter.

Board members and leadership

Name: ATSB Board

Type: Management Board

Description: The Board ensures the ATSB delivers on its functions to improve transport safety by investigating and reporting on aviation, maritime and rail safety matters.

Member's name	Position	Current term expiry date
Mr Angus Mitchell	Chief Commissioner	1 September 2026
Ms Julie Bullas	Commissioner	8 October 2026
Mr Gary Prosser	Commissioner	13 December 2025
Mr Peter Wilson	Commissioner	31 July 2026

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Portfolio entities

Funding profile

The ATSB receives funding from the Australian Government through an annual appropriation. Part of this government funding is sourced from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the ATSB's participation in Australian Government transport safety initiatives including capability building activities as part of the Indonesia Transport Safety Assistance Package.

As at 2025–26 Budget	2025–26 (\$m)	2026–27 (\$m)	2027–28 (\$m)	2028–29 (\$m)
Revenue from Government	26.3	22.9	23.2	23.5
Other Revenue	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.3
Total Revenue*	27.8	23.9	24.5	24.8
Average Staffing Level	110	-	-	-

Total revenue figures may not align with revenue source totals due to rounding.

Contacts

Department contact: Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

Portfolio entity contact:

Angus Mitchell, Chief Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii) and
Colin McNamara, Chief Operating Officer; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Portfolio entities

Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)

Description

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) is the agency responsible for establishing a regulatory framework to maintain, enhance and promote the safety of civil aviation, with particular emphasis on preventing aviation accidents and incidents. CASA also has an obligation to foster the efficient use of, and equitable access to, Australian-administered airspace.

CASA is a corporate Commonwealth entity established in 1995 under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* (CA Act) and associated regulations.

CASA is also responsible for the administration and regulation of Australian-administered airspace, in accordance with the *Airspace Act 2007*.

Your role and responsibilities

Under the CA Act you:

- are responsible for appointing members and the deputy chair and chair of the CASA Board, including making acting appointments;
- may give the CASA Board written directions through a Statement of Expectations as to the performance of its functions or the exercise of its powers;
- may also notify the CASA Board in writing of your views on the appropriate strategic direction for CASA, and the manner in which CASA should perform its functions. Your directions as to the performance of CASA's regulatory functions can only be of a general nature, and are typically transmitted through the Statement of Expectations. The current Statement of Expectations expires on 30 June 2025;
- may direct CASA to give any documents or information relating to its operations to a person nominated by you;
- must respond to CASA's corporate plan within 60 days of being provided the plan; and
- must cause a copy of the corporate plan to be laid before each House of Parliament within 15 sitting days after responding to the plan.

CASA receives funding from three major sources: a 3.556 cents per litre excise on aviation fuel consumed by all domestic aircraft; a Government annual appropriation; and regulatory services fees and levies.

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Portfolio entities

Board members and leadership

Name: CASA Board

Type: Management Board

Description: The Board is responsible for deciding on CASA's objectives, strategies and policies, and ensuring it performs its functions in a proper, efficient and effective manner.

Member's name	Position	Current term expiry date
Air Chief Marshal (Ret'd) Mark Binskin AC	Chair	19 August 2027
Ms Elizabeth Hallett	Deputy Chair	15 May 2027
Professor Felipe Gonzalez	Member	22 March 2028
Professor Tarryn Kille	Member	8 October 2026
Ms Jacqueline Korhonen	Member	7 February 2026
Mr Adrian Verkerk	Member	15 May 2027
Ms Pip Spence PSM	Ex-officio member (CEO)	16 May 2026

Funding profile

As at 2025–26 Budget	2025–26 (\$m)	2026–27 (\$m)	2027–28 (\$m)	2028–29 (\$m)
Annual appropriation	54.8	42.8	43.128	42.8
Special appropriations (Aviation Fuel Excise and Remotely Piloted Aircraft System levy)	131.2	161.9	165.7	169.7
Other Revenue	19.0	18.1	17.6	17.1
Total Revenue*	205.0	222.9	226.3	229.5
Average Staffing Level	832	-	-	-

Total revenue figures may not align with revenue source totals due to rounding.

Contacts

Department contact: Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

Portfolio entity contact: Ann Redmond, National Manager; Industry and Government Engagement; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

CEO and Director of Aviation Safety contact: Pip Spence; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Portfolio entities

National Transport Commission (NTC)

Description

The National Transport Commission (NTC) is an independent statutory agency, established to improve the productivity, safety and environmental performance of Australia's road, rail and intermodal transport systems. The role and purpose of the NTC as a corporate Commonwealth entity are established through the *National Transport Commission Act 2003* (NTC Act) and the 2003 Inter-Governmental Agreement for Regulatory and Operational Reform in Road, Rail and Intermodal Transport (IGA).

The NTC is accountable to you and Australian transport ministers through the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting (ITMM) and works closely with jurisdictions through the Infrastructure and Transport Senior Officials' Committee (ITSOC).

The NTC leads national land transport reform to support Australian governments to:

- improve safety, productivity, environmental outcomes and regulatory efficiency, and enable future transport technologies;
- promote an integrated and nationally consistent land transport system; and
- help achieve the strategic objectives of Australia's infrastructure and transport ministers.

The NTC is reviewed every six years, with the next review due in 2027. The department has also recently commissioned Ernst & Young to undertake a review of key transport bodies. The review is examining the contribution and performance of the NTC, Austroads, the National Transport Research Organisation and the iMOVE Cooperative Research Centre in supporting national harmonisation of road transport policy and regulation. The report from Ernst & Young is due in mid-2025.

Your role and responsibilities

Under the NTC Act and IGA, you are responsible for:

- appointing members to the NTC, including a Chair and Deputy Chair, in consultation with ITMM;
- reviewing the operation and performance of the NTC every six years through ITMM;
- setting the Commonwealth's priorities; and approving the work program and budget through ITMM; and
- signing the NTC's Statement of Expectations as the ITMM Chair. The previous Statement remains in place until further revisions are agreed.

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Portfolio entities

Board members and leadership

Name: National Transport Commissioners

Type: Management Board

Description: The Commissioners are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the NTC.

Member's name	Position	Current term expiry date
Ms Carolyn Walsh	Chair	1 January 2026
Mr Michael Hopkins (ex-officio)	CEO	10 July 2028
Mr Jim Betts	Member	29 September 2025
Mr Jon Whelan	Member	1 January 2027
Ms Loretta Lynch	Member	15 July 2027
Mr Michael Byrne	Member	15 July 2027

Note: There is currently no Commissioner appointed as the NTC Deputy Chair. You will need to appoint an NTC Deputy Chair from the current members in 2025.

Funding profile

As at 2025–26 Budget	2025–26 (\$m)	2026–27 (\$m)	2027–28 (\$m)	2028–29 (\$m)
Revenue from Government	6.4	5.6	4.5	4.6
Other Revenue*	12.3	10.6	8.6	8.8
Total Revenue**	18.7	16.2	13.1	13.5
Average Staffing Level	44	-	-	-

* Other Revenue relates to funding provided by state and territory governments.

**Total revenue figures may not align with revenue source totals due to rounding.

Contacts

Department contact: Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary; Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

Portfolio entity contact: Michael Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer; 03 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Other boards and structures



Other boards and structures

Name: Australian Jet Zero Council

Established by/under: Australian Government (announced June 2023)

Type: Non-statutory advisory structure

Appointed by: Minister appoints Chair. Chair, following consultation with the Minister, will determine membership.

Description: The Australian Jet Zero Council brings together a cross-section of senior stakeholders from across the aviation sector and its supply chains to lead efforts to deliver net zero aviation in Australia. It coordinates across the sector to provide advice to the Australian Government, through the department, on issues related to the aviation industry's transition to net zero emissions.

Board members:

- Mr Jim Betts, Secretary, Chair;
- Ms Fiona Messent, Member (Qantas representative);
- Mr Irwin Tan, Member (Rex Airlines representative) ;
- Mr Christian Bennett, Member (Virgin Australia representative);
- Mr Gert-Jan de Graff (Brisbane Airport Corporation representative);
- Mr Peter Gniel, Member (Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP) representative);
- Ms Shahana McKenzie, Member (Low Carbon Fuel Alliance of Australia and New Zealand representative);
- Mr Brent Merrick, Member (Ampol representative);
- Mr Stephen Forshaw, Member (Airbus representative);
- Dr Kimberly Camrass, Member (Boeing representative);
- Mr Jesse Scott, Member (GrainCorp representative);
- Dr Dietmar Tourbier, Member (CSIRO representative);
- Mr Alex Grant, Member (ARENA representative);
- Mr Rupert Maloney, Member (Clean Energy Finance Corporation representative);
- Mr Alan Milne, Member (RAAA representative); and
- BRIG Mark Baldock, Member (Department of Defence representative).

Contact: Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division;
02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Other boards and structures

Name: Austroads**Established by/under:** Australian and New Zealand road transport and traffic authorities**Type:** Inter-jurisdictional and international bodies**Appointed by:** N/A. Representatives are nominated by member organisations.

Description: Austroads is a not-for-profit corporate entity funded and owned by Australian and New Zealand government transport agencies. It was established to deliver improved road transport outcomes by providing expert technical input to national policy development. Austroads is governed by a board, comprising representatives from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, the New Zealand government, and local government. The Commonwealth is represented on the board by a senior departmental official.

Board members:

- Ms Louise McCormick, Chair (Department of Logistics and Infrastructure Northern Territory);
- Mr Brett Gliddon, Deputy Chair (NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi);
- Mr Dennis Walsh, Member (Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads);
- Ms Cynthia Heydon, Member (Department of State Growth Tasmania);
- Mr William Tieppo, Member (Department of Transport Victoria);
- Mr Peter Woronzow, Member (Department of Transport Western Australia);
- Mr John Hardwick, Member (Transport for New South Wales);
- Mr David Pryce, Member (Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate ACT);
- Mr Jon Whelan, Member (Department for Infrastructure and Transport South Australia);
- Ms Amy Crawford, Member (Australian Local Government Association); and
- Ms Paula Stagg, Member (Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts).

Contact: Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division;

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Other boards and structures

Name: Brisbane Airport Community Airspace Advisory Board (AAB)**Established by/under:** Australian Government (established March 2023)**Type:** Non-statutory advisory structure**Appointed by:** Minister appoints Chair. Chair, in consultation with Minister, determines membership.

Description: The Brisbane Airport Community AAB is an independent community-based consultation body that shares information and advice to and from the community to better manage consultation on aircraft noise around Brisbane Airport. It facilitates community input and feedback on proposed changes to flight paths and airspace changes associated with Brisbane Airport' Noise Action Plan. The AAB is supported by industry and government advisors.

Board members:

- Ms Kim Jordan, Chair;
- Mr David Diamond, Member (community representative);
- Ms Tess Bignell, Member (community representative);
- Mr Stephen Muller, Member (community representative);
- Mr Matt Loveday, Member (community representative); and
- Ms Janelle Moody, Member (community representative).

Contact: Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division;

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Other boards and structures

Name: Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA)

Established by/under: Established as a condition of the Western Sydney Airport Plan determined in December 2016, under the *Airports Act 1996*.

Type: Non-statutory advisory structure

Appointed by: Minister appoints Chair. Minister, in consultation with Chair, will determine membership.

Description: FOWSA enables the community's views to be considered in the planning and development of the airport. Its key objective is to promote engagement between community, stakeholder representatives and an Aviation Expert Steering Group on issues relating to airspace management and flight path options, noise abatement and other aircraft operating procedures, and potential noise and amenity impacts.

Board members:

- Ms Lee de Winton, Chair;
- Mr Rob Walker, Member (regional airport operator representative);
- Clr Paul Veigel, Member (local government representative);
- Mayor Todd Carney, Member (local government representative);
- Ms Lindy Deitz, Member (local government representative);
- Dr Rosemary Dillon, Member (local government representative);
- Mr Chris Kwong, Member (major airline representative);
- Mr Scott Mitchell, Member (major airline representative);
- Ms Joanne Bromilow, Member (community representative);
- Dr Mike Freeland MP, Member (community representative);
- Ms Anne Stanley MP, Member (community representative);
- Mr Gordon Henwood, Member (community representative);
- Mr Jacob Idiculas, Member (community representative);
- Mr Wayne Willmington, Member (community representative);
- Mr Gregory Copeland, Member (community representative);
- Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP, Member (community representative);
- Mr David Trevelyan, Member (general aviation user representative);
- Mr David Borger, Member (organisational representative);
- Ms Anna Guillan, Member (organisational representative);
- Mrs Gina Metcalfe, Member NSW Government representative);
- Mr Tom Smith, Member (general aviation user representative);
- Ms Susan Templeman MP, Member (additional member);
- The Hon Angus Taylor MP, Member (additional member);
- Mayor Matt Gould, Member (additional member);
- Ms Katy Hannouch, Ex-officio member (Western Sydney Airport); and
- Ms Catherine Payne, Member Ex-officio member (Western Sydney Airport).

Contact: Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division;
02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Other boards and structures

Name: Freight Industry Reference Panel

Established by/under: Minister

Type: Non-statutory advisory structure**Appointed by:** Minister on behalf of state and territory counterparts.

Description: The Freight Industry Reference Panel's primary objective is to monitor and provide independent advice to the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting (ITMM) on the delivery of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy and National Action Plan. It also provides advice on identified national issues at the request of ITMM.

Board members:

- Mr John Fullerton, Chair;
- Ms Sophie Finemore, Member;
- Mr Michael Byrne, Member;
- Ms Heather Bone, Member; and
- Mr Paul Ryan, Member.

Contact: Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division;
 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Other boards and structures

Name: General Aviation Advisory Network (GAAN)**Established by/under:** Australian Government (announced October 2016)**Type:** Non-statutory advisory structure**Appointed by:** Minister.

Description: GAAN provides a forum for industry representatives to identify opportunities to work collaboratively to respond to pressures facing the General Aviation sector. The GAAN also provides advice to the Minister on general aviation matters.

Board members:

- Mr Rob Walker, Chair;
- Mr Julian Fraser, Member;
- Mr Nat Nagy, Member;
- Mr Grahame Hill, Member;
- Mr Mark De Stoop, Member;
- Ms Adrienne Fleming, Member;
- Mr Peter Gash, Member;
- Ms Jessica Graham, Member;
- Mr Michael Monck, Member;
- Mr Carl Jepsen, Member;
- Ms Sarah Thompson, Member;
- Mr Tom McCarthy, Member; and
- Mr Greg Tyrrell, Member.

Contact: Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division;
02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

Name: International Air Services Commission (IASC)**Established by/under:** *International Air Services Commission Act 1992***Type:** Statutory office holder, offices and committees**Appointed by:** Governor-General based on recommendations from the Minister.

Description: IASC's role is to determine the outcomes of applications made by existing and prospective Australian airlines for capacity entitlements available under bilateral air services arrangements. The Commission consists of three members, one of which is vacant. The secretariat services for IASC are provided by the department.

Commission members:

- Ms Genevieve Butler, Chair; and
- Ms Jane McKeon, Member.

Contact: Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division;
02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Other boards and structures

Name: National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR)**Established by/under:** *Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012* (Queensland)**Type:** National law bodies**Appointed by:** Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads on the unanimous recommendation of the responsible ministers from each Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) participating jurisdiction and the Minister. The CEO of the NHVR is appointed by the Board.**Description:** The NHVR administers the HVNL and supporting regulations, delivering a range of services related to heavy vehicles under a consistent regulatory framework in participating jurisdictions (all states and territories except WA and NT).**Board members:**

- Duncan Gay, Chair;
- Julie Russell, Deputy Chair;
- Catherine Scott, Member;
- Patrick Conlon, Member; and
- Gillian Miles, Member.

Contact: Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division;
02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)**Name: Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR)****Established by/under:** *Rail Safety National Law (South Australia) Act 2012***Type:** National law bodies**Appointed by:** Members of the ONRSR Board, including the Chief Executive and Non-Executive Members, are appointed by the South Australian Minister for Infrastructure and Transport on the unanimous recommendation of the responsible ministers from each Rail Safety National Law (RSNL) participating jurisdiction and the Minister.**Description:** ONRSR administers the RSNL, and works on behalf of state and territory governments and the Australian Government to promote and improve national rail safety.**Board members:**

- Dr Natalie Pelham, Chief Executive;
- Trish White AM, Non-Executive Member; and
- Julie-Anne Schafer, Non-Executive Member.

Contact: Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division;
02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)**OFFICIAL: SENSITIVE**

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Other boards and structures

Name: Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF)**Established by/under:** Australian Government (established July 1996)**Type:** Non-statutory advisory structure**Appointed by:** Minister appoints Chair. Minister, in consultation with Chair, determines membership.

Description: The SACF provides advice to the Minister, Sydney Airport Corporation and aviation authorities on the abatement of aircraft noise. It includes representatives from the community, industry and all levels of government. It is the main consultation body on the Sydney Airport Long Term Operating Plan.

Board members:

- Ms Sally Sitou MP, Chair (Federal Electorate of Reid);
- Mr Bob Hayes, Member (community representative);
- Ms Maria Patrinos, Member (community representative);
- Mr Kevin Hill, Member (community representative);
- Mr Alan Dukes, Member (community representative);
- The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Member (Federal Electorate of Sydney);
- The Hon Tony Burke MP, Member (Federal Electorate of Watson);
- Ms Kylea Tink MP, Member (Federal Electorate of North Sydney);
- The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Member (Federal Electorate of Grayndler);
- The Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Member (Federal Electorate of Bradfield);
- Ms Allegra Spender MP, Member (Federal Electorate of Wentworth);
- Mr Jerome Laxale MP, Member (Federal Electorate of Bennelong);
- The Hon Linda Burney MP, Member (Federal Electorate of Barton);
- The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, Member (Federal Electorate of Kingsford Smith);
- Mr Simon Kennedy MP, Member (Federal Electorate of Cook);
- Mr Ron Hoenig MP, Member (State Electorate of Heffron);
- Ms Jo Haylen MP, Member (State Electorate of Summer Hill);
- Clr Edward McDougall, Member (Bayside Council);
- Clr Jack Boyd, Member (Sutherland Shire Local Council);
- Clr Darcy Byrne, Member (Inner West Council);
- Clr Dylan Parker, Member (Randwick City Council);
- Mr Scott Charlton, Member (Sydney Airport);
- Captain Rob Edney, Member (Domestic Airline Industry); and
- Mr Stephen Pearse, Member (International Airline Industry).

Contact: Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) | s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Other boards and structures

Name: Sydney Airport Slot Compliance Committee**Established by/under:** *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997***Type:** Statutory office holder, offices and committees **Appointed by:** Minister (or delegate).

Description: The Slot Compliance Committee develops and administers the slot compliance scheme for Sydney Airport that is consistent with section 49 of the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997*. The Compliance Committee's role and membership will change with activation of legislative reforms to the Sydney Airport Demand Management framework in late 2025.

Committee members (current):

- Mr Benjamin Meagher, Chair (DITRDCA);
- Ms Kathryn Scarano, Member (DITRDCA);
- Paul Petrykowycz, Member (Sydney Airport Corporation Limited);
- Russell McArthur, Member (Airservices Australia);
- Luke Travica, Member (Qantas Group);
- Warrick Lodge, Member (Rex); and
- David Causer, Member (Virgin Australia).

Contact: Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Name: Sydney Airport Slot Manager**Established by/under:** *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997*

Type: Structure linked to the Australian Government through statutory contracts, agreements and delegations **Appointed by:** Minister.

Description: The Sydney Airport Slot Manager has responsibility for the administration of slot management at Sydney Airport, including slot allocation, compliance reporting and monitoring and financial management. The Sydney Airport Slot Manager transitioned from the previous long-term operator (Capacity Optimisation Group - COG) to a newly-appointed Slot Manager (Airport Coordination Limited Asia Pacific - ACL APAC) on 1 April 2024.

Board members:

- Mr Darren Batty, Coordination Manager (Airport Coordination Limited Asia Pacific).

Contact: Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Regulatory functions



Regulatory functions

Regulated Function	Key regulatory role	Contact
<i>Outcome 2</i>		
Approval for Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) (drones) Regulated under the Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations 2018 and associated regulation.	<p>The Secretary has legislative authority to grant approval to RPA owners or operators seeking to engage in air navigation activities that may generate noise impacts affecting the public.</p> <p>The Secretary's approval must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the period during the aircraft may engage in air navigation; and any conditions with which the operator or owner must comply to mitigate noise impacts. <p>To support the Secretary make regulatory decisions to grant approval, applications are evaluated based on comprehensive noise impact assessments, considering factors, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> flight paths relative to noise-sensitive areas; operating hours and frequency of operations; aircraft specifications and noise emission characteristics; and potential cumulative impacts with existing air traffic. 	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Economic regulation of international airlines and airports Regulated under the Air Navigation Act 1920 and associated regulation.	<p>The department oversees the economic regulation of international airlines operating to and from Australia, with specific responsibilities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> negotiation, implementation, and oversight of bilateral aerservices agreements; processing and approval of international scheduled service timetables and variations; management of changes to international airport designations and classifications; and assessment, issuance and approval of changes to international airline licences. <p>These functions are performed within the legislative framework governing international air transportation, ensuring compliance with international obligations.</p>	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Regulatory functions

Regulated Function	Key regulatory role	Contact
Leased Federal Airports Regulated under the <i>Airports Act 1996</i> and associated regulations.	Land planning The Minister has a range of controls and responsibilities for leased federal airports, and makes regulatory decisions about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airport Master Plans, which are prepared every 5-8 years to set out future land uses, types of permitted development, and noise and environmental impacts; Major Development Plans for proposed aviation and non-aviation developments, for example, new runways or logistics warehouses; and airport leases and airport ownership. Environmental protection (including PFAS) The department holds airport lessee companies to account for their environmental management of leased federal airports and makes regulatory decisions about on-ground environmental issues, including air, soil, water and noise pollution. Airspace intrusions The department makes regulatory decisions about the protection of airspace at and around airports. Curfews The department regulates curfews at Sydney, Adelaide, Gold Coast and Essendon Airports. On-airport activity The department makes regulatory decisions about parking infringements, liquor licensing and gambling at leased federal airports. Building approvals The department makes regulatory decisions about building approvals at leased federal airports.	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Coastal trading Regulated under the <i>Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012</i> (CT Act) and associated regulation.	The Minister has powers to determine that certain vessels or persons are not subject to the CT Act when moving cargo (or passengers) from one Australian state or territory to another. The administration of the CT Act has been delegated to appropriate Senior Executive Officers in the department. The department's responsibilities include granting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> general licences (for Australian registered vessels); temporary coast trading licences (for foreign vessels); and emergency licences. 	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division, 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Regulatory functions

Regulated Function	Key regulatory role	Contact
International liner shipping Regulated under the <i>Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> (CAC Act) and associated regulation.	<p>The Minister retains a range of enforcement powers, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seeking undertakings from the parties to a registered conference agreement (an agreement between members of a liner shipping conference on inward or outward services provided, or proposed to be provided, by those members); and • directing the department to wholly or partly cancel the registration of a registered conference agreement. <p>The administration of the CAC Act has been delegated to the department. The department's responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registration of conference agreements; • regulation of non-conference ocean carriers with substantial market power; • regulation of unfair pricing practices; and • registration of agents of ocean carriers. 	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES) Regulated under the <i>New Vehicle Efficient Standard Act 2024</i> (NVES Act) and associated instruments.	<p>The Minister can make legislative instruments under the NVES Act regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vehicles that are included in the NVES; • post-2029 scheme stringency (subject to certain constraints); • certain technical settings, such as by how much the stringency of the standard is adjusted for the weight of vehicles; • rules governing units/credits awarded under the scheme; and • what information is published. <p>Instruments made under the NVES Act must be consistent with the objects of the Act, are disallowable, and are generally subject to mandatory consultation (in most cases, 60 days).</p> <p>The Secretary has enforcement and compliance powers under the Act and can delegate powers to other Senior Executive Officers in the department.</p>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Regulatory functions

Regulated Function	Key regulatory role	Contact
Shipping tax incentives Regulated under the <i>Shipping Reform (Tax Incentives) Act 2012</i> and associated regulation.	<p>The Minister retains the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> specify kinds of vessels to be excluded, or not excluded, by legislative instrument; and decide to shorten a 10 year lockout period, which is applied to shipping companies who are unable to meet relevant criteria to access tax incentives, in order to encourage investment in the Australian shipping industry. <p>The department manages administration of the Shipping Reforms Act, including the issuance of tax incentive notices and certificates to eligible vessels that are owned or operated by Australian shipping entities.</p>	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division, 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Slot management at Sydney Airport Regulated under the <i>Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997</i> and associated regulations.	Slot management at Sydney Airport The Minister and department regulate slot use and the hourly movement cap at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport.	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Significant ministerial roles



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Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting (ITMM)

Purpose	The Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting (ITMM) brings together Commonwealth, state and territory ministers with responsibility for transport and infrastructure, along with a local government representative. It pursues opportunities for national consistency and addresses emerging issues in regulatory and policy frameworks to improve safety, reduce costs and improve the operation and delivery of infrastructure and transport. ITMM also has responsibilities under various legislation and intergovernmental agreements, and is supported by the Infrastructure and Transport Senior Officials' Committee (ITSOC) chaired by the Secretary and comprising departmental heads from the Commonwealth, states and territories.
Current status	ITMM is generally held in person, twice a year around June and November where possible. Additional ad hoc meetings are arranged, if needed. Key priorities are agreed by ITMM each year, and include any priorities set by National Cabinet. The department will liaise with your office on a suitable date for the first ITMM of 2025 and seek your agreement on the agenda for this meeting.
Your role and responsibilities	As the relevant Commonwealth Government Minister, you chair ITMM and represent the Australian Government's position in discussions and decision making.
Resourcing/ funding information	The Secretariat for ITMM is provided by the department.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary; Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Significant ministerial roles

International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)

Purpose	<p>The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) is the United Nation's civil aviation standard setting body committed to achieving sustainable growth in the global civil aviation system. It has 193 Member States and works with industry groups to seek consensus on international civil aviation policies, standards and recommended practices covering aviation safety, air navigation, security and facilitation, environmental protection and economic development.</p> <p>Australia maintains a Permanent Mission in ICAO's Montreal headquarters in Canada, and was successfully re-elected to Part I of the ICAO Council at the 41st Assembly in Montreal in October 2022, as one of 11 States of chief importance in air transport on the 36-member Council.</p> <p>Australia's active engagement with ICAO continues to be critical in the development of global policies, appropriate international standards and recommended practices, and guidance and advisory material that are consistent with our national and regional aviation objectives.</p> <p>This role includes promoting the interests of our Pacific neighbours, as Australia is the only Pacific member on the ICAO Council.</p>
Current status	<p>Australia is seeking re-election for a further three-year term to Part I of the ICAO Council at the ICAO Assembly to be held in Montreal, Canada in the week commencing 23 September 2025. If re-elected to the Council, Australia will also get to vote on the next ICAO President due to be filled at the end of 2025.</p>
Your role and responsibilities	<p>While membership of the ICAO is not a ministerial function, your role is to approve Australia's positions on key policy matters before the ICAO Assembly (triennial meeting) covering aviation safety, air navigation, aviation environment, facilitation and economic development, and on ICAO Council governance matters (e.g. the election of ICAO's two key office holders, the President and Secretary-General).</p>
Resourcing/ funding information	<p>The Government makes an annual contribution to ICAO (\$3.3 million in 2024–25).</p> <p>Our ICAO Mission based in ICAO Headquarters in Montreal, Canada has an annual budget of \$1.5 million in 2024–25, jointly funded by the department, Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and Airservices Australia. Officials and experts from your portfolio also make a significant technical and leadership contribution to a wide range of ICAO Panels and Working Groups.</p>
Contact	<p>Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)</p>

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Significant ministerial roles

International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

Purpose	<p>The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) is the United Nations specialised agency with responsibility for the safety and security of global shipping and the prevention of marine pollution by ships.</p> <p>Australia is a member of the IMO's governing committee, the IMO Council. As a coastal state reliant on seaborne trade and the fifth largest user of shipping, membership on the IMO Council helps protect Australia's strategic interests.</p> <p>The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) leads IMO engagement on maritime safety and environmental matters (except greenhouse gas (GHG) issues), supported by the department and other agencies.</p> <p>Australia is a signatory to most IMO Conventions and AMSA has a well-respected compliance inspection regime against these standards.</p>
Current status	<p>The IMO has a substantial program of activity underway, with maritime decarbonisation and new technology adding to an already large agenda.</p> <p>New measures for GHG reduction, voluntary standards for autonomous vessels and performance-based safety standards are planned for 2025–26. A campaign for re-election to IMO Council is underway, ahead of a vote in late 2025.</p>
Your role and responsibilities	<p>s33(a)(i)</p> <p>IMO meetings generate frequent amendments to IMO conventions, and periodically new agreements. You are responsible for facilitating their consideration by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (JSCOT) or the Cabinet, as needed.</p>
Resourcing/funding information	<p>The Government makes an annual contribution to IMO (\$0.4 million in 2024–25).</p> <p>The department's IMO engagement, including in the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), the Facilitation and Trade Committee (FAL) and the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) is managed from existing resources.</p>
Contact	<p>Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary; Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)</p>

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Significant ministerial roles

International Transport Forum (ITF)

Purpose	The International Transport Forum (ITF) at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an intergovernmental organisation with 69 member countries. It is a think tank for transport policy and organises an Annual Summit of transport ministers. ITF is the only global body that covers all transport modes. The ITF's mission is to foster an understanding of the role of transport in economic growth, environmental sustainability and social inclusion.
Current status	The ITF operates through a range of bodies that are each dedicated to specific functions encompassing administration, operational decisions, research and industry engagement. Australia participates in these forums on an ad-hoc basis, led by the department. The ITF has recently been active in promoting support for Ukraine's transport sector.
Your role and responsibilities	Each year there is an annual Ministers' Meeting in May in Leipzig, Germany. As Minister with transport responsibilities, you are invited to attend. In recent years Australian transport ministers have not attended.
Resourcing/funding information	The department contributes to Australia's annual membership contribution of approximately €67,000 euros. The portfolio budget statement has an annual allocation of \$123,000 AUD to meet this obligation.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary; Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Transportation Working Group (TPTWG)

Purpose	The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Transportation Working Group (TPTWG) aims to enhance the efficiency, safety, sustainability, and inclusivity of transportation systems across the Asia-Pacific region, driving economic integration, trade facilitation and resilience. It serves as a collaborative platform for APEC economies to address transportation challenges, innovate, and build capabilities, ensuring ministers can align national priorities with regional goals.
Current status	<p>The Republic of Korea is hosting APEC in 2025 under the theme “Building a Sustainable Tomorrow”. There are four expert groups covering aviation, intermodal and intelligent transport systems, land transport and maritime. s33(a)(i)</p> <p>the department chairs the intermodal and intelligent transport systems, and land transport expert groups. The department coordinates Australia’s engagement in these areas to influence transport policy across the Asia-Pacific.</p>
Your role and responsibilities	TPTWG member economy ministers meet every three years, with the next meeting scheduled for 2026. You will be invited to attend by the host member economy closer to the date.
Resourcing/ funding information	The department’s participation is met from within existing resources.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary; Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Portfolio legislation



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Transport

Road Vehicle Standards Charges (Imposition—General) Act 2018

Road Vehicle Standards Charges (Imposition—Customs) Act 2018

Road Vehicle Standards Charges (Imposition—Excise) Act 2018

Purpose	Allows for regulations that impose administration, customs and excise related charges under the <i>Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018</i> .
Contact	Anita Langford, First Assistant Secretary, Road and Vehicle Safety Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Adelaide Airport Curfew Act 2000

Purpose	The <i>Adelaide Airport Curfew Act 2000</i> (the Act) establishes a curfew at Adelaide Airport between 11pm and 6am. It defines operations that may be exempt from the curfew and the conditions for granting dispensations. The Act also allows for a quota permitting international aircraft during curfew shoulder periods (one hour before and after the curfew) and for freight jet operations.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Act 1963

Purpose	The <i>Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Act 1963</i> governs the payment of damages by the Commonwealth and its authorities for the death or injury of passengers in aircraft operated by the Commonwealth, or during travel related to Commonwealth employment. The limits of recoverable amounts align with the <i>Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959</i> .
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Portfolio legislation

Air Navigation Act 1920

Purpose	<p>The <i>Air Navigation Act 1920</i> (the Act) provides for the economic regulation of international air services, including scheduled and non-scheduled services. It requires permissions, aircraft licensing, and approvals for timetables and tariffs.</p> <p>The Act was amended in 2008 to update the framework for international airlines licences and streamline definitions.</p>
Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Aircraft Noise Levy Act 1995

Purpose	<p>The <i>Aircraft Noise Levy Act 1995</i> (the Act), together with the complementary <i>Aircraft Noise Levy Collection Act 1995</i>, establishes a cost recovery regime for Commonwealth-funded aircraft noise amelioration programs. These programs include the voluntary acquisition and insulation of residences and public buildings in areas near airports with high aircraft noise exposure.</p> <p>The levy is only payable at airports where noise amelioration programs have been conducted, such as Adelaide and Sydney Airports (refer to the <i>Aircraft Noise Levy Collection Act 1995</i> for further details).</p> <p>The levy applies to jet aircraft landings, with the amount payable determined by the noise characteristics of the aircraft. The formula, prescribed under section 6(1) of the Act, ensures that noisier aircraft incur a higher levy per landing. The levy applies exclusively to jet aircraft, reflecting their higher noise disturbance compared to propeller-driven aircraft. However, smaller jet aircraft below a prescribed threshold are exempt.</p> <p>The levy rate is set by regulation and automatically adjusts in line with CPI movements. Levy collections ceased on 30 June 2006 for Sydney Airport and on 31 March 2010 for Adelaide Airport.</p>
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Airports (On-Airport Activities Administration) Validation Act 2010

Purpose	The <i>Airports (On-Airport Activities Administration) Validation Act 2010</i> validates actions performed and powers exercised under the <i>Airports (Control of On-Airport Activities) Regulations 1997</i> (the regulations) by individuals not validly authorised to perform such functions. The regulations cover liquor, commercial trading, vehicle movements, gambling, and smoking at specified airports.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Airports Act 1996

Purpose	<p>The <i>Airports Act 1996</i> establishes the regulatory framework for Australia's 21 federally leased airports. It addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leasing and management of airports; • ownership restrictions for airport-operator companies; • land use, planning, and building control; • environmental management; • financial reporting of airport-operator companies; • quality of service monitoring; • airport site variations and closures; • on-airport activity controls (e.g. gambling, parking, smoking); • airspace protection; and • access and demand management at airports.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Portfolio legislation

Air Services Act 1995

Purpose	Establishes Airservices Australia as a corporate Commonwealth entity. Airservices Australia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manages air traffic services and aeronautical information; • provides aviation rescue and firefighting services; and • minimises environment impacts of aircraft operations.
Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Airspace Act 2007

Purpose	Transfers airspace regulation from Airservices Australia to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), ensuring independent planning and administration of Australian airspace.
Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Act 2007

Purpose	Amends the <i>Civil Aviation Act 1988</i> to ensure that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) airspace regulation aligns with the Australian Airspace Policy Statement described in the <i>Airspace Act 2007</i> , and allows regulations to transfer ("grandfather") Airservices Australia decisions to CASA where appropriate.
Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Australian Airlines (Conversion to Public Company) Act 1988

Purpose	Facilitated the conversion of the Australian National Airlines Commission into a public company, which was subsequently sold to Qantas.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Portfolio legislation

Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990

Purpose	Establishes the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) with objectives to promote maritime safety, protect the marine environment, provide national search and rescue service, and ensure efficient maritime services.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Aviation Fuel Revenues (Special Appropriation) Act 1988

Purpose	Appropriates revenue from duties on aviation fuels (avgas and avtur) to Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and Airservices Australia. The amount allocated is determined by a statutory rate and the volume of fuel.
Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1991

Purpose	Regulates carrier liability for cargo loss or damage during sea transport. Aligns with international conventions (Hague Rules, etc.) to ensure balanced liability between shippers and carriers. Subsequent amendments reflect industry consultation and enhance fairness.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Civil Aviation Act 1988

Purpose	Establishes the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and sets out a regulatory framework prioritising aviation safety. CASA must consider safety its highest priority.
Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Portfolio legislation

Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959

Purpose	Implements international conventions on air carriers' liability for passenger, baggage and cargo loss/damage, ensuring fair compensation and mandatory insurance coverage for domestic and international carriers.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment Act 1995

Purpose	Amends aviation-related legislation.
Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Civil Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Levy) Act 2020

Purpose	Imposes a levy on unmanned aircraft operations for certain purposes.
Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012

Purpose	Regulates access of vessels to Australian coastal waters for coastal trading, including a licencing system and penalties for breaching the <i>Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012</i> .
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2012

Purpose	Handles consequential and transitional matters arising from the <i>Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012</i> .
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Portfolio legislation

Competition and Consumer Act 2010, Part X

Purpose	Ensures Australian exporters and importers have access to adequate, efficient, and competitive international liner shipping services. Grants limited exemptions to shipping conferences from certain competition rules, subject to conditions and potential Ministerial intervention.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Damage by Aircraft Act 1999

Purpose	Establishes strict, uncapped liability for owners/operators of aircraft for damage caused to third parties on the ground. Allows contributory negligence and liability sharing.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

International Air Services Commission Act 1992

Purpose	Promotes economic efficiency and competition in international air services.
Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town Convention) Act 2013

Purpose	Facilitates Australia's participation in the Cape Town Convention and Protocol for aircraft financing.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims Act 1989

Purpose	Allows shipowners or salvors to limit liability for damage caused by their ship, except in cases of intentional or reckless conduct. Aligns with the International Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Marine Navigation Levy Act 1989

Purpose	Imposes a levy on commercial ships to fund marine aids to navigation (e.g. lighthouses) managed by Australian Maritime Safety Authority.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Marine Navigation Levy Collection Act 1989

Purpose	Provides the administrative framework for collecting the marine navigation levy.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Marine Navigation (Regulatory Functions) Levy Act 1991

Purpose	Imposes a levy on ships to fund Australian Maritime Safety Authority's regulatory functions, including ship inspections and crew qualifications.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Marine Navigation (Regulatory Functions) Levy Collection Act 1991

Purpose	Provides administrative framework for collecting the regulatory functions levy.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012

Purpose	Established national regulation for domestic commercial vessel safety under Australian Maritime Safety Authority.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law (Consequential Amendments) Act 2012

Purpose	Amends existing legislation to align with the national law for vessel safety. Includes provisions to replace safety offences with <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</i> -equivalent provisions.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Maritime Legislation Amendment Act 2007

Purpose	Amends maritime legislation for various updates and purposes.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

National Transport Commission Act 2003

Purpose	Establishes the National Transport Commission (NTC) to develop, monitor and maintain uniform or nationally consistent regulatory and operational reforms relating to road, rail and intermodal transport.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Navigation Act 2012

Purpose	Regulates maritime safety, pollution prevention, and compliance with international conventions.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Portfolio legislation

New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Act 2024

Purpose	Establishes a vehicle efficiency standard and related provisions.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Port Statistics Act 1977

Purpose	Authorises the collection of data on cargo and ship movements at Australian ports. While not actively enforced, it underpins voluntary data collection.
Contact	Ian Porter, First Assistant Secretary, Data, Research, Strategy and Net Zero Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) Act 1981

Purpose	Establishes liability and compensation for oil pollution damage from tankers, including mandatory insurance requirements.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) Act 2008

Purpose	Establishes liability and compensation for pollution from fuel oil spills (excluding oil tankers).
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Protection of the Sea (Harmful Anti-fouling Systems) Act 2006

Purpose	Prohibits harmful anti-fouling systems on ships to protect marine environments.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Portfolio legislation

Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Funds– Customs) Act 1993

Purpose	Establishes levies to fund oil pollution compensation where oil is imported into Australia.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Funds–Excise) Act 1993

Purpose	Establishes levies to fund oil pollution compensation where oil is moved by sea from one place in Australia to another.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Funds–General) Act 1993

Purpose	Establishes levies to fund oil pollution compensation where contributions appear to be the duty of customs or excise but a court rules they are neither.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Funds) Act 1993

Purpose	Provides compensation for oil pollution damage exceeding limits under other liability laws.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Protection of the Sea (Powers of Intervention) Act 1981

Purpose	Allows Australian Maritime Safety Authority to prevent pollution in Australian waters, including moving or sinking ships to mitigate risks.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983

Purpose	Regulates and restricts the discharge of pollutants from ships and enforces international maritime standards.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Act 1981

Purpose	Imposes levies on ships to fund marine pollution response capabilities.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy Collection) Act 1981

Purpose	Provides the administrative framework for collecting the protection of the sea shipping levy.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Qantas Sale Act 1992, Part 3, Sections 7 - 13

Purpose	Requires Qantas to impose restrictions on foreign ownership to ensure Australian control. Limits foreign ownership to 49 per cent and mandates that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qantas' principal operational centre remains in Australia; • at least two-thirds of its directors are Australian citizens; and • the airline retains the name 'Qantas' and remains incorporated in Australia.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Shipping Reform (Tax Incentives) Act 2012

Purpose	Provides tax incentives to support Australian shipping, including depreciation benefits, income tax exemptions, and tax offsets for employing Australian seafarers.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Shipping Registration Act 1981

Purpose	Provides for registration of Australian ships, including the General and International Shipping Registers.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Special Recreational Vessels Act 2019

Purpose	Allows superyachts to opt in to Australia's coastal trading regulatory framework under the <i>Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012</i> .
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1963

Purpose	Implements international obligations to protect submarine cables and pipelines from damage.
Contact	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995

Purpose	Regulates aircraft operations at Sydney Airport between 11pm and 6am to mitigate noise impacts.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997

Purpose	Limits Sydney Airport to 80 aircraft movements per hour. Regulates the use of slots at Sydney Airport and establishes the Slot Management Scheme and Compliance Scheme.
Contact	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Transport Safety Investigation Act 2003

Purpose	Establishes the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) to independently investigate transport accidents and promote safety.
Contact	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Board	Current vacancies and vacancies arising until December 2025	Contact
Airservices Australia Board	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Member vacancy. June 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr John Weber, Chair. 	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) Commissioners	December 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Gary Prosser, Commissioner. 	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Brisbane Airport Community Airspace Advisory Board (AAB)	August 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Kim Jordan, Chair. 	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA)	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Member vacancy. August 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Lee de Winton, Chair. 	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Freight Industry Reference Panel	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Member vacancy. June 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr John Fullerton, Chair; Mr Michael Byrne, Member; Ms Sophie Finemore, Member; Ms Heather Bone, Member; and Mr Paul Ryan, Member. 	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
International Air Services Commission (IASC)	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Member vacancy. 	Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR)	October 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Duncan Gay, Chair; Ms Julie Russell, Deputy Chair; Mr Patrick Conlon, Member; and Ms Catherine Scott, Member (appointment made by recommendation of infrastructure and transport ministers). 	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
National Transport Commission (NTC)	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Deputy Chair vacancy (to be appointed from current members). September 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Jim Betts, Member (by convention, this appointment is held by the Chair of the Infrastructure and Transport Senior Officials' Committee (ITSOC). December 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Carolyn Walsh, Chair. 	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR)	September 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Julie-Anne Schafer, Member (appointment made by the SA Minister on the unanimous recommendation of infrastructure and transport ministers). 	Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF)	May 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Sally Sitou MP, Chair; and Mr Alan Dukes (One community member to be appointed by the Chair in consultation with the Minister). 	Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sydney Airport Slot Compliance Committee	<p>May 2025*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benjamin Meagher, Chair; • Kathryn Scarano, Member; • Paul Petrykowycz, Member; • Russell McArthur, Member; • Warrick Lodge, Member; • David Causer, Member; and • Luke Travica, Member. <p>*In accordance with reforms made by the <i>Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Act 2024</i>, a new independent Chair and 3 new members are to be appointed in September or October 2025.</p>	<p>Stephanie Werner, First Assistant Secretary, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division; 02 s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)</p>

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