Organisational Structure

DSS Executive

Secretary – Ray Griggs

**Executives reporting to the Secretary**

* Deputy Secretary – Matt Flavel, Social Security
* Deputy Secretary – Letitia Hope, Families and Communities
* Chief Operating Officer – Patrick Hetherington
* Deputy Secretary – Robyn Shannon, Disability and Carers
* Chief of Staff (Branch Manager) – Heidi Kiekebosch-Fitt
* Chief Counsel – Bronwyn Worswick, Legal Services

Executive Areas of Responsibility

Social Security – Matt Flavel, Deputy Secretary

**Participation and Family Payments – Ben Peoples, Group Manager**

* Participation and Supplementary Payments – Katrina Chatham, Branch Manager
* Carer, Disability and Student Payments – Dani Chatillon, Branch Manager
* Families and Payment Support – Agnieszka Nelson, Branch Manager

**Pensions, Housing and Homelessness – Kath Paton, Acting Group Manager**

* Payment Structures and Seniors – Gillian Beer, Branch Manager
* International Payments and Compliance – Andrew Seebach, Branch Manager
* Housing and Homelessness Policy – Xia Du, Acting Branch Manager
* Housing and Homelessness Program Delivery – Sarah Peascod, Branch Manager
* Housing and Homelessness Strategy and Data – Emma Lenthall, Branch Manager (job share arrangement)
* Housing and Homelessness Strategy and Data – Julie McKenzie, Branch Manager (job share arrangement)

**Data and Evaluation – Gemma Van Halderen, Group Manager**

* Data Access – Kayelle Drinkwater, Branch Manager
* Performance and Evaluation – Danielle Aeuckens, Branch Manager
* Data Strategy – Sharon Stuart, Branch Manager
* National Disability Data Asset – Melissa Catania, Acting Branch Manager

Families and Communities – Letitia Hope, Deputy Secretary

**Redress – Mark Harrigan, Group Manager**

* Policy Strategy and Design – John Riley, Branch Manager
* Enabling Services – Val Still, Branch Manager
* External Engagement and Communications – Alison Hale, Branch Manager
* Service Delivery – Justine Fievez, Branch Manager

**Communities – Patrick Burford, Group Manager**

* Income Management Policy and Data – Patrick Boneham, Branch Manager
* Financial Resilience and Response – James Steen, Branch Manager
* Income Management Engagement and Support Services – Kirsti van der Steen, Branch Manager

**Children and Families – Tarja Saastamoinen, Group Manager**

* Family and Adult Supports – Tracy Creech, Branch Manager
* Children’s and Youth Policy – Emily Devine, Branch Manager
* Early Childhood and Parenting Wellbeing – Jacqueline Hrast, Branch Manager

**Ending Gender-Based Violence – Anna Lutz, Group Manager**

* National Policy – Tim Crosier, Branch Manager
* Prevention and Early Intervention – Lara Purdy, Branch Manager
* National Programs – Kate Hamilton, Branch Manager

**Community Policy and Engagement – Chris D’Souza, Group Manager**

* Community Cohesion – Mary Hodge, Branch Manager
* Community Partnerships – Marnie Wettenhall, Branch Manager
* Closing the Gap Taskforce – Alexis Diamond, Branch Manager

Chief Operating Officer – Patrick Hetherington

**Legal Services – Bronwyn Worswick, Chief Counsel and Group Manager**

* Corporate and Commercial – Emma White, Branch Manager
* Public Law – Sarah Rubenstein, Acting Branch Manager

**Community Grants Hub – Emma Kate McGuirk, Group Manager**

* Hub Operations – Tamsin Jackson, Acting Branch Manager
* Grants Services Office – Eve Cordeiro, Branch Manager
* Health Grants – Warren Pearson, Branch Manager
* State Network – Mike Mays, Acting Branch Manager
* Disability Employment Services Grants – Paul Bennetts, Acting Branch Manager

**Finance – Andrew Harvey, Chief Finance Officer and Group Manager**

* Budget Development – Cheryl-Anne Navarro, Branch Manager
* Financial Services – Greg Mitchell, Branch Manager
* Financial Management – Hitesh Rohra, Branch Manager

**Corporate – Bruce Taloni, Group Manager**

* Campaigns and Strategic Communication – Mardi Stewart, Branch Manager
* Corporate Communication and Media Relations – Sam Ursich, Branch Manager
* People Services – Sita Jackson, Branch Manager
* Property and Security – Chris Mitchell, Branch Manager
* Information Management and Technology – Alana Lundy, Branch Manager

**Portfolio Coordination – Richard Baumgart, Group Manager**

* Portfolio Governance – Kraig Lowes, Branch Manager
* Government and Executive Services – Joanna Carey, Branch Manager
* Audit and Assurance – Rob Stedman, Branch Manager

Disability and Carers – Robyn Shannon, Deputy Secretary

**NDIS Markets and Safeguards – Amanda Lee, Group Manager**

* Quality and Safeguards Policy – Siobhan Campbell, Branch Manager
* Markets and Workforce Policy – Ryan James, Acting Branch Manager
* Disability Evidence – Louise O’Rance, Branch Manager

**NDIS Participants and Performance – Ross Schafer, Acting Group Manager**

* NDIS Finance and Performance – Sidesh Naikar, Branch Manager
* Commonwealth/State Engagement – Edwina Dohle, Branch Manager
* NDIS Governance, Policy and Legislation – Sarah Hawke, Branch Manager

**Disability Reforms and Royal Commission – Luke Mansfield, Group Manager**

* Australia’s Disability Strategy – Jodi Cassar, Branch Manager
* Foundational Supports and Early Childhood Reform – Lisha Jackman, Branch Manager

**Disability Employment – Kellie Spence, Group Manager**

* Disability Employment Programs – Pene Futcher, Branch Manager
* Disability Employment Implementation – Jacinda Still, Branch Manager
* Disability Employment Policy – Alex Buckley, Branch Manager

**Disability and Carer Programs – Andrew Whitecross, Group Manager**

* Advocacy and Inclusion Programs – Suzanne Muir, Branch Manager
* Carers and Early Childhood – Kathy Dennis, Acting Branch Manager

**NDIS Reform Taskforce – Hope Peisley, Acting Group Manager**

**The Department of Social Services Portfolio Bodies and Statutory Office Holders**

* Department of Social Services – [https://www.dss.gov.au](https://www.dss.gov.au/)
* Services Australia – [https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/)
* National Disability Insurance Agency – [https://www.ndis.gov.au](https://www.ndis.gov.au/)
* NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission – [www.ndiscommission.gov.au](http://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/)
* Australian Institute of Family Studies – [https://aifs.gov.au](https://aifs.gov.au/)
* Hearing Australia – [https://www.hearing.com.au](https://www.hearing.com.au/)
* Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission – <https://dfsvc.gov.au/>

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