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A full outline of the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio Overview can be found in the *2009-10 Portfolio Budget Statements*.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade remain the two portfolio Ministers and there have been no changes in the responsibilities of the Parliamentary Secretaries for Trade and International Development Assistance since the *2009-10 Portfolio Budget Statements*. The Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs announced his retirement on 31 October 2009.

The Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio responsibilities have not changed since the enactment of the Administrative Arrangements Orders of 25 January 2008.

The Government has decided to transfer responsibility for international promotion of Australian education from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to the Australian Trade Commission from 1 July 2010, however this is yet to be reflected in the Administrative Arrangements Orders.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS - PORTFOLIO LEVEL

The portfolio is seeking a net increase of **\$37.194 million** in resourcing for 2009-10 as listed below. This includes Bill No. 3 and Bill No. 4 appropriations (Departmental and Administered). Further details are provided in each agency's Additional Estimates statements.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) \$33.647 million

Departmental Items

- **\$15.722m** to upgrade the Australian Consulates-General in Chennai and Mumbai;
- **(\$6.712m)** to reduce costs within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
- **\$19.900m** in adjustments for foreign exchange movements;
- **\$8.381m** in adjustments for overseas inflation;
- **\$1.473m** in adjustments for 2008-09 VAT refunds; and
- **(\$5.116m)** in adjustments to passport funding due to the lower than expected number of passports issued in 2008-09.

Up to **\$1.500 million** from within existing resources will be made available to support recovery efforts in L'Aquila, Italy, following the April 2009 earthquake.

DFAT's Overseas Property Office will also deliver savings of **\$0.986 million** in 2009-10. This will be returned to Government by way of a dividend from the Overseas Property Special Account so is not reflected in the Appropriation Bills.

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Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) (\$5.444 million)

Departmental Items

- **\$3.203m** to match resources to opportunities and growth in India;
- **\$4.526m** to build Brand Australia to develop a new international brand promoting Australia as a nation producing quality products and services across a diverse field of activities;
- **(\$1.858m)** to reduce costs by rationalising Austrade's onshore office network to better target service locations and improve online information provision; and
- **(\$11.314m)** in adjustments for overseas inflation and foreign exchange movements.

Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) \$8.741 million

Departmental Items

- **\$8.991m** to establish an Office of Deployable Civilian Capacity.

Administered Items

- **(\$0.250m)** to the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research for the Overseas Development Assistance – Food Security Through Rural Development initiative.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) \$0.250 million

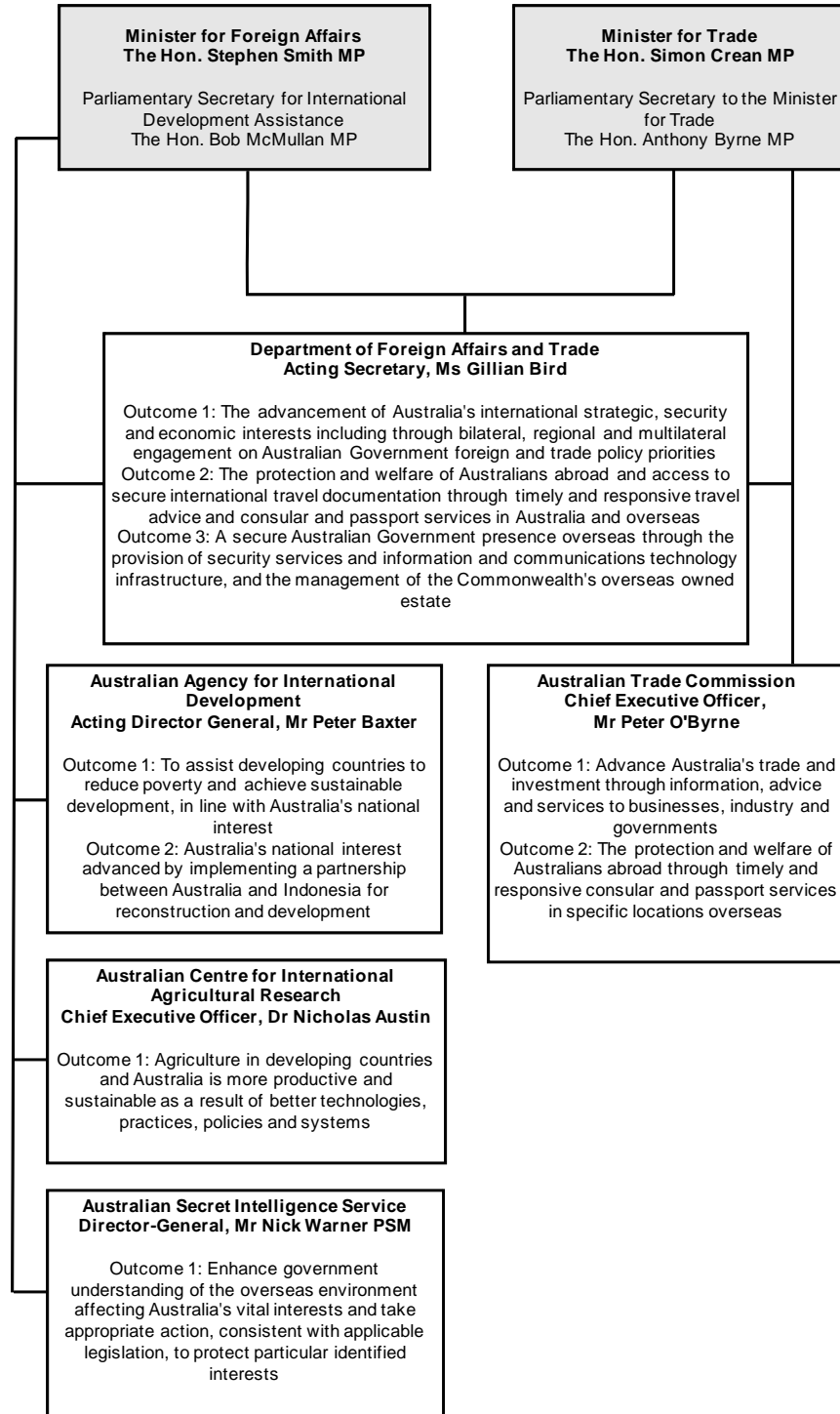
Administered Items

- **\$0.250m** for the Overseas Development Assistance – Food Security Through Rural Development initiative.

Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS)

There are no additional measures or variations for ASIS.

Figure 1: Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio structure and outcomes



PORTFOLIO RESOURCES

Table 1 shows the total resources provided to the portfolio in the 2009-10 Budget year, by agency.

Table 1: Portfolio resources 2009-10

	Appropriation		Movements		Total
	Bill No. 3 \$'000	Bill No. 4 \$'000	Special \$'000	Receipts \$'000	\$'000
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade					
Administered appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental appropriations	25,493	8,154	-	-	33,647
Total:					33,647
Australian Trade Commission					
Administered appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental appropriations	(5,413)	(31)			(5,444)
Total:					(5,444)
Australian Agency for International Development					
Administered appropriations	(250)	-	-	-	(250)
Departmental appropriations	7,771	1,220	-	-	8,991
Total:					8,741
Australian Centre of International Agricultural Research					
Administered appropriations	250	-	-	-	250
Departmental appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Total:					250
Portfolio total					37,194
Additional resources available within portfolio:					37,194