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## Part 1—Identifying the correct portfolio

1 The descriptions set out in Attachment A should be used on the cover page of a Bill in the space shown for “(*Portfolio*)”. The descriptions are current at the date of this Direction but may change after an election or a Cabinet reshuffle.

2 The descriptions set out in bold font should be used as a general rule. The descriptions set out in normal font should be used when the Bill is sponsored by the Minister with the responsibilities so described and you are instructed to use that description.

## Part 2—Relevance of portfolio

3 The only relevance of the portfolio mentioned is that the Minister introducing the Bill should be the Minister for that portfolio or someone representing that Minister. The portfolio should therefore be that of the Minister who is to be responsible for the carriage of the Bill through the Parliament (also known as the sponsoring Minister).

4 In some cases, the sponsoring Minister will not be the Minister who is to be responsible for administering the legislation. For example, the Human Cloning legislation is administered by the Minister for Health, but it was introduced by the Prime Minister at that time because he had taken a particular interest in it (and so the Prime Minister appeared as the portfolio).

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## **Attachment A—Current list of “portfolios” for cover page of Bill**

Note: The descriptions set out in bold font should be used as a general rule. The descriptions set out in normal font should be used when the Bill is sponsored by the Minister with the responsibilities so described and you are instructed to use that description.

### **Agriculture and Water Resources**

#### **Attorney-General**

#### **Communications and the Arts**

Arts

Communications

Regional Communications

#### **Defence**

Defence Industry

Defence Personnel

**Veterans’ Affairs**

#### **Education and Training**

#### **Environment and Energy**

#### **Finance**

Special Minister of State

#### **Foreign Affairs and Trade**

Foreign Affairs

International Development and the Pacific

Trade, Tourism and Investment

#### **Health**

Aged Care

Indigenous Health

Rural Health

Sport

#### **Home Affairs**

Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

Immigration and Border Protection

Law Enforcement and Cybersecurity

#### **Human Services**

#### **Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities**

Infrastructure and Transport

Regional Development, Territories and Local Government

Urban Infrastructure and Cities

#### **Jobs and Innovation**

Resources and Northern Australia

Small and Family Business, the Workplace and Deregulation

#### **Prime Minister**

Indigenous Affairs

Women

#### **Social Services**

#### **Treasury**

Revenue and Financial Services