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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.

## **Part 2—Relevance of portfolio**

2 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).

3 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 and Ageing, 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**

### **Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

#### **Attorney-General**

Home Affairs

### **Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy**

#### **Defence**

Veterans’ Affairs

Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science

### **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

Education

Employment and Workplace Relations

Social Inclusion

Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth

Employment Participation

### **Environment, Heritage and the Arts**

### **Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**

Housing

Status of Women

### **Finance and Deregulation**

Special Minister of State

### **Foreign Affairs**

Trade

### **Health and Ageing**

Ageing

Sport

Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery

### **Human Services**

### **Immigration and Citizenship**

### **Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government**

### **Innovation, Industry, Science and Research**

Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy

### **Prime Minister**

Cabinet Secretary

Climate Change and Water

### **Resources, Energy and Tourism**

Resources and Energy

Tourism

### **Treasury**

Assistant Treasurer

Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law

The descriptions set out in normal font and indented (eg Veterans’ Affairs) should be used when the Bill:

- (a) is instructed on by the relevant Minister’s Department (if any); or
- (b) is sponsored by the Minister with the responsibilities so described.

The descriptions set out in bold should be used in all other cases.