

# **PART B: PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW**



## **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS - PORTFOLIO LEVEL**

Revised estimates for annually appropriated items are being sought for the Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS). Changes in revenue for Centrelink are detailed in Part D of these statements. No variations in funding are sought for the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

These statements also provide revised estimates for expenses from special appropriations and revised financial statements.

Estimates shown in these statements are consistent with those published in the 2001-02 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook. They also include the impacts of decisions taken since that time.

Net increases of \$44.6 million in departmental appropriations and \$18.4 million in administered annual appropriations are being sought. As a result, Appropriation Bills (No. 3 and No. 4) seek increases of \$63.0 million.

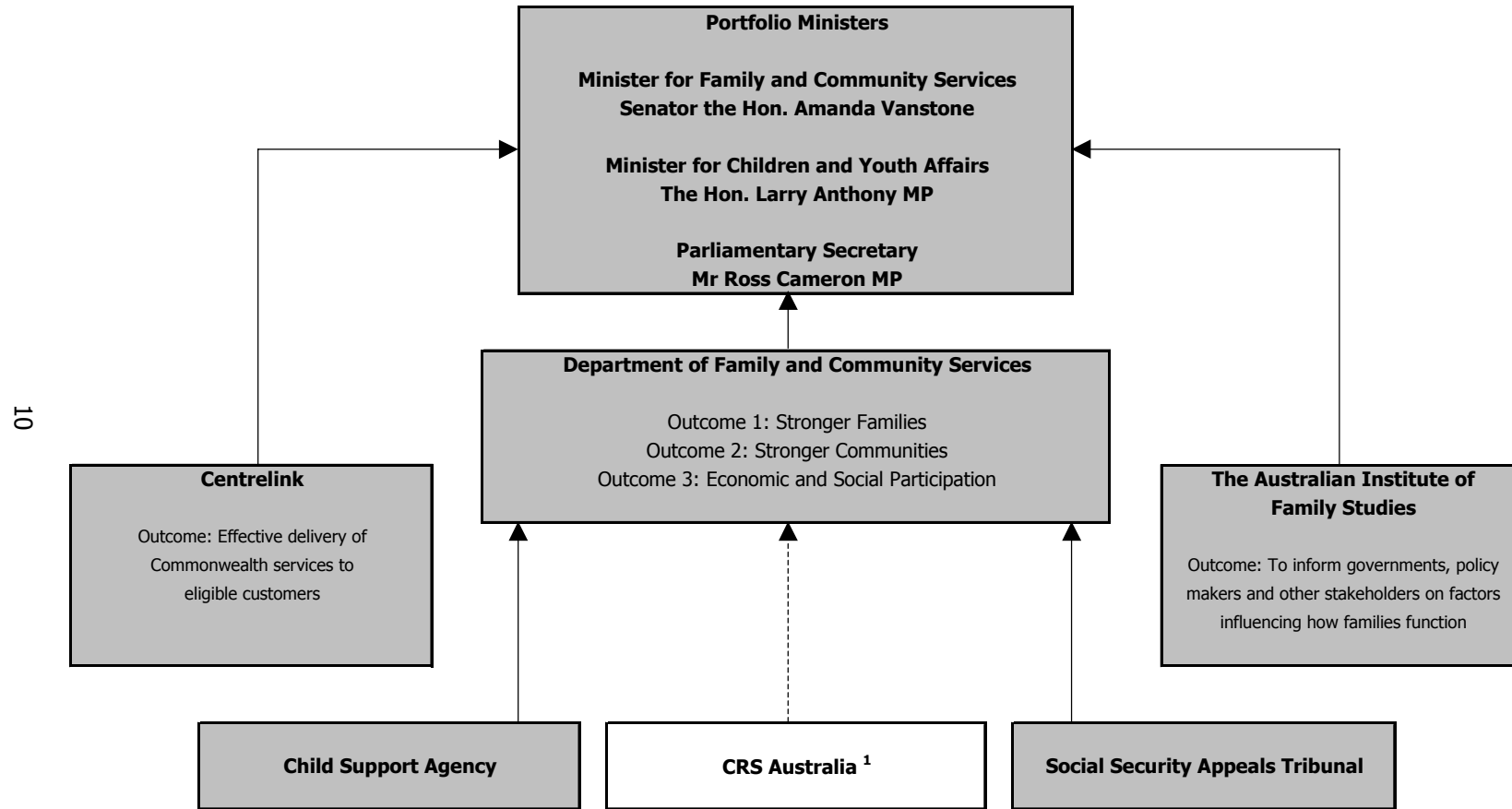
Special appropriation estimates have been revised, and estimates for 2001-02 are \$757.9 million higher than forecast at the 2001-02 Budget. These primarily reflect changes to forecasts of income support payments, which were affected by revisions to economic forecasts and to the assumed patterns of take up of the new family assistance arrangements. The impact on the Commonwealth budget of the revised FaCS appropriations for family assistance arrangements are offset by reductions in the assumed take up of family assistance through the taxation system.

The portfolio's responsibilities changed under the Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO) of 26 November 2001 as amended on 20 December 2001. The AAO changes comprise the transfer of Youth Affairs from the former Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs (DETYA) and the transfer of CRS Australia to the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA), pending the passage of legislation to give effect to this transfer.

The financial consequences of the transfer of Youth Affairs to this portfolio are not reflected in the portfolio's estimates and will be reported in the 2002-03 Portfolio Budget Statements. CRS Australia will be formally transferred to DoHA upon the passage of legislation. In the meantime, FaCS and DoHA have put in place administrative arrangements to give practical effect to the transfer. CRS Australia's resourcing continues to be reflected in this portfolio's estimates.

Centrelink is not seeking any variations to its directly appropriated revenues. Variations to revenues from Centrelink's client departments are detailed in Part D. Overall Centrelink's revenue from client departments will increase by \$56.3 million in 2001-02.

Map 1 - Structure of Portfolio Outcomes



1. CRS Australia will be transferred to the Department of Health and Ageing under the Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO) of 26 November 2001 as amended on 20 December 2001, pending the passage of legislation to give effect to this transfer.