

About this report

PURPOSE

This is the second annual report of the Australian Government's Department of Human Services. The report, which is prepared in accordance with the *Requirements for Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies – Approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit under subsections 63(2) and 70(2) of the Public Service Act 1999* and the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, documents the activities and performance of the Department of Human Services to 30 June 2006.

STRUCTURE

The report is in eight parts:

- a review by the Secretary summarising significant developments during 2005–06
- an overview of the Department of Human Services explaining the roles of, and relationships between, the core department and the six agencies, and the corporate governance and financial arrangements that apply to the three organisations comprising the department
- three chapters reporting on performance and governance in the core department, the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia
- the audited financial statements of the core department, the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia
- appendices containing detailed information and statistics about the core department, the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia, as required under legislation and reporting regulations
- references, comprising a glossary and list of abbreviations, a compliance index and a general index.

READERS

This report is presented for tabling in the House of Representatives and the Senate. It is also designed to meet the information needs of our staff, other government agencies, the media, researchers, students and interested members of the public.