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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, 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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Note: Before the issue of the current series of Drafting Directions, this Drafting Direction was known as Drafting Direction No. 11 of 2005.

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

Agriculture and Water Resources

Attorney-General

Justice

Communications and the Arts

Arts

Communications

Regional Communications

Defence

Defence Industry

Defence Personnel

Veterans’ Affairs

Education and Training

Employment

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

Sport

Immigration and Border Protection

Industry, Innovation and Science

Resources and Northern Australia

Infrastructure and Regional Development

Infrastructure and Transport

Local Government and Territories

Regional Development

Urban Infrastructure

Prime Minister

Indigenous Affairs

Women

Social Services

Human Services

Treasury

Revenue and Financial Services

Small Business

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.