



Australian Financial Security Authority (Standing Acting Arrangements) Appointment 2025

I, Andrew Leigh, Assistant Minister for Productivity, Competition, Charities and Treasury, make the following appointments.

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Part 1—Preliminary

1 Name

This instrument is the *Australian Financial Security Authority (Standing Acting Arrangements) Appointment 2025*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the following:

- (a) the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*; and
- (b) the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009*; and
- (c) the *Public Service Act 1999*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

5 Definition

In this instrument:

Chief Executive means the Chief Executive of the Australian Financial Security Authority.

Note: The Chief Executive of the Australian Financial Security Authority is the Head of the Australian Financial Security Authority.

Section 5

Inspector-General means the Inspector-General in Bankruptcy.

Registrar means the Registrar of Personal Property Securities.

senior available appointee: see subsections 6(2), 7(2), and 8(2).

Part 2—Standing acting arrangements

6 Standing acting arrangements for Chief Executive of the Australian Financial Security Authority

- (1) Under section 69 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, during all periods when there is a vacancy in the office of the Chief Executive, or the Chief Executive is absent from duty or from Australia or is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office, the person determined in accordance with subsections (2), (3) and (4) is appointed to act as Chief Executive.

Note: The Australian Financial Security Authority was established on 1 July 2000, by order of the Governor-General made on 7 June 2000, and published in the Gazette No. GN23 on 14 June 2000.

- (2) For the purposes of this section, the **senior available appointee** at a particular time is a person who, at that time, satisfies all of the following:
- (a) is engaged under the *Public Service Act 1999* by the Chief Executive for the purposes of the Australian Financial Security Authority;
 - (b) is *not* absent from duty or from Australia;
 - (c) has *not*, during a vacancy in the office of Chief Executive or absence of the Chief Executive, continued to act as Chief Executive for a period of more than 12 months;
 - (d) has advised that they are available to act as Chief Executive;
 - (e) is highest in the following list:
 - (i) Jennifer Dobell;
 - (ii) Emma Greenwood;
 - (iii) Neville Matthew;
 - (iv) Joshua Smith.
- (3) The senior available appointee at the start of a period when the office of Chief Executive is vacant or the Chief Executive is absent from duty or from Australia, or is, for any reason, unable to perform the functions of his or her office, is to act as Chief Executive during that period.
- (4) However, if a person who is acting as Chief Executive during a period (under subsection (3) or a previous application of this subsection) ceases at a particular time to be the senior available appointee, the senior available appointee at that time is to act as Chief Executive during the remainder of that period.
- (5) Under subsection 33A(1) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, each appointment under subsection (1) is determined to be on the same terms and conditions that apply to the Chief Executive under section 68 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

7 Standing acting arrangements for the Inspector-General in Bankruptcy

- (1) Under subsection 17(1) of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*, during all periods when there is a vacancy in the office of the Inspector-General, or the Inspector-General is absent from duty or from Australia or is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office, the person determined in accordance with subsections (2), (3) and (4) is appointed to act as Inspector-General.

Section 8

- (2) For the purposes of this section, the **senior available appointee** at a particular time is a person who, at that time, is the senior available appointee under subsection 6(2).
- (3) The senior available appointee at the start of a period when the office of Inspector-General is vacant or the Inspector-General is absent from duty or from Australia, or is, for any reason, unable to perform the functions of his or her office, is to act as Inspector-General during that period.
- (4) However, if a person who is acting as Inspector-General during a period (under subsection (3) or a previous application of this subsection) ceases at a particular time to be the senior available appointee, the senior available appointee at that time is to act as Inspector-General during the remainder of that period.

8 Standing acting arrangements for Registrar of Personal Property Securities

- (1) Under section 196 of the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009*, during all periods when there is a vacancy in the office of the Registrar, or the Registrar is absent from duty or from Australia or is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office, the person determined in accordance with subsections (2), (3) and (4) is appointed to act as Registrar.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, the **senior available appointee** at a particular time is a person who, at that time, satisfies all of the following:
 - (a) is engaged under the *Public Service Act 1999* by the Chief Executive for the purposes of the Australian Financial Security Authority;
 - (b) is *not* absent from duty or from Australia;
 - (c) has *not*, during a vacancy in the office of Registrar or absence of the Registrar, continued to act as Registrar for a period of more than 12 months;
 - (d) has advised that they are available to act as Registrar;
 - (e) is highest in the following list:
 - (i) Emma Greenwood;
 - (ii) Jennifer Dobell;
 - (iii) Neville Matthew.
- (3) The senior available appointee at the start of a period when the office of Registrar is vacant or the Registrar is absent from duty or from Australia, or is, for any reason, unable to perform the functions of his or her office, is to act as Registrar during that period.
- (4) However, if a person who is acting as Registrar during a period (under subsection (3) or a previous application of this subsection) ceases at a particular time to be the senior available appointee, the senior available appointee at that time is to act as Registrar during the remainder of that period.

Schedule 1—Repeals

Australian Financial Security Authority Head Acting Appointment 2025

1 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument.

Note: The *Australian Financial Security Authority Head Acting Appointment 2025* was not registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

Inspector-General in Bankruptcy Acting Appointment 2025

2 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument.

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Registrar of Personal Property Securities Acting Appointment 2025

3 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument.

Note: The *Registrar of Personal Property Securities Acting Appointment 2025* was not registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.