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AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER  
LYNELLE BRIGGS

The Honourable John Howard MP  
Prime Minister  
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Dear Prime Minister

I have pleasure in submitting my annual report for the financial year ending 30 June 2006, prepared in accordance with section 44 of the *Public Service Act 1999*. Included within my report is the report of the Merit Protection Commissioner for the financial year ending 30 June 2006. The Merit Protection Commissioner's report is published in accordance with section 51 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

The *Requirements for Annual Reports*, approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, require that a copy of these reports be laid before each House of Parliament on or before 31 October in the year in which the report is given.

I am grateful to the staff of the Australian Public Service Commission for their dedication and expertise and for the excellent support they have provided to me through the year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lynelle Briggs'.

Lynelle Briggs  
October 2006



# Guide to the report

The *Australian Public Service Commissioner Annual Report 2005–06* is provided in accordance with section 44 of the *Public Service Act 1999*. It includes, at part four, the annual report of the Merit Protection Commissioner who reports separately on his statutory responsibilities.

The report has been designed to align with the Commission's outcome–output structure.

## Part one

**Overview** includes the Public Service Commissioner's Review and a Commission Overview. The Review is an executive summary of the principal developments affecting the work of the Commission during the year and its more significant achievements. The Overview outlines the Commission's role, responsibilities, outcome and output structure, and organisational structure.

## Part two

**Performance review** details performance against each of the Commission's outputs. For ease of reading, the price and performance information in part two covers the Commission as a whole, including the work of the Merit Protection Commissioner.

## Part three

**Management and accountability** reports on the Commission's approach to corporate governance and the management of resources.

## Part four

The **Annual Report of the Merit Protection Commissioner** is published in accordance with section 51 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

Appendices provide detailed information about staffing and other matters where the material is more readable in a tabular format and/or separated from the main body of the report.

The Commission's Financial Statements are at Appendix B.

Appendix E provides a statement required under subsection 8(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

The annual report can be found on the Internet site at [www.apsc.gov.au/annualreport](http://www.apsc.gov.au/annualreport). Readers with enquiries about the annual report or seeking additional information about the Commission should contact:

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