

# Department of Social Services, Australian government

2013 –

**Other Names:** • DSS

**URL:** <http://www.dss.gov.au/>

## Details

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The Department of Social Services (DSS) came into being in September 2013. Previously, it was called the Department for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (or FaHCSIA). Within DSS's programs and services are the Find and Connect services for Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (2012-2017) and the response to the recommendations of the Senate Community Affairs References Committee inquiry into past forced adoption policies and practices, and the National Redress Scheme.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Australian government (2007 - 2013)
  - **Department of Social Services, Australian government (2013 – )**

### Related Entries

#### Related Events

- [Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Commonwealth Government \(2012 - 2017\)](#)
  - [Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices, Commonwealth of Australia \(2011 - 2012\)](#)
  - [National Redress Scheme, Australian government \(2018 - current\)](#)
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