



Australian Government
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Elizabeth (Liz) Cosson AM CSC biographical details

Liz Cosson joined the department on 19 November 2012 as Deputy Secretary of the Business Services Group.

Liz enlisted into the Australian Regular Army in 1979 and was the first woman to be promoted to the rank of Major General on 13 November 2007. After 31 years of service in a range of logistics appointments in Australia and overseas, Liz retired from full-time military service on 29 November 2010.

Following her career in the Australian Army, Liz was appointed First Assistant Secretary of the Client and Commemorations Division at the Department of Veterans' Affairs, where she led the service design for client policy to enhance services for veterans and their families. Liz was also responsible for administering the work of the ANZAC Centenary Advisory Board and delivering commemorative services.

Liz was awarded a Conspicuous Service Cross for her strong leadership and management skills in the Australian military in 2001. She was appointed a Member in the Military Division of the Order of Australia for her contributions to the Army and for delivering organisational reform in 2011.

Liz and her husband James live in Canberra.

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