



Martin Bowles PSM, Secretary

Martin Bowles is Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. He joined the department in December 2011, and formally took up his leadership role on 29 January 2013.

Prior to joining the department, Mr Bowles was Deputy Secretary of the Energy, Safety and Corporate Group at the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, where he had executive oversight of the Corporate Support Division, the Legal Services Branch, the Energy and Safety Programs Division and the Energy and Efficiency Division. In this role he was responsible for the closure of the Home Insulation Program (HIP), and led the development of the Home Insulation Safety Plan.

Prior to this role, Mr Bowles was the Deputy Secretary, Defence Support at the Australian Department of Defence. In this position Mr Bowles led the Defence Support Group, which is responsible for providing support services to more than 95 000 people throughout the Australian Defence Force and the wider Defence portfolio.

Before joining the Australian Public Service in 2006, Mr Bowles had senior executive positions in the education and health portfolios in the New South Wales public sector.

He has a Bachelor of Business degree and a Graduate Certificate of Public Sector Management and is a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants.

Employment History

2013	Secretary, Department of Immigration and Border Protection
2012–2013	Acting Secretary, Department of Immigration and Citizenship
2011–2012	Special Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Immigration and Citizenship
2010–2011	Deputy Secretary, Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency
2006–2010	Deputy Secretary, Defence Support, Department of Defence
2003–2006	Deputy Director General Corporate Services, Department of Education and Training
2002–2003	Chief Executive Officer, Wentworth Area Health Service
2001–2002	Seconded to Executive Director, Prince Henry, Prince of Wales Hospitals Sydney
1998–2001	Chief Executive Officer, Mid Western Area Health Service NSW Health
1997–1998	Director Hospital Services, Northern Rivers Area Health Service
1997	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Northern Rivers Health Service
1996–1997	Director Corporate Services, Richmond Health Service
1995–1996	Director Corporate and Management Services, Richmond Health Service
1992–1995	Senior Finance Officer, Central Regional Health Authority
1978–1992	Queensland Railways

Education

Bachelor of Business, Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education (now Central Queensland University)

Graduate Certificate of Public Sector Management, Griffith University