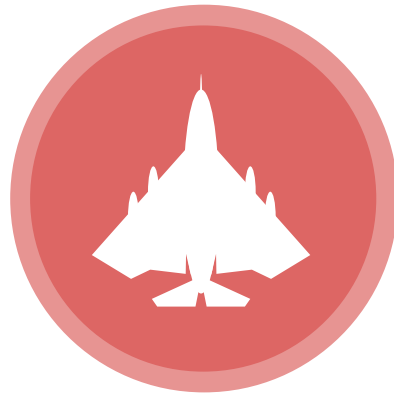




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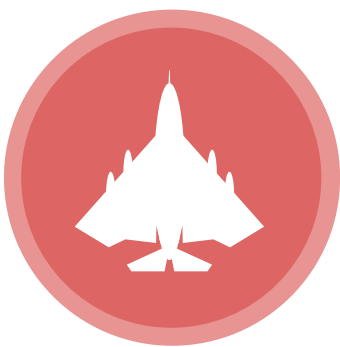
## **Airports and Air Safety**

Aviation connects Australians with each other and the world. The federal government regulates Australia's airports and aviation industry, ensuring that it operates efficiently, is economically competitive and is safe for all travellers.



## **Banking, Taxation and Currency**

The federal government raises money through a system of taxation and decides how these funds should be spent to benefit all Australians. The Reserve Bank of Australia manages the nation's currency on behalf of the federal government.



## **Defence**

The federal government is responsible for protecting the security of Australia and defending its national interests. The Australian Defence Force consists of the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force.



## **Foreign Affairs**

The movement of people and objects into Australia is the responsibility of the federal government. The Department of Immigration enforces laws regarding visas and citizenship, humanitarian situations and prohibited goods.

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## **International Trade**

Australia has many international trading partners. The federal government controls which products may be imported into Australia from overseas, as well as which Australian products may be exported out of the country.



## **Postal Services**

Australia Post, the country's postal service, is operated by the federal government. Under the current model, the Minister for Communications and the Minister for Finance share responsibility for managing Australia Post.



## **Social Services and Pensions**

The federal government delivers social and health-related payments and services to a wide range of Australians. Such people include families, the elderly, job-seekers, students, people with a disability and Indigenous Australians.



## **Telecommunications and Broadcasting**

The federal government is responsible for the communications industry. The Department of Communications develops policies and initiatives for radio, television, the phone network, the Internet and digital technologies.