

# APPOINTMENTS TO PORTFOLIO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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- There were a number of appointment processes in train at the time of Minister Porter's resignation.
  - Critical appointments were not delayed and were actioned by the acting Minister

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# PORTFOLIO MINISTERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2013

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**Annexure A: 'Industry' ministers since 18 September 2013**

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Term	Ministry Title	Responsible minister
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<b>30 March 2021 to 19 September 2021</b>	Minister for Industry, Science and Technology	The Hon Christian Porter MP

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**Annexure B: 'Science' ministers since 18 September 2013**

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Term of responsibility	Ministry Title	Science minister
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<b>30 March 2021 to 19 September 2021</b>	Minister for Industry, Science and Technology	The Hon Christian Porter MP

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# SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND THE R&DTI

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## **BACKGROUND/FACTS**

### **Senate Select Committee on Australia as a Technology and Financial Centre**

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- In an interview with InnovationAus published on 27 July 2021, the former Minister, the Hon Christian Porter, noted stakeholder interest in a separate software-specific tax incentive scheme, and indicated that Government would carefully consider the recommendations of the Senate Inquiry once the final report is released.

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# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) ACTION PLAN

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BACKGROUND/TALKING POINTS

***If asked why the government did not invest more to match industry calls:***

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*The AIIA were consulted extensively on the Action Plan. s22 met with  
s22 and former Minister Porter in June 2021.  
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# CHINA ISSUES

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***Former Industry Minister's decision in the recent anti-dumping case on grinding balls from China***

- This decision was taken based on the then Minister's view that technical considerations in this case had not been sufficiently addressed and the evidentiary threshold not met.
- The Minister is not obliged to accept the Anti-dumping Commissioner's recommendation.

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## BACKGROUND/FACTS

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- **Anti-dumping.** The Anti-Dumping Commissioner (Commissioner) recommended in his report on continuation case 569 (grinding balls from China) that the Industry Minister not continue anti-dumping measures. The former Industry Minister (Minister Porter) did not accept the Commissioner's recommendation and decided to secure the continuation of the measures, and his reasons for the decision was placed on the public record on 10 September 2021.

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# REGULATION OF SPACE ACTIVITIES

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## ***Granting of the first Australian launch permit under the Act***

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- On 9 August 2021, the then Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, the Hon Christian Porter MP, granted

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Taiwan Innovative Space Inc. (tiSPACE) the first Australian launch permit under the Act for the launch and connected return of the Hapith I vehicle from Southern Launch's Whalers Way Orbital Launch Complex (Whalers Way) on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia.

- On 12 July 2021, the then Minister for Industry, Science and Technology granted Southern Launch a launch facility licence for the Whalers Way site to support up to 3 suborbital test launches from the site.

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# INDUSTRY GROWTH CENTRES

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## **Initial Impact Evaluation**

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- Former Minister Porter had been briefed regarding this evaluation (June 2021).

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# INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND SCIENCE AUSTRALIA

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***Statement of Expectation and Statement of Intent***

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- IISA is required to respond to the SoE within six months with a Statement of Intent (Sol). The IISA Chair wrote to former Minister Porter providing the SOI. The current Minister is now considering the Sol.

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# DIVISION OF MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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## Attachment B

### Departmental Media Enquiry

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#### **InnovationAus Article**

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**innovationaus.com, 14 October 2021**

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Last week, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced that the position of Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, briefly held by Christian Porter, would be split in two as part of a ministerial reshuffle.

As part of the rejig, Angus Taylor has added industry to his energy and emissions reduction role, while Melissa Price has scored technology and science to go with her defence industry responsibilities.

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Former industry minister Christian Porter has previously refused a Senate motion ordering him to table the 2020 “initial impact evaluation” report, claiming it was still being considered. Mr Taylor will now have to consider this report to determine the future of the growth centres.

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