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Cabinet reshuffle brings change for volunteering sector

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has announced a cabinet reshuffle in the final days of 2017, with Minister for Social Services the Hon Christian Porter MP moving from the Social Services portfolio, to take up the position of Attorney General.

The Volunteer Management program, Volunteer Grants program, the one-off Volunteer Innovation and Collaboration Grants program, and Volunteering Australia's peak body funding, all fall within the Department of Social Services (DSS). We extend our congratulations and thanks to outgoing Minister for Social Services the Hon Christian Porter MP, for his support of the volunteering sector during his term managing the portfolio.

The Hon Dan Tehan MP has been appointed Minister for Social Services, and will assume portfolio responsibilities from the start of 2018. Minister Tehan has previously worked in the Veterans Affairs and Defence portfolios.

Volunteering Australia CEO Adrienne Picone said, "We would like to congratulate Dan Tehan on his appointment as Minister for Social Services in this ministerial reshuffle, and look forward to a constructive working relationship to advance volunteering in Australia."

With the creation of the new Home Affairs portfolio, emergency management, including disaster recovery and resilience, have all been moved from the Attorney General's Department, and fall within the new Department's remit. Volunteering Australia congratulates the Hon Minister for Home Affairs Peter Dutton MP on his appointment, and looks forward to progressing matters relating to emergency management volunteering.

Other changes to the cabinet include:

- Michaelia Cash will be appointed as Minister for Jobs and Innovation
- Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce will be appointed Minister for Infrastructure and Transport with responsibilities for water
- David Littleproud will be appointed Minister for Agriculture and Water
- Kelly O'Dwyer will be appointed Minister for Women
- Bridget McKenzie will be appointed Minister for Sport
- Mathias Cormann will be appointed Special Minister for State and Leader of the Government in the Senate
- Michael Keenan will be appointed Minister for Human Services and Digital Transformation
- John McVeigh will be appointed Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government
- Alan Tudge will become Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
- Craig Laundry will now be responsible for workplaces

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