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A Security Management Board, consisting of the Serjeant-at-Arms, the Usher of the Black Rod, the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services, and a Deputy Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police (AFP),<sup>[104]</sup> is the high level advisory and oversight body responsible for the security of the precincts. In 2014 the Presiding Officers authorised the AFP to be the lead agency for operational security at Parliament House. A consequential Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the AFP and the Department of Parliamentary Services in that year which established the operational security and response arrangements for Parliament House.

The AFP Manager, Parliament House is responsible for overall operational security and, in accordance with the MOU, day to day security is overseen by the AFP Security Controller. The AFP Security Controller also has command, control and coordination of all operational security and response activity within the precincts. The MOU gives the AFP Security Controller responsibility for the control and coordination of Department of Parliamentary Services security staff and AFP personnel during both day to day security and security response operations.

The parliamentary security staff are responsible primarily for security within the building—that is, the operation of electronic security screening devices, the physical checking of people entering the building and general corridor surveillance. The AFP has exclusive responsibility for physical security of the external precincts. The Serjeant-at-Arms and the Usher of the Black Rod are involved in operational matters if they impact on the House wing and Members or the Senate wing and Senators respectively.

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