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Colin Oliver has responsibility for the Department's international involvement in the information and telecommunication sectors including bilateral and multilateral trade relationships, and participation in the International Telecommunication Union, APEC and Asia Pacific Telecommunity. He is a member of the Advisory Group appointed by the United Nations Secretary General to support the Internet Governance Forum and a member of the ICT Task Force of the Pacific Islands Forum.

He has devised, led and contributed to a number of projects providing technical assistance to developing countries in the Asia Pacific. Some projects have had a particular focus on the liberalisation and modernisation of regulatory regimes in the telecommunications sector, including promotion of policies to support universal access and effective interconnection of networks. He has led capacity building work to develop the regulatory skills needed to make policy reforms effective. Other projects have been efforts to promote user-oriented approaches to the use and information and communication technology in the region, and to support the development of skills appropriate to the needs of users and critical government agencies.

His career with the Australian Government has included periods in the Treasury, Defence and welfare housing administrations, as well as secondments to private industry. His experience in communications policy development has included development of radiocommunication legislation, and providing policy advice on broadcasting regulation, radio and telecommunications standards, voice over IP services, and next generation networks.

On graduating from Monash University with first class honours, Colin won an Australian-American Education Foundation Travel Grant to study at the University of Delaware. He has a Masters degree in American history.