

# Attorney General's Department, Colony of Tasmania

1856 – 1901

**Other Names:** • Law Officers' Department

## Details

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The Attorney-General's Department was one of the first three ministerial portfolios in Tasmania. It contained the Sheriff and Gaols Department and the Supreme Court which, among its other functions, included the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. A Statistical and Registry Department took over this function in 1882. In 1901, following Australian federation, Tasmania became a state and the state government took over the management of the Attorney-General's Department.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Law Officers' Establishment, Colony of Tasmania (1823 - 1856)
  - **Attorney General's Department, Colony of Tasmania (1856 – 1901)**
    - Attorney-General's Department, State of Tasmania (1901 - 1983)
      - Law Department, State of Tasmania (1983 - c. 1992)
        - Department of Justice, State of Tasmania (c. 1992 - 1998)
          - Department of Justice and Industrial Relations, State of Tasmania (1998 - c. 2004)
            - Department of Justice, State of Tasmania (c. 2004 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages \(1838 - 1882\)](#)  
The Attorney-General's Department contained the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
- [Statistical and General Registry Department, State of Tasmania \(1882 - 1924\)](#)  
The Statistical and General Registry Department took over the recording of births, deaths, and marriages in 1882.
- [Sherriff and Gaols Department, Colony of Tasmania \(1824 - 1901\)](#)