Tribunal for Asylum and Returns Appeals (TARA) becomes operational

TARA will manage International Protection appeals under the International Protection Act 2026 from 12 June 2026 for a 5-year period.

There will be a period during which both TARA and the current appeals body, the International Protection Appeals Tribunal (IPAT), will operate simultaneously under separate legislative frameworks. As appeals under the 2015 International Protection legislation are progressed, IPAT will be decommissioned over time. All appeals made from 12 June under the International Protection Act 2026 will be dealt with by TARA.

Cindy Carroll was appointed as the first Chief Appeals Officer to the Tribunal for Asylum and Returns Appeals (TARA).

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