



JOHN WILLIAMS

DIRECTOR



John Williams was appointed to the NAATI Board of Directors on September 1, 2014. Previously Mr Williams had joined the Department of Immigration in Melbourne in 1964 where he gained extensive senior management experience before retiring in December 2008.

Mr Williams worked in the National Office in Canberra and as State Director in South Australia (1991 to 1995), Western Australia (1998 to 2002) before his final assignment as State Director in Victoria from 2002 to his retirement in December 2008. Mr Williams' extensive overseas appointments include serving in the Australian High Commission London from 1973 to 1975; the Australian Embassy in Belgrade from 1975 to 1977 and 1983 to 1985; the Australian Embassy in Cairo from 1978 to 1979; the Australian Consulate Cape Town from 1979 to 1982.

In 1986 Mr Williams took a short-term appointment to the Australian Embassy Bangkok. He was then appointed as the Regional Migration Director to the Australian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur where he served from 1987 to 1991 and from 1995 to 1998 he was the Regional Migration Director at the Australian Consulate General in Hong Kong. Mr Williams was extensively involved with multicultural and consular communities in his assignments both overseas and in Australia. While working in Australia he built strong working relationships with other government agencies at the Federal and State level. He served on the National Australia Day (Victorian) Committee.

With over 40 years of service, Mr Williams has a wealth of experience and high level corporate experience. Mr Williams was awarded a Public Service Medal (PSM) in the Queen's Birthday Honour list in 2008 in recognition of his work with Australia's multicultural communities. Since retiring from the Public Service, Mr Williams has established his own consultancy focusing on helping multicultural communities better connect with and access services within society.

Mr Williams served as a Director and Deputy Chair of the Victorian Interpreting and Translation Service (VITS) from April 2012 until April 2015 and also Chaired VITS' Audit and Risk Management Committee. He is a Director of the SpiritWest Foundation Board of the Western Bulldogs Football Club. Mr Williams' term expires on August 31, 2017.