
CHAPTER 10. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

- 10-1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH. The Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research (PD&R) advises the Secretary on overall Department policy, program evaluation, and research. The Assistant Secretary is responsible for:
- a. Analyzing and preparing recommendations on new and revised policies and programs to accomplish the mission of the Department and national housing and community development goals and objectives.
 - b. Developing and administering a Departmental program evaluation system. The evaluation functions carried out by other Assistant Secretaries are done in cooperation with PD&R as part of PD&R's Departmentwide responsibility for supervision, coordination, and review of all program evaluation activities.
 - c. Providing economic information and analysis, including the analysis and interpretation of housing and community development statistics and other data.
 - d. Developing and implementing comprehensive research and demonstration programs to assist in the solution of housing and community development problems and in the improvement of Department programs.
 - e. Directing the administration of Title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970; provisions for innovation and experimentation under the Experimental Housing Program of the National Housing Act; technical studies in the development of standards for property financed under the National Housing Act.

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- f. Coordinating research and program evaluation efforts with other Departments and agencies, other

public and private organizations, the housing industry and financial markets, and international organizations.

- g. Administering the completion and termination of research authorizations that have subsequently expired or been repealed.
- h. Maintaining a program of market analysis services; providing technical guidance and management direction for market analysis functions in the Field; and developing fair market rents for the Section 8 Existing Housing program.
- i. Exercising functional supervision of the PD&R staff in the Regional and Field Offices and the following offices in Headquarters:

General Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Policy Development
Office of Research
Office of Economic Affairs

10-2. GENERAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH. The General Deputy Assistant Secretary assists the Assistant Secretary in the performance of all duties and responsibilities and acts for the Assistant Secretary. The General Deputy Assistant Secretary serves as Acting Assistant Secretary in the absence of the Assistant Secretary.

10-3. OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT. This office provides assistance on Departmental policy and community development goals and programs policies and objectives; drafting Departmental policy studies on major housing and urban development issues; developing and recommending new or revised programs to carryout the Department's mission and meet national policy objectives; developing recommendations for legislation to implement new or revised policies and programs; coordinating the development of national policy with other Federal agencies; disseminating research and demonstration results and developing and implementing new demonstrations and other initiatives that are designed to improve the quality of life of residents of HUD-assisted housing and their surrounding neighborhoods.

10-4. OFFICE OF RESEARCH. This office implements research,

demonstrations, and evaluations concerning: alternative forms of housing assistance to low-and-moderate income families; the operation and management improvement of HUD-assisted housing, including the physical and fiscal conditions of that housing; the financial structure and costs of assisted housing operations; the delivery of housing to groups with special housing needs, including elderly, handicapped, and Native Americans; the improvement of state and local government institutional capacity; neighborhood preservation; land use management and environmental design; community development and fair housing and equal opportunity issues; innovative building, site development, and infrastructure technologies; building design, construction, and operational safety; and building codes and regulations. This office is responsible for implementing an agenda on international bilateral agreements for technological exchanges, and staffing international task forces concerned with such agreements. This office also directs the Experimental Housing Program under Section 233 of the National Housing Act.

- 10-5. OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. This office provides economic analysis, information, and policy recommendations concerning: the economic impact of Departmental and other Federal legislative proposals; the economic impact of tax policy on housing markets; the economic impact of Departmental regulations; housing and mortgage market conditions; economic and demographic factors affecting housing supply and demand, urban growth, economic development and Departmental budgeting; and the interagency development of national economic policy and programs. The office also provides: public finance analysis of the effects of Federal tax and economic policy on housing markets and the financial condition of state and local governments; direction for surveys of national and local housing market conditions and of primary and secondary mortgage markets; coordination, training, and technical and policy assistance to Regional and Field Office Economists; principal Departmental representation on tax policy; Departmental representation on interagency economic, statistical and regulatory review groups; and assessment of research approaches and methodologies of proposed or completed economic research or program evaluations.