

BUDGET STATEMENTS

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Section 1: Resources for 2014-15

1.1 APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES

Table 1.1 on the following page shows the total resources from all origins. The table summarises how resources will be applied by outcome and, in relation to administered resources, reference to the relevant authorised department.

The total appropriation for the department in the 2014-15 Budget is \$20.6m, compared with \$21.9m appropriated in 2013-14.

As at 1 July 2013, the Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) assumed responsibility for the provision of information and communication technology (ICT) to the Parliament and the parliamentary departments. This consolidation was as a result of recommendations stemming from the *Review of Information and Communication Technology for the Parliament* undertaken by Mr Michael Roche. As part of the consolidation process 3.5 staff and agreed department owned ICT assets were transferred to DPS along with \$1.1m of prior year funding and \$4.1m of budget and forward year funding to enable DPS to continue to provide ongoing ICT hardware, services and support to senators, senators' staff and the department.

The reduction reported in the current budget also reflects the significant impact (\$0.3m) of the two increases of the efficiency dividend from 1.25 per cent to 2.5 per cent. Part of the efficiency dividend increase, 0.25 per cent, is reflected as a budget measure in Table 1.2 – Agency 2014-15 Budget Measures.

The department will continue to have third party access to special appropriations to drawdown the funds for the payment of senators' salaries and certain allowances, superannuation, and some postage and freight expenses. The resourcing of these special appropriations is detailed in the statements prepared by the relevant departments.

The department's total resources are \$32.3m, of which 63.9 per cent (\$20.6m) is contributed by total budget year appropriations. The estimate of prior year appropriations available at the commencement of the 2014-15 budget year (\$11.0m) represent 34.2 per cent of total resources. Revenue from sales of goods and services (\$0.6m) represent 1.9 per cent of total resources.

1.2 RESOURCE STATEMENT

Table 1.1 summarises how resources will be applied by outcome and by administered and departmental classification.

Table 1.1: Resource statement — Budget estimates for 2014-15 as at Budget May 2014

	Estimate of prior yr amounts available in 2014-15 \$'000	Proposed at Budget = 2014-15 \$'000	Total estimate 2014-15 \$'000	Actual available appropriation 2013-14 \$'000
Ordinary annual services ¹				
Departmental appropriation				
Prior year appropriation	11,028 ³	-	11,028	11,876
Departmental appropriation	-	20,627 ⁴	20,627	21,567
s31 Relevant agency receipts	-	600 ²	600	600
Total	11,028	21,227	32,255	34,043
Total ordinary annual services A	11,028	21,227	32,255	34,043
Other services				
Total other services B	-	-	-	-
Total available annual appropriations	11,028	21,227	32,255	34,043
Special appropriations				
Total special appropriations C	-	-	-	-
Total appropriations excluding special accounts	-	-	-	-
Special accounts				
Total special account D	-	-	-	-
Total resourcing				
A+B+C+D	11,028	21,227	32,255	34,043
Less appropriations drawn from annual or special appropriations above and credited to special accounts	-	-	-	-
Total net resourcing	11,028	21,227	32,255	34,043

¹ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2014-15

² s31 Relevant Agency receipts - estimate

³ Estimated adjusted balance carried from previous year for annual appropriations

⁴ Includes an amount of \$0.370m in 2014-15 (\$0.373m in 2013-14) for the Departmental Capital Budget (refer to table 3.2.5 for further details). For accounting purposes this amount has been designated as 'contributions by owners'

Reader note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Third party payments from and on behalf of other agencies

	2014-15 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000
Payments made on behalf of other agencies (disclosed in the respective Agency Resource Statement)		
Department of Finance		
<i>Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990 (s.11)</i>	736	144
<i>Parliamentary Superannuation Act 2004 (s.8)</i>	1,790	1,722
<i>Commonwealth of Australia</i>		
<i>Constitution Act 1901 (s.66)</i>	1,673	1,550
Australian Public Service Commission		
<i>Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973 (s.7)</i>	19,187	18,829
	23,386	22,245

1.3 BUDGET MEASURES

Budget measures relating to the department are detailed in Budget Paper No.2 and are summarised below in Table 1.2.

Table 1.2: Agency 2014-15 Budget measures

Part 1: Measures announced since the 2013-14 MYEFO

	Programme	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000
Expense measures						
Increase in the annual efficiency dividend by a further 0.25 per cent	1					
Departmental expenses		-	(52)	(100)	(152)	(154)
Total expense measures						
Departmental		-	(52)	(100)	(152)	(154)
Total		-	(52)	(100)	(152)	(154)
Capital measures						
Increase in the annual efficiency dividend by a further 0.25 per cent	1					
Departmental expenses		-	(1)	(2)	(3)	(3)
Total capital measures						
Departmental		-	(1)	(2)	(3)	(3)
Total		-	(1)	(2)	(3)	(3)

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Consistent with their 2013 election commitment, the Government increased the annual efficiency dividend (ED) by 0.25 per cent for the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years. The annual ED for these three years rises to 2.5 per cent before returning to 1.0 per cent in 2017-18.

Part 2: Measures not previously reported in a portfolio statement

	Programme	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000
Expense measures						
Microsoft volume sourcing arrangements	1					
Departmental expenses		(53)	(53)	(53)	-	-
Efficiency dividend						
Departmental expenses		-	(215)	(470)	(747)	-
Appropriation reduction - ICT transfer						
Departmental expenses		-	(765)	(754)	(744)	(734)
Total		(53)	(1,033)	(1,277)	(1,491)	(734)
Capital measures						
Efficiency dividend	1					
Departmental expenses		-	(7)	(15)	(24)	(7)
Appropriation reduction - ICT transfer						
Departmental expenses		-	(282)	(278)	(274)	(270)
Total		-	(289)	(293)	(298)	(277)
Total measures						
Departmental		(53)	(1,322)	(1,570)	(1,789)	(1,011)
Total		(53)	(1,322)	(1,570)	(1,789)	(1,011)

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1.4 OTHER VARIATIONS

The following Table 1.3 details the changes to the resourcing for the department through other factors, such as economic parameter adjustments.

Table 1.3: Variations not previously reported

	Programme	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000
Expense variations						
Increase	1					
Economic parameter update		-	39	17	16	79
Total		-	39	17	16	79
Capital variations						
Decrease	1					
Economic parameter update		-	(2)	(3)	(4)	(2)
Total		-	(2)	(3)	(4)	(2)
Total variations						
Departmental		-	37	14	12	77
Total		-	37	14	12	77

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