

USER GUIDE
TO THE
PORTFOLIO BUDGET
STATEMENTS

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Purpose of the Portfolio Budget Statements

The 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) provide information to the Senate about the proposed allocation of resources to the Department of the Senate (the department) and the funding proposed in the appropriation bills.

A key role of the department's PBS is to facilitate the understanding of Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2014-15. The PBS is Budget Related Papers and is declared by the appropriation bills to be 'relevant documents' to the interpretation of the bills according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

STRUCTURE OF THE PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS

The PBS is presented in three sections, aligned in several ways to the Budget Papers as outlined below.

Departmental overview	
A brief overview of the department.	
Resources and Planned Performance	
Section 1: Resources	- This section includes four components: 1.1 Appropriations and other resources; 1.2 Resource statement; 1.3 Budget measures; and 1.4 Other variations. - The intention of section one is to provide readers with an overview of the functions and responsibilities of the department, its contribution towards its outcome for the budget year and the resources available. - The resource statement details the source and nature of all the resources available in a table. - The budget measures detail new appropriation amounts or reductions for the department. - Other variations details changes to the resourcing for the department through other factors.
Section 2: Outcome and Planned Performance	The outcome resource statement provides lower level resourcing information for general users at the results level, grouped by Office (equivalent to a sub-programme).
Section 3: Explanatory tables and budgeted financial statements	The section includes the department's budgeted financial statements in accrual format, covering the budget year, the previous year and three out-years.
Glossary	Explains key terms.

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