

**USER GUIDE
TO THE
PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS**

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The purpose of the 2021-22 *Portfolio Budget Statements* (PB Statements) is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament of 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 PB Statements is to facilitate the understanding of proposed annual appropriations in the Appropriation (Parliamentary Department) Bill (No. 1) 2021-22. In this sense, the PB Statements are Budget related papers and are declared by the Appropriation Acts to be 'relevant documents' to the interpretation of the Acts according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

The PB Statements provide information, explanation and justification to enable Parliament to understand the purpose of each outcome proposed in the Bills.

The Commonwealth Performance Framework

The following diagram outlines the key components of the Commonwealth performance framework. The diagram identifies the content of each of the publications and the relationship between them. Links to the publications can be found in the introduction to Section 2: Outcomes and planned performance.



