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NEC/nec not elsewhere classified

- nil

.. not zero, but rounded to zero

na not applicable (unless otherwise specified)

nfp not for publication

\$'000 \$ thousands \$m \$ million \$b \$ billion

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USER GUIDE TO THE PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS

USER GUIDE

The purpose of the 2019-20 Portfolio Budget Statements (PB Statements) is to inform the Senate 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 Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2019-20. 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 the Senate to understand the purpose of each outcome proposed in the Bills.

The Enhanced Commonwealth Performance Framework

The following diagram outlines the key components of the enhanced 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.

Enhanced Commonwealth Performance Framework - key components of relevant publications

Portfolio Budget Statements (May) Portfolio based

Supports Annual Appropriations. Informs Senators and Members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of other resources to government outcomes and programs.

Provides links to **relevant programs** undertaken by other Commonwealth entities.

Provides high level performance information for current, ongoing programs, particularly a forecast of performance for the current year.

Provides detailed prospective performance information for proposed new budget measures that require a new program or significantly change an existing program.

Corporate Plan (August) Entity based

Primary planning document of a Commonwealth entity.

Sets out the **purposes** of the entity, the **activities** it will undertake to achieve its purposes and the **results** it expects to achieve over a minimum four year period.

Describes the **environment** in which the entity **operates**, the **capability** it requires to undertake **activities** and a discussion of **risk**.

Explains how the entity's **performance** will be **measured** and **assessed**.

Annual Performance Statement (October following year) Entity based

Included in the Commonwealth entity's Annual Report. Focuses on **recent performance**.

Reports on the actual performance results for the year against the forecasts made in the corporate plan and Portfolio Budget Statements, and provides other performance information relevant to the entity.

Provides an analysis of the factors that contributed to the entity's performance results.

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Department of the Senate

Resources and planned performance

Section 1 Departmental overview and resources

The Department of the Senate is the secretariat to the Australian Senate. All of its functions derive from this purpose and its work is substantially driven by the requirements of the Senate and senators. The department facilitates meetings of the Senate and its committees. It succeeds when the Senate and its committees meet in accordance with their decisions, and when senators and others receive the advice and support they need to participate in those meetings.

The department's outcome is delivered under a single program, comprising services and activities in the following areas:

- Advice about Senate and committee proceedings
- Secretariat support for the Senate
- Secretariat support for committees
- Administrative advice and support for senators
- Public information and parliamentary education
- Capability, governance and accountability.

The department is one of the four parliamentary departments supporting the Australian Parliament. It is responsible to the Senate through the President of the Senate. Its administrative head is the Clerk of the Senate.

The total available appropriation for the department specified in Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020 is \$23.9m, comprising a departmental appropriation of \$23.5m (\$23.5m in 2018-19) and capital funding of \$0.4m (\$0.8m in 2018-19). Figure 1 shows the trend in departmental appropriations in recent years.

The department has third party access to special appropriations to drawdown 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 Department of Finance.

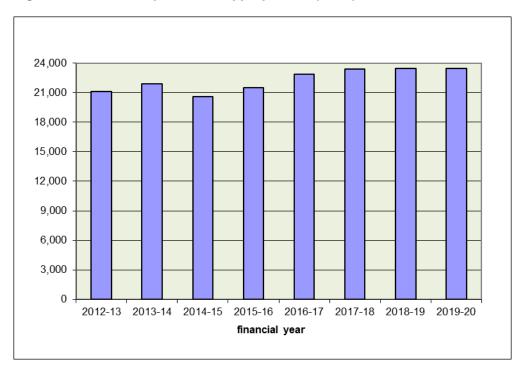


Figure 1: Trends in departmental appropriation (\$'000)

1.1 RESOURCE STATEMENT

Table 1.1 shows the total funding from all sources available to the department for its operations and to deliver its programs and services.

The table summarises how resources will be applied by outcome.

Information in this table is presented on a resourcing (i.e. appropriations/cash available) basis, while the 'Budgeted expenses by Outcome 1' tables in Section 2 and the financial statements in Section 3 are presented on an accrual basis.

Table 1.1: Department of the Senate resource statement — Budget estimates for 2019-20 as at Budget April 2019

	2018-19	2019-20
	Estimated	Estimate
	actual	
	\$'000	\$'000
Departmental		
Annual appropriations (a)		
Prior year appropriations available	11,328	11,328
Departmental appropriation	23,463	23,452
s 74 External revenue (b)	450	450
Departmental capital budget (c)	775	401
Total departmental annual appropriations	36,016	35,631
Total departmental resourcing	36,016	35,631
Total resourcing for Department of the Senate	36,016	35,631
	2018-19	2019-20
Average staffing level (number)	157	157

<u>Please note</u>: All figures shown above are GST exclusive – these may not match figures in the cash flow statement.

- (a) Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No.1).
- (b) Estimated external revenue receipts under section 74 of the PGPA Act.
- (c) Please refer to Table 3.5 for further details. For accounting purposes, this amount has been designated as a 'contribution by owner'.

Table 1.1: Department of the Senate resource statement — Budget estimates for 2019-20 as at Budget April 2019 (cont.)

Third party payments from and on behalf of other entities

	2018-19	2019-20
	Estimated	Estimate
	actual	
	\$'000	\$'000
Payments made on behalf of another entity (as disclosed in the respective entity's resource statement)		
Department of Finance		
Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017 (s.59)	21,268	21,250
Parliamentary Superannuation Act 2004 (s.18)	2,553	2,655
Commonwealth of Australia		
Constitution Act 1901 (s.66)	1,539	1,550
	25,360	25,455

Section 2: Outcomes and planned performance

Each outcome is described below together with its related programs. The following provides detailed information on expenses for each outcome and program, further broken down by funding source.

Note:

Performance reporting requirements in the Portfolio Budget Statements are part of the enhanced Commonwealth performance framework established by the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*. The performance criteria described in these Portfolio Budget Statements should be read with broader information provided in the department's corporate plan and annual performance statement – included in Annual Reports – to provide the department's complete performance story.

The most recent corporate plan for the department can be found here.

The most recent annual performance statement can be found in the department's annual report which is available <u>here</u>.

2.1 BUDGETED EXPENSES AND PERFORMANCE

Departmental activities contributing to the department's outcome are undertaken under a single program, 1 – Advice and support. Table 2.1 below details the performance criteria for that program and summarises how the program is delivered.

Performance criteria

Table 2.1: Performance criteria for Outcome 1

Purpose	The department is the secretariat to the Australian Senate. All of its functions derive from this purpose and its work is substantially driven by the requirements of the Senate and senators.
	The department facilitates meetings of the Senate and its committees. It succeeds when the Senate and its committees meet in accordance with their decisions, and when senators and others receive the advice and support they need to participate in those meetings.

• Outcome 1 - Advisory and administrative support services to enable the Senate and senators to fulfil their representative and legislative duties.

Program 1 – Advice and support – Secretariat support for the Senate and its committees, and advice and support to enable senators and others to participate in their meetings.

Delivery

The department's outcome is delivered under a single program, comprising services and activities in the following areas:

- Advice about Senate and committee proceedings
- Secretariat support for the Senate
- Secretariat support for committees
- Administrative advice and support for senators
- Public information and parliamentary education
- Capability, governance and accountability.

Performance information

Year	Performance criteria	Targets
2018-19	Senators (and others) have the advice and support they require to participate in meetings of the Senate and its committees. The department's activities enable the Senate and its committees to meet in accordance with their decisions. Senators are satisfied with the administrative advice and support they receive from the department. Public information and parliamentary education programs are current and accessible to target audiences.	Secretariat support is provided for all meetings. Advice and support are consistently sound and timely. All known governance and accountability obligations to the Senate and under statute are met. Relevant public information is made available as soon as possible following activity and planned education programs are provided. All targets are expected to be met.

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Program 1 – Advice and support – Secretariat support for the Senate and its committees, and advice and support to enable senators and others to participate in their meetings.

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	The department's activities enable the Senate and its committees to meet in accordance with their decisions. Senators are satisfied with the administrative advice and support they receive from the department. Public information about the work and role of the Senate and its committees and parliamentary education programs are current and accessible to all.	timely. All identified accountability obligations to the Senate are met. Relevant public information is made available as soon as possible following activity and planned education programs are provided.		
2020-21 and beyond	As for 2019-20	As for 2019-20		

Budgeted expenses

This table shows how much the department intends to spend (on an accrual basis) on achieving the outcome, through its single program.

Table 2.2: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
	actual		estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Outcome 1: Department of the Se	nate				
Departmental expenses					
Departmental appropriation	23,463	23,452	23,615	23,776	23,938
s 74 external revenue receipts (a)	450	450	450	450	450
Expenses not requiring					
appropriation in the Budget	175	176	177	180	183
year (b)					
Departmental total	24,088	24,078	24,242	24,406	24,571
Total expenses for Outcome 1	24,088	24,078	24,242	24,406	24,571

	2018-19	2019-20
Average staffing level (number)	157	157

⁽a) Estimated expenses incurred in relation to receipts retained under section 74 of the PGPA Act.

Figures displayed as a negative (-) represent a decrease in funds and a positive (+) represent an increase in funds.

Note: Departmental appropriation splits and totals are indicative estimates and may change in the course of the budget year as priorities change.

⁽b) Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year are made up of depreciation and amortisation expenses.

Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

This section presents budgeted financial statements which provide a comprehensive snapshot of the department's finances for the 2019-20 budget year, including the impact of budget measures and resourcing on financial statements.

3.1 BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3.1.1 Explanatory notes and analysis of budgeted financial statements

The department continues to sustain the increased demand in support for Senate committee and legislative activity seen in recent years. The department expects to be able to meet these demands within existing resources in the current (2018-19) and budget (2019-20) years. However, if the level of activity continues or increases, the department will seek additional resources over the forward estimates to ensure the requirements of the Senate and senators can be met.

During the 2017-18 financial year the department transferred the majority of heritage furniture assets to the Department of Parliamentary Services. The reduced asset holding and the associated reduction in depreciation expense are reflected in the balance sheet and the comprehensive income statement, respectively.

3.2 BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TABLES

Table 3.1: Comprehensive income statement (showing net cost of services) for the period ended 30 June $\,$

2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 Estinated actual \$000 \$00						
Revenue from government Revenue from government Commonwealth		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Sample S		Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
Employee benefits		actual		estimate	estimate	estimate
Employee benefits 20,926 21,069 21,196 21,319 21,530 Suppliers 2,987 2,833 2,869 2,907 2,858 Depreciation and amortisation 175 176 177 180 183 183 183 185		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Suppliers 2,987 2,833 2,869 2,907 2,858 175 176 177 180 183	EXPENSES					
Total expenses	Employee benefits	20,926	21,069	21,196	21,319	21,530
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Note: Impact of net cash appropriation arrangements Cash against a comprehensive income /(Inss) Cash against arrangements Cash against	Depreciation and amortisation	175	176	177	180	183
OWN-SOURCE INCOME Own-source revenue 450	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	24,088	24,078	24,242	24,406	24,571
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Net (cost of)/contribution by services 450						
Case		450	450	450	450	450
C23,638 C23,628 C23,792 C23,936 C24,121	Total own-source income	450	450	450	450	450
Commonwealth		(23,638)	(23,628)	(23,792)	(23,956)	(24,121)
Commonwealth	Revenue from government	23,463	23,452	23,615	23,776	23,938
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Note: Impact of net cash appropriation arrangements 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000	Total comprehensive income/(loss)	(175)	(176)	(177)	(180)	(183)
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2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 \$'000 \$'	Nata-language of materials					
\$'000 \$'00	Note: impact of net cash appropriation			2020.24	2024 22	2022.22
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comprehensive income		(175)	(176)	(177)	(180)	(183)
	comprehensive income					

Table 3.2: Budgeted departmental balance sheet (as at 30 June)

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
	actual		estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	210	210	210	210	210
Trade and other receivables	11,118	11,118	11,118	11,118	11,118
Total financial assets	11,328	11,328	11,328	11,328	11,328
Non-financial assets					
Property, plant and equipment	2,477	2,702	2,927	3,152	3,377
Intangibles	59	59	59	59	59
Inventories	86	86	86	86	86
Other non-financial assets	237	237	237	237	237
Total non-financial assets	2,859	3,084	3,309	3,534	3,759
Total assets	14,187	14,412	14,637	14,862	15,087
LIABILITIES					
Payables					
Suppliers	227	227	227	227	227
Other payables	210	210	210	210	210
Total payables	437	437	437	437	437
Provisions					
Employee provisions	6,325	6,325	6,325	6,325	6,325
Total provisions	6,325	6,325	6,325	6,325	6,325
Total liabilities	6,762	6,762	6,762	6,762	6,762
Net assets	7,425	7,650	7,875	8,100	8,325
EQUITY*					
Parent entity interest					
Contributed equity	2,514	2,915	3,317	3,722	4,130
Reserves	11,347	11,347	11,347	11,347	11,347
Retained surplus (accumulated					
deficit)	(6,436)	(6,612)	(6,789)	(6,969)	(7,152)
Total parent entity interest	7,425	7,650	7,875	8,100	8,325
Total equity	7,425	7,650	7,875	8,100	8,325

^{* &#}x27;Equity' is the residual interest in assets after deduction of liabilities.

Table 3.3: Departmental statement of changes in equity — summary of movement (Budget year 2019-20)

	Retained	Asset	Other	Contributed	Total
	earnings	revaluation	reserves	equity/	equity
		reserve		capital	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance as at 1 July 2019					
Balance carried forw ard from previous period	(6,436)	11,347	-	2,514	7,425
Adjustment for changes in accounting policies	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted opening balance	_	-	-	-	
Comprehensive income					
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	(176)	-	-	-	(176)
Total comprehensive income	(176)	-	-	-	(176)
of which:					
Attributable to the Commonw ealth	(176)	-	-	-	(176)
Transactions with owners Contributions by owners					
Departmental capital budget (DCB)	-	-	-	401	401
Sub-total transactions with owners	_	-	-	401	401
Estimated closing balance as at 30 June 2020	(6,612)	11,347	-	2,915	7,650
Closing balance attributable to the Commonwealth	(6,612)	11,347	-	2,915	7,650

Table 3.4: Budgeted departmental statement of cash flows (for the period ended 30 June)

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
	actual		estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Appropriations	23,463	23,452	23,615	23,776	23,938
Sale of goods and rendering of	450	450	450	450	450
services	430	450	430	450	450
Total cash received	23,913	23,902	24,065	24,226	24,388
Cash used					
Employees	20,926	21,069	21,196	21,319	21,530
Suppliers	2,987	2,833	2,869	2,907	2,858
Total cash used	23,913	23,902	24,065	24,226	24,388
Net cash from/(used by)					
operating activities	-	-	_	_	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash used					
Purchase of property, plant and					
equipment and intangibles	775	401	402	405	408
Total cash used	775	401	402	405	408
Net cash from/(used by)	()			(4 \	
investing activities	(775)	(401)	(402)	(405)	(408)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Contributed equity	775	401	402	405	408
Total cash received	775	401	402	405	408
Net cash from/(used by)	770				
financing activities	775	401	402	405	408
Net increase/(decrease) in cash					
held	-	-	-	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the					
beginning of the reporting period	210	210	210	210	210
Cash and cash equivalents at the					
end of the reporting period	210	210	210	210	210
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Table 3.5: Departmental capital budget statement (for the period ended 30 June)

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
	actual		estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
NEW CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS					
Capital budget (DCB)	775	401	402	405	408
Total new capital appropriations	775	401	402	405	408
Provided for:					
Purchase of non-financial assets	775	401	402	405	408
Total items	775	401	402	405	408
PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Funded by capital appropriation - DCB (a)	775	401	402	405	408
TOTAL	775	401	402	405	408
RECONCILIATION OF CASH USED TO ACQUIRE ASSETS TO ASSET					
MOVEMENT TABLE					
Total purchases	775	401	402	405	408
Total cash used to acquire assets	775	401	402	405	408

⁽a) Includes purchases from current and previous years' Departmental capital budgets (DCBs).

Glossary

Accrual accounting System of accounting where items are brought to

account and included in the financial statements as they are earned or incurred, rather than as

they are received or paid.

Accumulated depreciation The aggregate depreciation recorded for a

particular depreciating asset.

Additional estimates Where amounts appropriated at Budget time are

insufficient, Parliament may appropriate more funds to portfolios through the Additional (Parliamentary Departments) Appropriation

Acts.

Annual appropriation Appropriation Bills are introduced into

Parliament and comprise the Budget for the financial year beginning 1 July. Further Bills are introduced later in the financial year as part of the additional estimates. Parliamentary

departments have their own appropriations.

Appropriation An authorisation by Parliament to spend

moneys from the Consolidated Revenue Fund

for a particular purpose.

Capital expenditure Expenditure by an agency on capital projects, for

example purchasing a building.

Consolidated Revenue Fund Section 81 of the Constitution stipulates that all

revenue raised or money received by the Commonwealth forms the one consolidated revenue fund (CRF). The CRF is not a bank account. The Official Public Account reflects

most of the operations of the CRF.

Departmental items

Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses that are controlled by the agency in providing its outputs. Departmental items would generally include computers, plant and equipment assets used by agencies in providing goods and services and most employee expenses, supplier costs and other administrative expenses incurred.

Depreciation

Apportionment of an asset's capital value as an expense over its estimated useful life to take account of normal usage, obsolescence, or the passage of time.

Expense

Total value of all of the resources consumed in producing goods and services or the loss of future economic benefits in the form of reductions in assets or increases in liabilities of an entity.

Equity or net assets

Residual interest in the assets of an entity after deduction of its liabilities.

Measure

A new policy or savings decision of the Government with financial impacts.

Operating result

Equals revenue less expense.

Outcome

An outcome is the intended result, consequence or impact of government actions on the Australian community.

PGPA Act

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013.

Program

Activity that delivers benefits, services or transfer payment to individuals, industry and/or the community as a whole, with the aim of achieving the intended result specified in an outcome statement.

Revenue

Total value of resources earned or received to cover the production of goods and services.

Department of the Senate Budget Statements

Special appropriations

An amount of money appropriated by a particular Act of Parliament for a specific purpose and number of years. For special appropriations the authority to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund does not generally cease at the end of the financial year.

Standing appropriations are a sub-category consisting of ongoing special appropriations — the amount appropriated will depend on circumstances specified in the legislation.