

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Inquiry into the Pacific Banking Guarantee Bill

Department: Department of the Treasury
Topic: Australian presence in the Pacific in the financial services sector
Reference: Spoken
Senator: Jane Hume

Question:

Senator HUME: I think one of the premises of this legislation is that its intent is welcomed from both sides of the chamber, whether it be government or opposition. The two parties of government are in favour of doing this. However, I think there is a natural hesitation at giving any future government, whatever hue they might be, an uncapped appropriation, which does seem to be a little bit of overkill. Was it a specific request by the minister? Was it a suggestion by the department? Why do we need to have this as an uncapped appropriation?

Mr Baird: My understanding—and I'll ask Ms Claringbould if she has further information on this—is, as I said previously, that this is fairly standard for special appropriations.

Senator HUME: Ms Claringbould, the reason I ask is that, if you've got two parties of government that agree that this is a good idea and would like to be able to ensure that there is an Australian presence in the Pacific in the financial services sector, and if there were a specific reason why you needed more than whatever was assigned for the appropriation, I'm certain that it would be something that could be expedited and negotiated between the two parties of government. Yet, this does seem to be an unnecessary guardrail that has been lifted.

Mr Baird: I think part of the rationale is clearly to provide flexibility for future arrangements with banks. In terms of any further background—do you have anything to add?

Ms Claringbould: I'd probably echo your point, Mr Baird, that there are a number of special appropriations that do not have caps on them.

Senator HUME: What are some examples?

Ms Claringbould: I don't have the list at hand, but the Department of Finance does publish a chart of special appropriations and, as Mr Baird has said, as at 1 July 2025, there are 173 which are unlimited in nature.

Senator HUME: Are any of them this kind of size?

Mr Baird: We're happy to take that on notice. We don't have any further information at hand other than that statistic we've just provided you.

Answer:

Treasury and can confirm that information on the background and nature of the Government's existing special appropriations can be found at the Department of Finance's website at www.finance.gov.au/special-appropriations-background which also includes information about the reporting requirements of special appropriations.

The Department of Finance's Chart of Special Appropriations – 1 July 2025 is attached for the Committee's convenience.

Chart of Special Appropriations – 1 July 2025

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Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry: 20@

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry: - 20@

<i>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992, s.58(6)</i>
<i>Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Act 1996, s.5~</i>
<i>Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997, ss.63(2)~, 64(2)~, 64A(2)~, 64B(2)~, 64C(2)~, 64D(2)~, 66(1)~</i>
<i>Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Repeals and Consequential Provisions) Act 1997, ss.12(2), 21(6), 50^*</i>
<i>Dairy Industry Service Reform Act 2003, s.27(4)*</i>
<i>Dairy Produce Act 1986, s.6(1)~, Schedule 2 ss.83(3)~, 84(2)~, 85(2)~</i>
<i>Egg Industry Service Provision Act 2002, s.8(1)~</i>
<i>Egg Industry Service Provision (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2002, s.15(2)^*~</i>
<i>Farm Household Support Act 2014, ss.105(1), 105(3)</i>
<i>Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Act 2007, s.9(1)~</i>
<i>Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services Act 2000, s.16(9)~</i>
<i>Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services (Repeals and Consequential Provisions) Act 2000, s.30(4)^*</i>
<i>Pig Industry Act 2001, ss.10(1)~, 16(4), 17(2), 27(4), 45(1)</i>
<i>Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Act 2002, ss.6~, 10B~</i>
<i>Primary Industries Levies and Charges Disbursement Act 2024, s.37, s.52, s.62, s.86(5)</i>
<i>Primary Industries Research and Development Act 1989, ss.30(3)~, 30A(3)~, 30B(9)~</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2014, Schedule 5 ss.89(2)^*, 98(3)^*, ss.66(2)^*, 100(5)^*</i>
<i>Sugar Research and Development Services Act 2013, s.7~</i>
<i>Wine Australia Act 2013, s.32~</i>
<i>Wool Services Privatisation Act 2000, s.31(4)~</i>

*Native Title Act 1993, s.54(2)**

Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Act 2017, Schedule 1 s.13(3)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Administrative Review Tribunal@

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Federal Court of Australia@

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water: 14@

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water: 11@

<i>Australian Renewable Energy Agency Act 2011, s.66</i>
<i>Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011, ss.183(4)*</i>
<i>Fuel Security Act 2021, s.58</i>
<i>Moomba-Sydney Pipeline System Sale Act 1994, ss.21(3)^*, 22(3)^*</i>
<i>National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007, ss.22XNM(4)*</i>
<i>Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021, s.186(2)</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2014, Schedule 5 ss.89(2)^*, 98(3)^*, ss.66(2)^*, 100(5)^*</i>
<i>Sewerage Agreements Act 1973, ss.4, 8*</i>
<i>Sewerage Agreements Act 1974, ss.6, 10*</i>
<i>Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Act 1997, s.22^*</i>
<i>Water Act 2007, s.174(3)*</i>

Clean Energy Regulator: 2@

<i>Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Act 2014, s.343A(3)^*</i>
<i>Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000, s.157</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority: 1@

<i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975, ss. 39FAA(5)^, 39FG(5)^, 65A(1), 65A(2)</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973, ss.84(5), 125(3)

*Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (Pension Increases) Act 1974, s.4^**

*Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (Pension Increases) Act 1976, s.3^**

Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme Act 2008, s.84

Military Superannuation and Benefits Act 1991, ss.17, 42A(2)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

*War Gratuity Act 1945, s.31**

Department of Veterans' Affairs: 12@

<i>Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Act 2006, s.49^</i>
<i>Compensation (Japanese Internment) Act 2001, s.13^</i>
<i>Defence Service Homes Act 1918, s.41</i>
<i>Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004, s.423</i>
<i>Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2004, s.160^*</i>
<i>Papua New Guinea (Members of the Forces Benefits) Act 1957, s.8A</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
<i>Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act 1988, ss.160(1), 160(1A), 160(2)</i>
<i>Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Act 2019, s.62</i>
<i>Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986, s.199</i>
<i>Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments and Other 2007 Budget Measures) Act 2007, Schedule 2 ss.1(4)^*, 2(4)^*, Schedule 4 s.1(4)^*, Schedule 5 s.11^*</i>
<i>Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments and Other Budget Measures) Act 2008, Schedule 2 ss.1(4)^*, 2(4)^*, Schedule 4 s.1(4)^*</i>
<i>Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments to Increase Assistance for Older Australians and Carers and Other Measures) Act 2006, Schedule 2 ss.1(4)^*, 2(4)^*, Schedule 4 s.1(4)^*</i>

Attorney-General's: 11@

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<i>Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act 1970, s.20(4)*</i>
<i>Crimes (Superannuation Benefits) Act 1989, s.41(6)**</i>
<i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021, ss.18(3), 128</i>
<i>Federal Court of Australia Act 1976, s.10**</i>
<i>High Court of Australia Act 1979, s.13**</i>
<i>High Court Justices (Long Leave Payments) Act 1979, s.6**</i>
<i>Judges (Long Leave Payments) Act 1979, s.6^</i>
<i>Law Officers Act 1964, s.16(13), Schedule 1 s.4(7)</i>
<i>National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022, s.280(3)</i>

Defence: 25@

Department of Defence: 13@

<i>Australian Defence Force Cover Act 2015, s.60</i>
<i>Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990, s.38</i>
<i>Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948, ss.15D, 82ZH(5)</i>
<i>Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (Pension Increases) Act 1961, s.12(2)^*</i>
<i>Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (Pension Increases) Act 1967, s.14(2)^*</i>
<i>Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (Pension Increases) Act 1971, s.19(2)^*</i>
<i>Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (Pension Increases) Act 1973, s.11^*</i>

Education: 5@

Department of Education: 5@

<i>A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999, s.233</i>
<i>Australian Education Act 2013, ss.126(1), 126(2)</i>
<i>Higher Education Support Act 2003, s.238-12</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
<i>Schools Assistance Act 2008, s.167*</i>
<i>Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004, s.133*</i>
<i>Australian Research Council@</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>

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Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency@
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Employment and Workplace Relations: 8@

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations: 7@

Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) Act 2005, ss.8(2), 15(3)

Australian Apprenticeship Support Loans Act 2014, s.104

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Administration Act 1992, s.36(4)

Fair Entitlements Guarantee Act 2012, s.51

Higher Education Support Act 2003, s.238-12

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988, ss.90D, 97N(2), 97QC(2)

VET Student Loans Act 2016, s.115

Fair Work Commission@

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman: 1@

Fair Work Act 2009, s.559(4)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Australian Skills Quality Authority@

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Finance: 34@

Department of Finance: 29@

AIDC Sale Act 1997, ss.34^*, 34ZX(2)^*

Airports (Transitional) Act 1996, ss.44, 86(1)^*

Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (the Constitution), ss.3, 66

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021 s.128#

Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Act 2011, ss.35(3), 35(4)

Governor-General Act 1974, ss.4AA(5), 4AC(7), 4BA(5), 5

Judges' Pensions Act 1968, ss.12A(5), 14, 17AB(7), 17AL(3), 20(4)

Lands Acquisition Act 1989, s.124(5)**

Loans Securities Act 1919, ss.6(1), 6(2)

Medibank Private Sale Act 2006, Schedule 2 ss.8(1)^, 61^*

Moomba-Sydney Pipeline System Sale Act 1994, s.51(2)^*

Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017, s.59(1)

Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948, ss.15C(11), 22DH(4), 22SC(3), 26D, 27

Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990, s.11

Parliamentary Retirement Travel Act 2002, s.31

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances (Increases) Act 1967, s.5^*

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances (Increases) Act 1971, s.10(2)^*

Parliamentary Superannuation Act 2004, s.18

Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951, s.22*

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, ss.58(7), 77, 78(4), 80(1), 105(3)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2014, Schedule 5 ss.66(2)^*, 89(2)^*, 98(3)^*, 100(5)^*

Public Works Committee Act 1969, s.35(2)^*

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws – Superannuation) Act 2008, s.4(7)

Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Act 1997, s.22^*

Superannuation Act 1922, ss.119T(2), 119ZC(5), 134(1)

Superannuation Act 1976, ss.54L(2), 54ZA, 110TG(2), 112(2), 112(5), 112(9), 124(1), 128(7A), 140(3), 145(5), 145(9), 160A(2), 166(4), 180(4), 241(2)

Superannuation Act 1990, ss.18, 33E(2), 37(1), 37(3), 37A(2), 38(2)

Superannuation Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2011, Schedule 2 ss.26(1)^*, 26(3)^*

Transferred Officers' Allowances Act 1948, s.8*

Australian Electoral Commission: 1@

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, ss.92(6), 302

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority: 4@

Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017, s.59(1)

Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990, s.11

Parliamentary Retirement Travel Act 2002, s.31

Remuneration and Allowances Act 1990, s.8*

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Services Australia@

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

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Health and Other Services (Compensation) Act 1995, s.18(9)*

Health Insurance Act 1973, ss.46AC*, 125(1)*

Medical Indemnity Act 2002, ss.34ZR(2), 48, 66A(9), 67(4)

Medical Indemnity Agreement (Financial Assistance — Binding Commonwealth Obligations) Act 2002, s.5

Medicare Guarantee Act 2017, s.18#

Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Act 2010, ss.43(2), 70, 78(2)

National Health Act 1953, s.137(1)

Private Health Insurance Act 2007, s.282-40

Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2007, s.39(2)^

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

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Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts: 15@

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts: 14@
<i>ACT Self-Government (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988, s.30^{^*}</i>
<i>AusLink (National Land Transport — Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2005, s.3^{^*}</i>
<i>Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990, s.48(2)</i>
<i>Australian National Railways Commission Sale Act 1997, ss.67AH(4)[*], 67AW[*]</i>
<i>Aviation Fuel Revenues (Special Appropriation) Act 1988, s.4(4)</i>
<i>Civil Aviation Act 1988, s.46A(4)</i>
<i>Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995, s.90(2)[*]</i>
<i>Infrastructure Australia Amendment Act 2014, s.9(3)^{^*}N</i>
<i>Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995, s.19</i>
<i>National Portrait Gallery of Australia (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2012, s.12(3)^{^*}</i>
<i>Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Act 2016, s.41</i>
<i>Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) Act 1993, ss.40(4), 46N(4)</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
<i>Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997, s.27(4)[*]</i>
<i>Telstra Corporation Act 1991, s.8BA(3)^{**}</i>
Australian Communications and Media Authority: 1@
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
<i>Telecommunications Act 1997, ss.73A(3), 136C(4)</i>
National Capital Authority@
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>

Parliamentary Departments: 1@

Parliamentary Budget Office: 1@
<i>Parliamentary Service Act 1999, s.64D^{^*}</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>

Prime Minister and Cabinet: 9@

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet@
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
Australian National Audit Office: 1@
<i>Auditor-General Act 1997, s.3(4), Schedule 1 s.7(3)</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
Australian Public Service Commission: 3@
<i>Judicial and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Allowances) Act 1984, s.7(2)[*]</i>

<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
<i>Remuneration and Allowances Act 1990, s.8^{**}</i>
<i>Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973, s.7(13)</i>
National Indigenous Australians Agency: 4@
<i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976, s.17(a)</i>
<i>Higher Education Support Act 2003, s.238-12</i>
<i>Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000, s.13[*]</i>
<i>Native Title Act 1993, s.54(2)[*]</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General: 1@
<i>Governor-General Act 1974, s.3</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>

Social Services: 15@

Department of Social Services: 15@
<i>A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999, s.233</i>
<i>Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Act 2015, s.99(1)[*]</i>
<i>Clean Energy (Household Assistance Amendments) Act 2011, Schedule 2 s.36(5)[*]</i>
<i>Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act 1990, s.15A[*]</i>
<i>Household Stimulus Package Act (No. 2) 2009, Schedule 4 s.1(5)[*]</i>
<i>National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018, s.161</i>
<i>Paid Parental Leave Act 2010, s.307</i>
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77</i>
<i>Social Security (Administration) Act 1999, ss.123ZN, 242</i>
<i>Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Economic Security Strategy) Act 2008, Schedule 4 s.1(4)[*]</i>
<i>Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (More Help for Families—One-off Payments) Act 2004, Schedule 3 s.1(6)^{^*}</i>
<i>Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments and Other 2007 Budget Measures) Act 2007, Schedule 2 ss.1(4)^{^*}, 2(4)^{^*}, Schedule 4 s.1(4)^{^*}, Schedule 5 s.11^{^*}</i>
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<i>Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments to Increase Assistance for Older Australians and Carers and Other Measures) Act 2006, Schedule 2 ss.1(4)^{^*}, 2(4)^{^*}, Schedule 4 s.1(4)^{^*}</i>

<i>Social Security Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments for Carers) Act 2005, Schedule 2 s.1(4)^{^*}</i>
<i>Student Assistance Act 1973, s.55A</i>

Treasury: 55@

Department of the Treasury: 34@
<i>Australian Business Growth Fund (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020, s.18</i>
<i>Banking Act 1959, s.69(8)</i>
<i>Commonwealth Places (Mirror Taxes) Act 1998, s.23(4)[*]</i>
<i>Corporations Act 2001, s.846B</i>
<i>Corporations Act 2001, s.1069P(2)</i>
<i>Federal Financial Relations Act 2009, s.22</i>
<i>Financial Agreements (Commonwealth Liability) Act 1932, s.4(3)[*]</i>
<i>Guarantee Scheme for Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding Appropriation Act 2008, s.5[*]</i>
<i>Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprises (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020, s.6</i>
<i>Guarantee of State and Territory Borrowing Appropriation Act 2009, s.5[*]</i>
<i>Help to Buy Act 2024, s.27(4)[*]</i>
<i>Housing Australia Act 2018, s.48A</i>
<i>International Monetary Agreements Act 1947, ss.5A(6), 7(4), 8, 8A, 8B(2), 8C(3), 8CAA(2), 8CA(4), 9</i>
<i>Asian Development Bank Act 1966, s.4[*]</i>
<i>Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) Act 1972, s.7^{^*}</i>
<i>Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) Act 1977, s.7^{^*}</i>
<i>Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) Act 1983, s.6^{^*}</i>
<i>Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) Act 1995, s.6^{^*}</i>
<i>Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) Act 2009, s.6^{^*}</i>
<i>Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Act 2015, s.7</i>
<i>European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Act 1990, s.4[*]</i>
<i>International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (General Capital Increase) Act 1989, s.6^{^*}</i>
<i>International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Share Increase) Act 1988, s.5(1)^{^*}</i>
<i>International Finance Corporation Act 1955, ss.5, s5B(2)</i>
<i>International Financial Institutions (Share Increase) Act 1982, s.7(1)^{^*}</i>
<i>International Financial Institutions (Share Increase) Act 1986, s.7(1)^{^*}</i>
<i>International Monetary Agreements Act 1960, s.4^{^*}</i>
<i>International Monetary Agreements Act 1974, s.6^{^*}</i>
<i>Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency Act 1997, s.4[*]</i>
<i>Medicare Guarantee Act 2017, s.18^{^*}</i>

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240 authorised by legislation made by the Australian Parliament

173 'Unlimited' in nature
(i.e., limited only by eligibility criteria or other statutory conditions, with no defined ceiling on total expenditure)

17 'Limited' in nature
(i.e., limited by a total dollar amount, and often also limited by time, such as a financial year)

50 'One-off' in nature
(i.e., special appropriations for a one-off payment, or payments for a limited transitional period)

*Papua New Guinea Loans Guarantee Act 1975, s.4**
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77
*States Grants Act 1927, s.7**
*Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993, s.231(4)**
*Terrorism and Cyclone Insurance Act 2003, ss.37, 42(3)***

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission@

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Australian Financial Security Authority: 1@

Bankruptcy Act 1966, s.286(3)
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77

Australian Office of Financial Management: 7@

Australian National Railways Commission Sale Act 1997, ss.67AH(4), 67AW**
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911, ss.13AA, 13A, 13B
*Loans Redemption and Conversion Act 1921, s.5**
Financial Agreement Act 1994, s.5
Loans Securities Act 1919, ss.4, 5B(2), 5BA(6)
*Moomba-Sydney Pipeline System Sale Act 1994, ss.19(3)^**
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, ss.58(7), 77
*Treasury Bills Act 1914, s.6**

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority: 2@

*Insurance Act 1973, s.92Q(5)**
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77
*Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993, s.231(4)**

Australian Securities and Investments Commission: 5@

Banking Act 1959, s.69(8)
Corporations Act 2001, ss.883D(4), 889J(4)*, 889J(5)*, 889K(4)**
Life Insurance Act 1995, s.216(12)
*National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009, s.115(2)**
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77
*Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993, s.231(4)**

Australian Taxation Office: 6@

*A New Tax System (Managing the GST Rate and Base) Act 1999, Schedule 4 s.2(3)^**
*Commonwealth Places Windfall Tax (Collection) Act 1998, s.12(3)**
Product Grants and Benefits Administration Act 2000, s.55
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, s.77
Small Superannuation Accounts Act 1995, s.76(9)
Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992, s.71
Taxation Administration Act 1953, s.16

Key to symbols used in this Chart:

* No payments have been made from the special appropriation in the past four years or longer.

A contingent special appropriation, which authorises payment only if external circumstances designated in legislation occur.

^ A special appropriation intended to make a one-off payment, or to effect transitional arrangements or machinery of government changes.

@ All NCEs are able to use the repayments special appropriation in section 77 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act), if the expenditure is consistent with the legislative provisions. Therefore, the totals figures listed next to each portfolio and entity, and the totals figures at the top of the page, do not include this Act (even though the PGPA Act and section are still included in the Acts lists for the NCEs). The exception is in the totals for the Finance portfolio. This ensures that the repayments provision is only counted once. NCEs which only use a single special appropriation, that of section 77, are listed as having no special appropriations for the purposes of the totals.

~ Special appropriations have been repealed but remain in effect due to application, savings and transitional provisions in the [Primary Industries \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Act 2024](#)

A special appropriation (also known as a 'standing appropriation') is a legal mechanism contained within an Act that is not an annual appropriation Act, whereby the Parliament authorises the Executive to expend money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for specific purposes. (See sections 81 and 83 of the Constitution.) Expenditure from a special appropriation can be made only for the legislated purposes of that appropriation.

This Chart (available [on the Finance website here](#)) lists Acts containing special appropriation provisions, under the non-corporate Commonwealth entity (NCE) that is responsible for administering them. A special appropriation may be administered by more than one NCE. (If so, the Act will appear under two or more NCEs.) Acts that are amendments, transitional or relate to the functions of a primary Act, are collected under that primary Act. The name of each Act listed in this Chart is [hyperlinked](#) to the legislation on the Federal Register of Legislation.

NCEs which have special accounts rely on the special appropriations in sections 78 or 80 of the PGPA Act. This Chart does not include special accounts, which are a subset of special appropriations. The Chart also does not include 'statutory credits', which are provisions whose sole purpose is to increase the balance of a special account. For further information on special accounts, see the *Chart of Special Accounts*, also available [on the Finance website](#).

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