

**PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS 2013-14**

COMMUNICATIONS PORTFOLIO

EXPLANATIONS OF ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013-14

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MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS

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Dear Mr President
Dear Madam Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements in support of the 2013-14 Additional Estimates for the Communications Portfolio. These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the funding requirements being sought for the Portfolio.

I present these statements by virtue of my ministerial responsibility for accountability to the Parliament and, through it, the public.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Turnbull'.

Malcolm Turnbull

A second handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Turnbull'.

Malcolm Turnbull

Abbreviations and conventions

The following notations may be used:

NEC/nec	not elsewhere classified
-	nil
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
na	not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
nfp	not for publication
\$m	\$ million

Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Figures in text are generally rounded to one decimal place, whereas figures in tables are generally rounded to the nearest thousand. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

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**USER GUIDE
TO THE
PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATE STATEMENTS**

USER GUIDE

The purpose of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES), like that of the Portfolio Budget Statements (PB Statements), is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of resources to Government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio. The focus of the PAES differs from the PB Statements in one important aspect. While the PAES include an Agency Resource Statement to inform Parliament of the revised estimate of the total resources available to an agency, the focus of the PAES is on explaining the changes in resourcing by outcome(s) since the Budget. As such, the PAES provides information on new measures and their impact on the financial and/or non-financial planned performance of programs supporting those outcomes.

The PAES facilitate understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bills (Nos. 3 and 4) 2013-14. In this sense the PAES is declared by the Additional Estimates Appropriation Bills to be a 'relevant document' to the interpretation of the Bills according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Whereas the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) 2013-14* is a mid-year budget report which provides updated information to allow the assessment of the Government's fiscal performance against its fiscal strategy, the PAES update the most recent budget appropriations for agencies within the portfolio.

Structure of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements

The PAES are presented in three parts with subsections.

User Guide

Provides a brief introduction explaining the purpose of the PAES.

Portfolio Overview

Provides an overview of the portfolio, including a chart that outlines the outcomes for agencies in the portfolio.

Agency Additional Estimates Statements

A statement (under the name of the agency) for each agency affected by Additional Estimates.

Section 1: Agency Overview and Resources	This section details the total resources available to an agency, the impact of any measures since Budget, and impact on Appropriation Bills Nos. 3 and 4.
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Section 2: Revisions to Outcomes and Planned Performance	This section details changes to Government outcomes and/or changes to the planned performance of agency programs.
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Section 3: Explanatory Tables and Budgeted Financial Statements	This section contains updated explanatory tables on special account flows and staffing levels and revisions to the budgeted financial statements.
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Glossary	Explains key terms relevant to the portfolio.
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Minister and Portfolio Responsibilities

The Communications Portfolio includes the following agencies:

- **Department of Communications** – The Department of Communications aims to develop a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband, broadcasting and communications sector through policy development and program delivery, which promotes the digital economy for all Australians.
- **Australia Post** – Australia Post is a Government Business Enterprise, wholly owned by the Australian Government. It provides a high-quality mail and delivery service to all Australians and a range of parcel and logistics services.
- **Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)** – The ABC is a national broadcaster. It contributes to and reflects Australia’s national identity, fosters creativity and the arts and encourages cultural diversity. The ABC is an integral part of the radio, television and online production industries and the news and information media.
- **Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)** – The ACMA is responsible for regulating in accordance with legislation related to broadcasting, radio communications, telecommunications and online content. The ACMA works with all stakeholders to maximise the public benefit, including the extent to which the regulatory framework addresses the broad concerns of the community, meets the needs of industry, and maintains community and national interest safeguards.
- **NBN Co Limited (NBN Co)** – The NBN Co is a Government Business Enterprise, wholly owned by the Australian Government. It will plan, roll out and operate the National Broadband Network, providing access to high speed broadband to all Australians.
- **Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)** – The SBS is a national broadcaster. It provides multicultural and multilingual services that inform, educate and entertain all Australians. Its mission is to contribute to a more cohesive, equitable and harmonious Australia through its television, radio and online services.
- **Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency (TUSMA)** – TUSMA is responsible for supporting the delivery of universal service and other public interest telecommunications services to all Australians.

Since the 2013-14 PB Statements were issued, the following changes have occurred in this Portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO) changes announced by the Prime Minister on 18 September 2013:

- The Department’s name was changed from the ‘Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy’ to the ‘Department of Communications’; and

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- Responsibility for the Indigenous Communications Program and the Indigenous Broadcasting Program has been transferred from the Department of Communications to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. This transfer was completed on 7 November 2013 via legislative instruments under section 32 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

Additional estimates and variations are only being sought for the SBS. The SBS is seeking a \$20.0 million short-term loan to support their coverage of the 2014 FIFA World Cup through Appropriation Bill (No. 4).

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP is the Minister for Communications and the Hon Paul Fletcher MP is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications. A summary of the Portfolio structure is at Figure 1. Further detail about the responsibilities of each agency appears in individual agency chapters of the 2013-14 PB Statements.

Figure 1: Communications Portfolio Structure and Outcomes

<p style="text-align: center;">Minister for Communications The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications The Hon Paul Fletcher MP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Department of Communications Portfolio Secretary: Drew Clarke</p> <p>Outcome 1: Develop a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband, broadcasting and communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, which promotes the digital economy for all Australians</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Australian Broadcasting Corporation Managing Director: Mark Scott</p> <p>Outcome 1: Informed, educated and entertained audiences — throughout Australia and overseas — through innovative and comprehensive media and related services</p> <p>Outcome 2: Audience access to ABC satellite and analog terrestrial radio and television transmission services is, at a minimum, maintained year-on-year through the management of Transmission Service Agreements</p> <p>Outcome 3: Audience access to ABC digital television services is provided, in accordance with Government approved implementation policy, through the rollout and maintenance of the associated distribution and transmission infrastructure</p> <p>Outcome 4: Audience access to ABC digital radio services is provided, in accordance with Government approved implementation policy, through the rollout and maintenance of the associated distribution and transmission infrastructure</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Australian Communications and Media Authority Chair and Chief Executive Officer: Chris Chapman</p> <p>Outcome 1: A communications and media environment that balances the needs of the industry and the Australian community through regulation, education and advice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Special Broadcasting Service Corporation Managing Director: Michael Ebeid</p> <p>Outcome 1: Provide multilingual and multicultural services that inform, educate and entertain all Australians and in so doing reflect Australia's multicultural society</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency A/g Chief Executive Officer: Kelly Mudford</p> <p>Outcome 1: Support the delivery of universal service and other public interest telecommunications services for all Australians in accordance with Government policy, including through the management of telecommunications services agreements and grants</p>

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Portfolio Resources

Table 1 shows for those agencies reporting in the PAES, the additional resources provided to the Portfolio in the 2013-14 budget year, by agency.

Table 1: Portfolio Resources 2013-14

	Appropriation			Receipts	Total
	Bill No. 3 \$m	Bill No. 4 \$m	Special \$m	\$m	\$m
Payments to CAC Act bodies:					
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	-	20.0	-	-	20.0
Portfolio total					20.0
		Resources available within Portfolio			20.0