

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS

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Section 1: Entity overview and resources

1.1 STRATEGIC DIRECTION STATEMENT

The Department of Communications and the Arts advises the Government on issues relating to communications and the arts. It supports the Government to promote economic growth and social benefits by helping all Australians realise the opportunities of digital technologies and communications services. The Department fosters a vibrant and diverse Australian culture. It also promotes access to, and participation in, a wide range of cultural and artistic endeavours for all Australians.

In delivering these outcomes, the Department will focus on the strategic priorities described below:

- **Ensure efficient investment in innovation infrastructure** – Australia needs efficient investment in infrastructure that supports innovation and productivity. This includes high quality, reliable and secure communications networks and artistic and cultural institutions that foster creativity and reflect changing consumer preferences for how services are accessed. Infrastructure investment and availability must occur nationally, with careful consideration of the incentives and models for service delivery in regional and remote Australia.
- **Harnessing digital disruption** – Digital disruption presents both challenges and opportunities. The communications sector plays an integral role in enabling the digitally driven transition of the Australian economy. Digital technologies are transforming traditional business models and creating new competitive landscapes, including within the communications sector.
- **Ensuring access to diverse Australian content** – While digital platforms are providing new ways to consume media, Australians still expect access to the full range of Australian content. The Department advises the Government on appropriate and sustainable funding models and incentives to support the development and distribution of high quality Australian content.
- **Foster Australian arts and culture** – Australia’s arts sector is important for all Australians. The Government provides opportunities for Australian communities to learn about, enjoy and participate in a wide range of artistic and cultural endeavours as well as supporting Indigenous arts and culture, Australian literature, the performing and visual arts, Australian screen production and creative industries.

Table 3.10: Administered capital budget statement (for the period ended 30 June)

	2016-17 Estimated actual \$'000	2017-18 Budget \$'000	2018-19 Forward estimate \$'000	2019-20 Forward estimate \$'000	2020-21 Forward estimate \$'000
NEW CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS					
Capital budget - Bill 1 (ACB) ^(a)	1,649	1,636	1,608	1,606	1,616
Administered Assets and Liabilities - Bill 2	8,325,647	9,158,817	6,311,958	1,982,629	-
Total new capital appropriations	8,327,296	9,160,453	6,313,566	1,984,235	1,616
Provided for:					
Purchase of non-financial assets	1,649	1,636	1,608	1,606	1,616
Other Items	8,325,647	9,158,817	6,311,958	1,982,629	-
Total items	8,327,296	9,160,453	6,313,566	1,984,235	1,616
PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Funded by capital appropriation - ACB	1,649	1,636	1,608	1,606	1,616
TOTAL	1,649	1,636	1,608	1,606	1,616
RECONCILIATION OF CASH USED TO ACQUIRE ASSETS TO ASSET MOVEMENT TABLE					
Total accrual purchases	1,649	1,636	1,608	1,606	1,616
Total cash used to acquire assets	1,649	1,636	1,608	1,606	1,616

(a) Administered Capital Budgets (ACBs).

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

Table 3.11: Statement of administered asset movements (Budget year 2017–18)

	Buildings	Other property, plant and equipment	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 1 July 2017			
Gross book value	60,993	165,655	226,648
Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment	(2,723)	(8,033)	(10,756)
Opening net book balance	58,270	157,622	215,892
CAPITAL ASSET ADDITIONS			
Estimated expenditure on new or replacement assets			
From acquisition of entities or operations (including restructuring)	1,636	-	1,636
Total additions	1,636	-	1,636
Other movements			
Depreciation/amortisation expense	(1,605)	(8,033)	(9,638)
Total other movements	(1,605)	(8,033)	(9,638)
As at 30 June 2018			
Gross book value	62,629	165,655	228,284
Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment	(4,328)	(16,066)	(20,394)
Closing net book balance	58,301	149,589	207,890

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