

PORTFOLIO GLOSSARY

Accrual Accounting	The 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.
Administered Items	The expenses, revenues, assets or liabilities managed by agencies on behalf of the Commonwealth. Agencies do not control administered items. Administered expenses include grants, subsidies and benefits. In many cases, administered expenses fund the delivery of third party outputs.
Additional Estimates	Where amounts appropriated at Budget time are insufficient, Parliament may appropriate more funds to portfolios through the Additional Estimates Acts.
Appropriation	An authorisation by Parliament to spend moneys from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for a particular purpose.
Annual Appropriation	Two Appropriation Bills are introduced into Parliament in May 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 process. The parliamentary departments have their own appropriations.
Capital Expenditure	Expenditure by an agency on capital projects, for example, purchasing a building.
Consolidated Revenue Fund	Section 81 of the <i>Constitution</i> 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.

Portfolio Glossary and Acronyms

Departmental Items	Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses which 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.
Equity or Net Assets	Residual interest in the assets of an entity after deduction of its liabilities.
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.
Fair Value	Valuation methodology: The amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable and willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The fair value can be affected by the conditions of the sale, market conditions and the intentions of the asset holder.
Outcomes	The Government's objectives in each portfolio area. Outcomes are desired results, impacts or consequences for the Australian community as influenced by the actions of the Commonwealth. Actual outcomes are assessments of the results or impacts actually achieved.
Parameters	Agency funding is routinely adjusted for changes in parameters to ensure agency funding keeps pace with forecast changes in the economy. The Treasury calculates parameter rates, which factor in various economic indicators including inflation, production levels and exchange rates.
Revenue	Total value of resources earned or received to cover the production of goods and services.

Special Account

Balances existing within the CRF that are supported by standing appropriations under section 78 and 80 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act). Special accounts allow money in the CRF to be acknowledged as set-aside (hypothecated) for a particular purpose. Amounts credited to a Special Account may only be spent for the purposes of the Special Account. Special Accounts can only be established by a written determination of the Finance Minister (s78 PGPA Act) or through an Act of Parliament (referred to in s80 of the PGPA Act).

Special Appropriations
(including Standing
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 CRF 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.

ACRONYMS

AAO	Administrative Arrangements Order
AAS	Australian Accounting Standards
ABC	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
ACB	Administered Capital Budget
ACCAN	Australian Communications Consumer Action Network
ACMA	Australian Communications and Media Authority
AFTRS	Australian Film, Television and Radio School
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
ANMM	Australian National Maritime Museum
ASL	Average Staffing Level
BLF	Broadcast Licensing Fees
BSA	<i>Broadcasting Services Act 1992</i>
CALD	Culturally and linguistically diverse
CCE	Corporate Commonwealth Entity
CDAB	Collection Development Acquisition Budget
CRF	Consolidated Revenue Fund
DCB	Departmental Capital Budget
GFS	Government Finance Statistics
GGs	General Government Sector
GHz	Gigahertz
GST	Goods and Services Tax
ISSN	International Standard Serial Number
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
MHz	Megahertz
MYEFO	Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook
NCCE	Non-Corporate Commonwealth Entity
NFSA	National Film and Sound Archive of Australia
NGA	National Gallery of Australia
NITV	National Indigenous Television
NLA	National Library of Australia

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NMA	National Museum of Australia
NPGA	National Portrait Gallery of Australia
nbn	NBN Co Limited
NRS	National Relay Service
OPA	Official Public Account
OPH	Old Parliament House
PAES	Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements
PB Statements	Portfolio Budget Statements
PGPA Act	<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i>
SBS	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation
TCPSS Act	<i>Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999</i>
USO	Universal Service Obligation
VAST	Viewer Access Satellite Television