

Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2018–19

Communications and the Arts portfolio

Explanations of Additional Estimates 2018–19

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Dear Mr President
Dear Mr Speaker

We hereby submit the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements in support of the 2018-19 Additional Estimates for the Communications and the Arts Portfolio.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the funding requirements being sought for the Portfolio.

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

Yours sincerely

A blue ink signature of Mitch Fifield, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

MITCH FIFIELD

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield
Minister for Communications
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A blue ink signature of Bridget McKenzie, featuring a large, circular flourish above the name.

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Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
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Sport, Local Government and
Decentralisation

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nfp	not for publication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 2018–19 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 entities within the portfolio. The focus of the PAES differs from the PB Statements in one important aspect. While the PAES include an Entity Resource Statement to inform Parliament of the revised estimate of the total resources available to an entity, 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) and Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2018–2019. 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) 2018–19 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 entities 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 entities in the portfolio.

Entity Additional Estimates Statements

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

Section	Details
Section 1: Entity overview and resources	This section details the changes in total resources available to an entity, the impact of any measures since Budget, and impact of Appropriation Bills Nos. 3 and 4.
Section 2: Revisions to outcomes and planned performance	This section details changes to Government outcomes and/or changes to the planned performance of entity programs.
Section 3: Special account flows and budgeted financial statements	This section contains updated explanatory tables on special account flows and staffing levels and revisions to the budgeted financial statements.

Portfolio glossary

Explains key terms relevant to the Portfolio.

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Alphabetical guide to acronyms that may be used in the statements.

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Portfolio glossary

Term	Meaning
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.

Term	Meaning
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.

Term	Meaning
Special Account	Balances existing within the CRF that are supported by standing appropriations under section 78 and 80 of the <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i> (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

Acronym	Meaning
5G	5 th Generation wireless systems
ABC	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
ACB	Administered Capital Budget
ACMA	Australian Communications and Media Authority
AFTRS	Australian Film, Television and Radio School
ANMM	Australian National Maritime Museum
CDAB	Collection Development Acquisition Budget
CRF	Consolidated Revenue Fund
DCB	Departmental Capital Budget
GGS	General Government Sector
GHz	Gigahertz
GST	Goods and Services Tax
ISSN	International Standard Serial Number
MYEFO	Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook
NFSA	National Film and Sound Archive of Australia
NGA	National Gallery of Australia
NLA	National Library of Australia
NMA	National Museum of Australia
NPGA	National Portrait Gallery of Australia
NBN	National Broadband Network
NBN Co	NBN Co Limited
OPA	Official Public Account
OPH	Old Parliament House
PB Statements	Portfolio Budget Statements
PGPA Act	Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013
SBS	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation