

PART A

User Guide

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES), like that of the Portfolio Budget Statements, is to inform senators and members of parliament of the proposed allocation of resources to Government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio. They also facilitate understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bills (Nos. 3 and 4) 2004-05. 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*.

STRUCTURE OF THE PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES STATEMENTS

The PAES are presented in three parts with subsections.

Part A: User guide

Provides an introduction explaining the purpose of the PAES as well as information in relation to the styles and conventions used.

Part B: Portfolio overview

Provides an overview of the portfolio. The structure of the portfolio outcomes is depicted in a chart that outlines the structure of the outcomes to which the portfolio contributes.

Part C: Agency additional estimates statements

For each agency within the portfolio that has an impact on Additional Estimates a statement is presented under the name of the agency.

Section 1: Agency overview, additional estimates and variations to outcomes

This section details the link between the resources appropriated, savings, the impact of any post-Budget measures and their application to the outputs and administered items (usually programs) that contribute to the achievement of outcomes. This section also reports changes to revenue from independent sources, changes to estimates of expenses from Special Appropriations and changes to estimated Special Account flows.

Section 2: Revisions to outcomes and outputs

This section details changes to planned Government outcomes, or to the contributing administered items and agency outputs.

Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

This section contains the budgeted financial statements in accrual format covering the Budget year, the previous year and the three out-years for each agency.

A Glossary is provided at the end of the document.

STYLES AND CONVENTIONS USED

(a) The following notations may be used:

NEC/nec not elsewhere classified

AEST Australian Eastern Standard Time

-	nil
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
na	not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
nfp	not for publication
\$m	\$ million
\$b	\$ billion

- (b) Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

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