



PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS
2008–09

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

EXPLANATIONS OF ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008–09

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President of the Senate
Australian Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

The Hon Harry Jenkins MP
Speaker
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr President
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements in support of the 2008-09 Additional Estimates for the Attorney-General's 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 black ink, appearing to read 'R. McClelland', written in a cursive style.

Robert McClelland

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**USER GUIDE TO THE
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USER GUIDE

The purpose of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES), like that of the Portfolio Budget Statements, is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament and the public of the proposed allocation of resources to government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio. However, unlike the Portfolio Budget Statements, the PAES summarise only the *changes* in resourcing by outcome since the Budget, that is, they update the resourcing for the agency. The PAES include for the first time an agency resource statement, in addition to the information on new measures and the Appropriation Bills.

The PAES facilitate understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bills (No. 3 and No. 4) 2008–09. 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 2008–09* is a mid-year budget report that 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 an 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 the impact on Appropriation Bills No. 3 and No. 4.
Section 2: Revisions to outcomes and planned performance	This section details changes to government outcomes and/or changes to the planned performance of agency output groups.
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.
Glossary	Explains key terms relevant to the portfolio.

STYLES AND CONVENTIONS USED

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. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

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PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

The Attorney-General's portfolio comprises the Attorney-General's Department and a number of statutory and non-statutory bodies. The Attorney-General's Department is the central policy and coordinating agency within the portfolio. The structure of agencies within the portfolio (see Figure 1) is aligned to the Australian Government's overall commitment to a fairer and safer Australia.

There has been no change to the Attorney-General's portfolio responsibilities since the 2008–09 Portfolio Budget Statements.

For the purposes of reporting additional estimates, funding will be provided to the Attorney-General's Department, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Australian Crime Commission, the Australian Customs Service, the Family Court of Australia, the Federal Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia. Funding for other agencies in the portfolio remains unchanged.

The additional resources made available in 2008–09 for the agencies affected by additional estimates are set out in Table 1.1 in each agency's statement.

Figure 1: Portfolio structure and outcomes

<p style="text-align: center;">Attorney-General: The Hon Robert McClelland MP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minister for Home Affairs: The Hon Bob Debus MP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Attorney-General's Department Secretary: Mr Roger Wilkins AO</p> <p>Outcome 1: An equitable and accessible system of federal civil justice</p> <p>Outcome 2: Coordinated federal criminal justice, security and emergency management activity, for a safer Australia</p> <p>Outcome 3: Assisting regions to manage their own futures</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Administrative Appeals Tribunal Registrar: Mr Doug Humphreys</p> <p>Outcome 1: Improve the quality of administrative decision-making through the provision of a review mechanism that is fair, just, economical, informal and quick</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Integrity Commissioner: Mr Philip Moss</p> <p>Outcome 1: Assurance that Australian Government law enforcement agencies and their staff act with integrity</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Australian Crime Commission Chief Executive Officer: Mr Alastair Milroy</p> <p>Outcome 1: Enhanced Australian law enforcement capacity</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Australian Customs Service Chief Executive Officer: Mr Michael Carmody AO</p> <p>Outcome 1: Effective border management that, with minimal disruption to legitimate trade and travel, prevents illegal movement across the border, raises revenue and provides trade statistics</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Australian Federal Police Commissioner: Mr Mick Keelty APM</p> <p>Outcome 1: The investigation and prevention of crime against the Commonwealth and protection of Commonwealth interests in Australia and overseas</p> <p>Outcome 2: Policing activity creates a safe and secure environment in the ACT</p>

Australian Institute of Criminology

Acting Director: Mr Tony Marks

Outcome 1: To inform government of activities which aim to promote justice and reduce crime

Australian Law Reform Commission

President: Professor David Weisbrot AM

Outcome 1: The development and reform of aspects of the laws of Australia to ensure that they are equitable, modern, fair and efficient

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

Director-General of Security: Mr Paul O'Sullivan

Outcome 1: A secure Australia for people and property, for government business and national infrastructure, and for special events of national and international significance

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

Chief Executive Officer: Mr Neil Jensen PSM

Outcome 1: A financial environment hostile to money laundering, the financing of terrorism, major crime and tax evasion

Criminology Research Council

Chairman: Mr Laurie Glanfield AM

Outcome 1: Criminological research which informs the Commonwealth and States

CrimTrac Agency

Chief Executive Officer: Mr Ben McDevitt AM APM

Outcome 1: Coordinated national policing information systems for a safer Australia

Family Court of Australia

Chief Executive Officer: Mr Richard Foster PSM

Outcome 1: As Australia's specialist superior family court, determine cases with complex law and facts, and provide national coverage as the appellate court in family law matters

Federal Court of Australia

Registrar: Mr Warwick Soden

Outcome 1: Through its jurisdiction, the Court will apply and uphold the rule of law to deliver remedies and enforce rights and in so doing, contribute to the social and economic development and well-being of all Australians

Federal Magistrates Court of Australia

Acting Chief Executive Officer: Mr Richard Foster PSM

Outcome 1: To provide the Australian community with a simple and accessible forum for the resolution of less complex disputes within the jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia

High Court of Australia

Chief Executive and Principal Registrar: Mr Andrew Phelan

Outcome 1: To interpret and uphold the Australian Constitution and perform the functions of the ultimate appellate Court in Australia

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

President and Chief Executive Officer: The Hon. Catherine Branson QC

Outcome 1: An Australian society in which the human rights of all are respected, protected and promoted

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia

Acting Chief Executive and Inspector-General: Mr David Bergman

Outcome 1: A personal insolvency system that produces equitable outcomes for debtors and creditors, enjoys public confidence and minimises the impact of financial failure on the community

National Capital Authority

Interim Chief Executive: Mr Gary Rake

Outcome 1: A National Capital which symbolises Australia's heritage, values and aspirations, is internationally recognised, and worthy of pride by Australians

National Native Title Tribunal

Registrar: Mrs Stephanie Fryer-Smith

Outcome 1: Resolution of native title issues over land and waters

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Director: Mr Christopher Craigie SC

Outcome 1: To contribute to the safety and well-being of the people of Australia and to help protect the resources of the Commonwealth through the maintenance of law and order and by combating crime

Office of Parliamentary Counsel

First Parliamentary Counsel: Mr Peter Quiggin PSM

Outcome 1: Laws passed by the Commonwealth Parliament are drafted in such a way that they give legal effect to the intended policy and form a coherent and readable body of Commonwealth laws

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