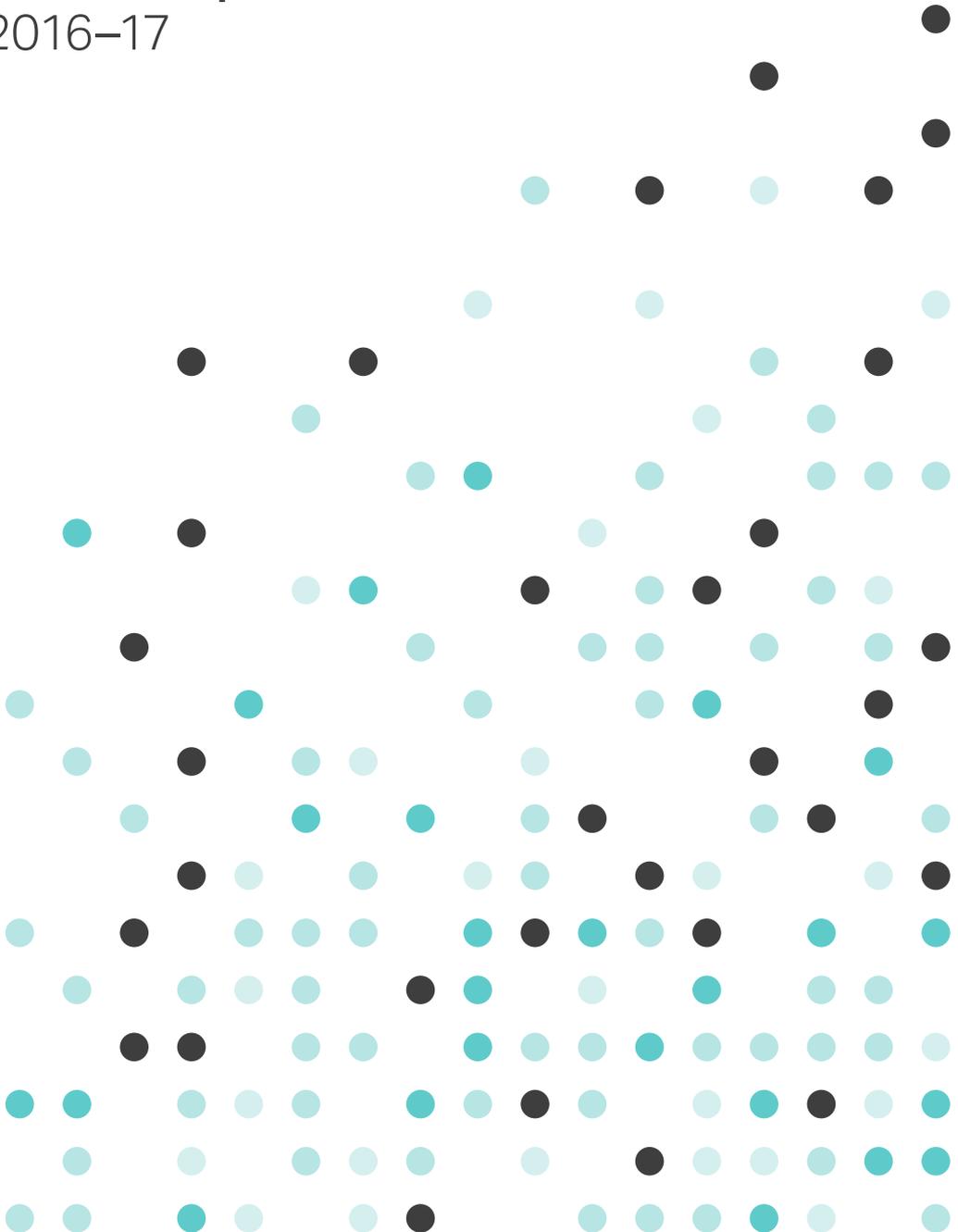




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Rosemary Huxtable PSM
Secretary

Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance
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Dear Minister

I am pleased to present the annual report of the Department of Finance for the financial year 2016-17.

This report has been prepared in accordance with all applicable obligations of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) including section 46 which requires that you table the report in parliament. The report reflects the matters dealt with and legislation administered by the department as at 30 June 2017.

The report includes the department's audited financial statements as required by section 43(4) of the PGPA Act.

As required by section 10 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014, I certify that:

- the department has prepared fraud risk assessments and fraud control plans
- the department has in place appropriate fraud prevention, detection, investigation and reporting mechanisms that meet its specific needs
- I have taken all reasonable measure to appropriately deal with fraud relating to the department.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Huxtable', written over a horizontal line.

Rosemary Huxtable
Secretary

11 October 2017

cc Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, Special Minister of State

About this report

This is the Secretary's report to the Minister for Finance on the performance of the Department of Finance for the financial year 2016–17.

The report has been prepared in accordance with *Resource Management Guide No. 135: Annual reports for non-corporate Commonwealth entities*.

Guide to this report

Part 1 contains the Secretary's review, including the highlights, challenges, and priorities for the year ahead. It also provides a snapshot of the department's key achievements during the reporting period and details about its purposes and people.

Part 2 provides an overview of the department, including its purposes, role and functions, operating environment, people, ministers, the executive, the outcomes and program structure and the portfolio structure.

Part 3 contains the Annual Performance Statement and a review of the department's performance against the Corporate Plan 2016–17 and Portfolio Budget Statements 2016–17. It also contains the report on financial performance.

Part 4 reports on corporate governance, external scrutiny, management of human resources, asset management, procurement, and environmental performance

Part 5 contains the department's audited financial statements for 2016–17.

Part 6 contains appendices required under specific legislation as well as additional information on specific areas of the department.

Part 7 contains reference material, including the index.