

**USER GUIDE
TO THE
PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS**

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The purpose of the *2020-21 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. Entities receive resources from the annual appropriations acts, special appropriations (including standing appropriations and special accounts), and revenue from other sources.

A key role of the PB Statements is to facilitate the understanding of proposed annual appropriations in Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2020-21 (or Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2020-21 for the parliamentary departments). In this sense, the PB Statements are Budget related papers and are declared by the Appropriation Acts to be 'relevant documents' to the interpretation of the Acts according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

The PB Statements provide information, explanation and justification to enable Parliament to understand the purpose of each outcome proposed in the Bills.

As required under section 12 of the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998*, only entities within the general government sector are included as part of the Commonwealth general government sector fiscal estimates and produce PB Statements where they receive funding (either directly or via portfolio departments) through the annual appropriation acts.

The Commonwealth Performance Framework

The following diagram outlines the key components of the Commonwealth performance framework. The diagram identifies the content of each of the publications and the relationship between them. Links to the publications for each entity within the portfolio can be found in the introduction to Section 2: Outcomes and planned performance.

Commonwealth Performance Framework

Key components of relevant publications

Portfolio Budget Statements (October) *Portfolio based*

Supports Annual Appropriations. Informs Senators and Members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of other resources to **government outcomes and programs**.

Provides links to **relevant programs** undertaken by other Commonwealth entities.

Provides high level performance information for current, ongoing programs, particularly a **forecast of performance for the current year**.

Provides **detailed** prospective performance information for proposed new budget measures that require a **new program** or **significantly change an existing program**.

Corporate Plan (August) *Entity based*

Primary planning document of a Commonwealth entity.

Sets out the **purposes** of the entity, the **activities** it will undertake to achieve its purposes and the **results** it expects to achieve over a minimum four year period.

Describes the **environment** in which the entity **operates**, the **capability** it requires to undertake **activities** and a discussion of **risk**.

Explains how the entity's **performance** will be **measured** and **assessed**.



Annual Performance Statement (October following year) *Entity based*

Included in the Commonwealth entity's Annual Report. Focuses on **recent performance**.

Reports on the **actual performance results** for the year against the **forecasts** made in the **corporate plan** and **Portfolio Budget Statements**, and provides other performance information relevant to the entity.

Provides an **analysis** of the factors that **contributed** to the **entity's performance results**.

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

FINANCE PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Ministers and portfolio responsibilities

The Minister for Finance has overall responsibility for the Finance portfolio, and particular responsibility for the following:

- Budget policy advice and process, and review of government programs.
- Government financial accountability, governance and financial management frameworks, including grants and procurement policy and services.
- Shareholder advice on Government Business Enterprises (GBEs) and commercial entities treated as GBEs.
- Policy guidance and management of act of grace requests and waiver of debts owed to the Commonwealth.
- Policy guidance for Comcover, the government's self-managed insurance fund, and risk policy.
- General policy guidelines for Commonwealth statutory authorities.
- Superannuation arrangements for Australian Government civilian employees and parliamentarians, and retirement benefits for governors-general, federal judges and Federal Court Judges.
- Asset sales.
- Policy advice on the Future Fund and Australian Government Investment Funds, and authorisation of payments from Australian Government Investment Funds to entities.
- *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* expenses framework.
- *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S)) Act employment framework (shared with the Prime Minister).
- Electoral policy.

The Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters assists the Finance Minister in performing functions in relation to:

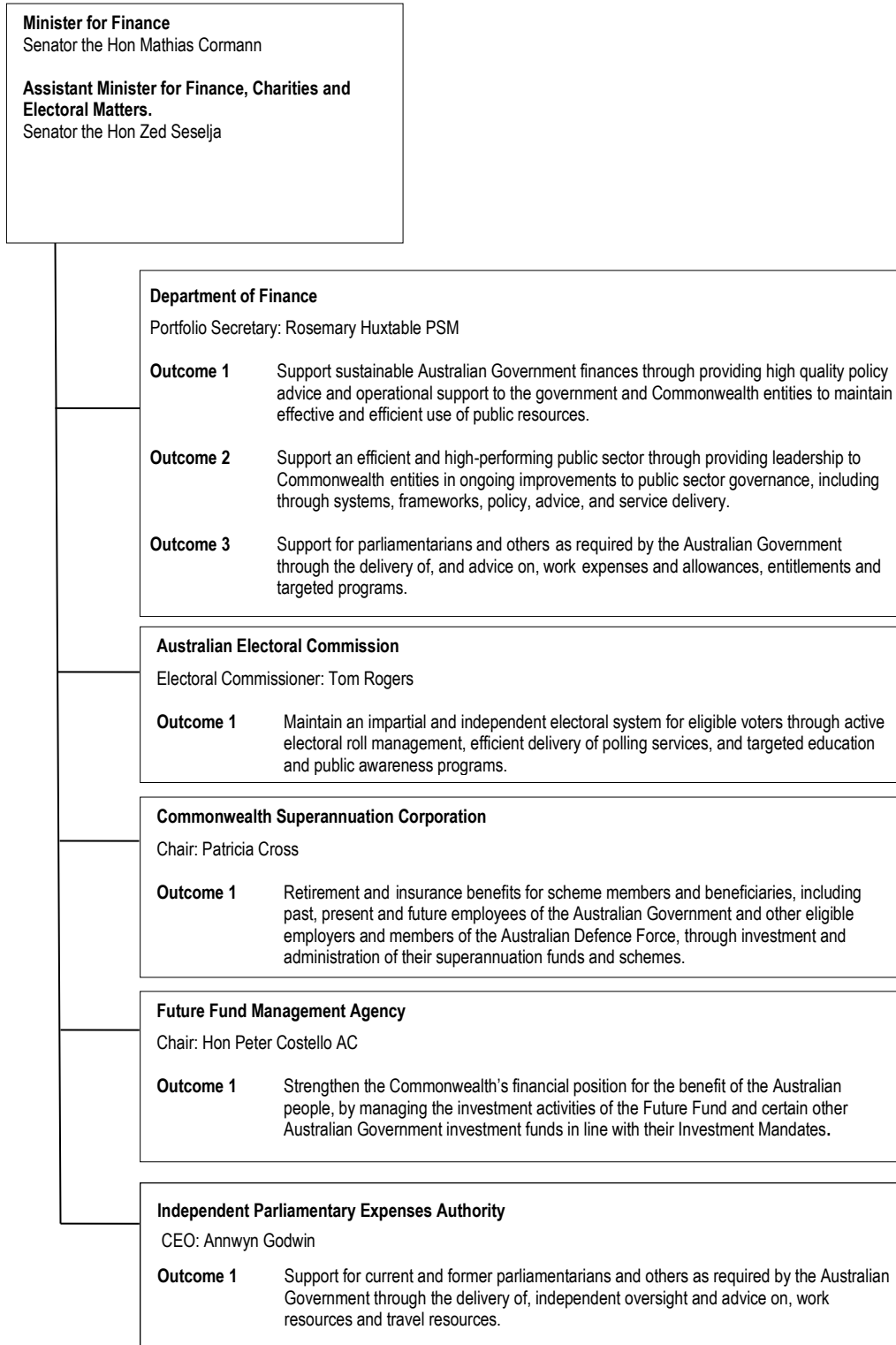
- Electoral matters (supported by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)) and will assist on electoral policy relating to charities and other not-for-profits.
- Whole-of-government property policy and administration, including non-Defence owned estate.
- The Public Works Committee.
- Requests for act of grace payments and waivers of debt under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act).

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- Government campaign advertising.
- Australian government superannuation – routine matters, including responding to correspondence on administration of Australian government superannuation.
- Administrative and operational matters for Comcover, the government’s self-managed insurance fund.

For information on resourcing across the portfolio, please refer to Part 1: Agency Financial Resourcing in *Budget Paper No. 4: Agency Resourcing*.

Figure 1: Finance portfolio structure and outcomes



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ASC Pty Ltd

Chair: Bruce Carter

Directors: Dr Rosalind Dubs, Joycelyn Morton, Loretta Reynolds, Paul Rizzo, Geoff Rohrsheim and Stuart Whiley

Purpose: The objectives of the company, as set out in its constitution, are:

- to enhance and maintain the Australian Defence Force's maritime defence capabilities; and
- support Australian Government policies in relation to the Australian naval surface shipbuilding and repair industry and the submarine sustainment and construction industry.

Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd

Chair: Lucio Di Bartolomeo

Directors: Janice Van Reyk, Peter Lancov, Jim Whalley, Jeremy Schultz and Andrew Seaton

Purpose: The objectives of the company, as set out in its constitution, are:

- the primary object of the company is to support the Commonwealth's continuous naval shipbuilding program through:
 - acquiring, holding, managing and developing the infrastructure, and related facilities used in connection with this program;
 - efficiently and effectively managing this infrastructure (including providing access) in a manner that ensures an integrated and co-ordinated approach to the delivery of all elements of this program; and
- the secondary object is to undertake commercial activities related to the primary object, while not compromising achievement of the primary object.