

**User Guide
To The
Portfolio Budget Statements**

User guide

The purpose of the October 2022-23 *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.

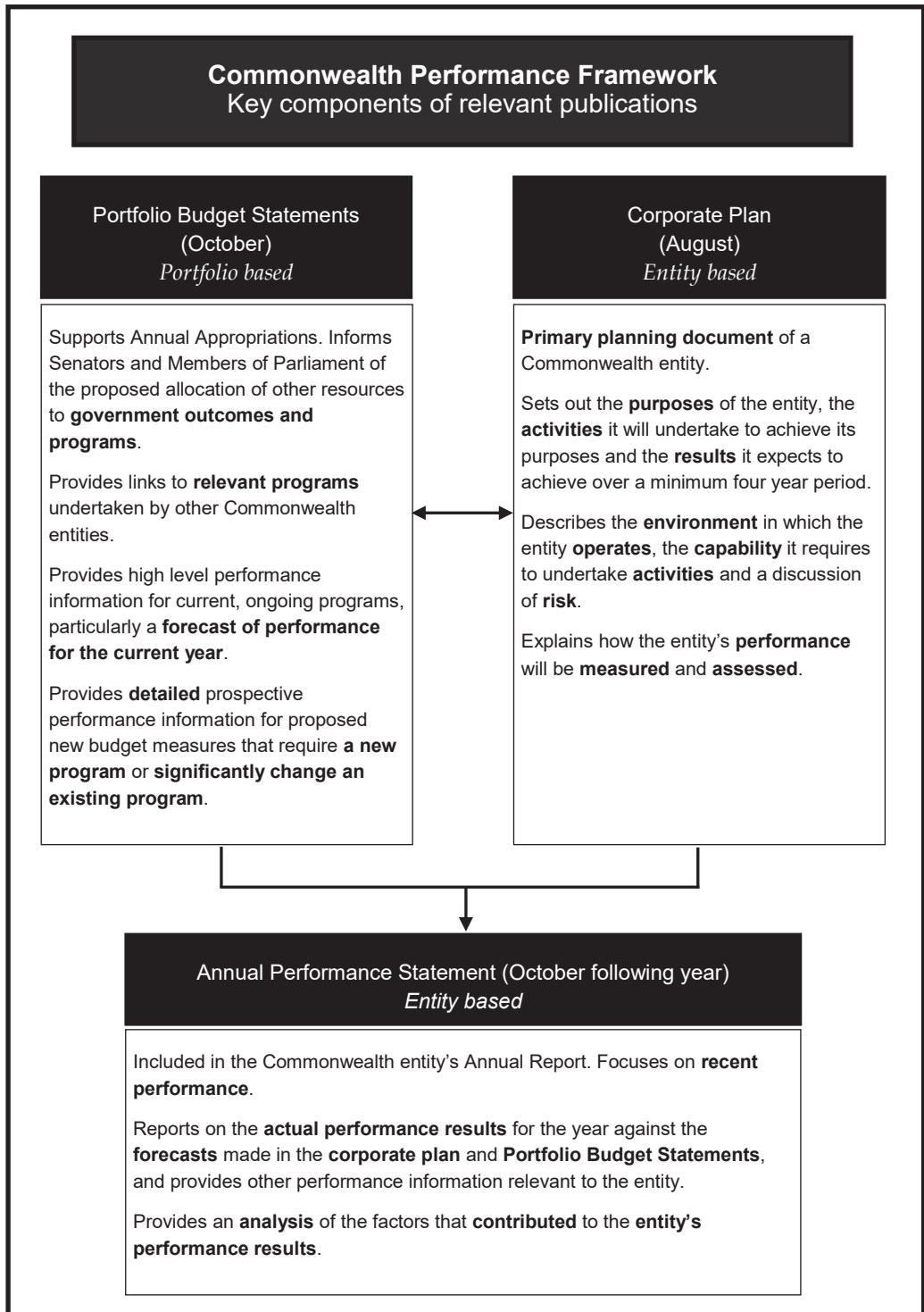
A key role of the PB Statements is to facilitate the understanding of proposed annual appropriations in Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2022-23 (or Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2022-23 for the parliamentary departments). In this sense, the PB Statements are Budget related 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.



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Portfolio Overview

Finance Portfolio overview

Minister(s) 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.
- The *Lands Acquisition Act 1989*.
- Policy for, and management of, act of grace requests and waiver of debts owed to the Commonwealth.
- Administration and policy 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.
- Government campaign advertising.
- Whole-of-Australian-Government property policy and administration, including non-Defence owned property.
- Regulatory reform.
- Digital transformation and data.

The Special Minister of State has particular responsibility for the following:

- *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* expenses framework.
- *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act) employment framework.
- Electoral policy.
- Electoral matters (supported by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)).

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

Figure 1: Finance portfolio structure and outcomes

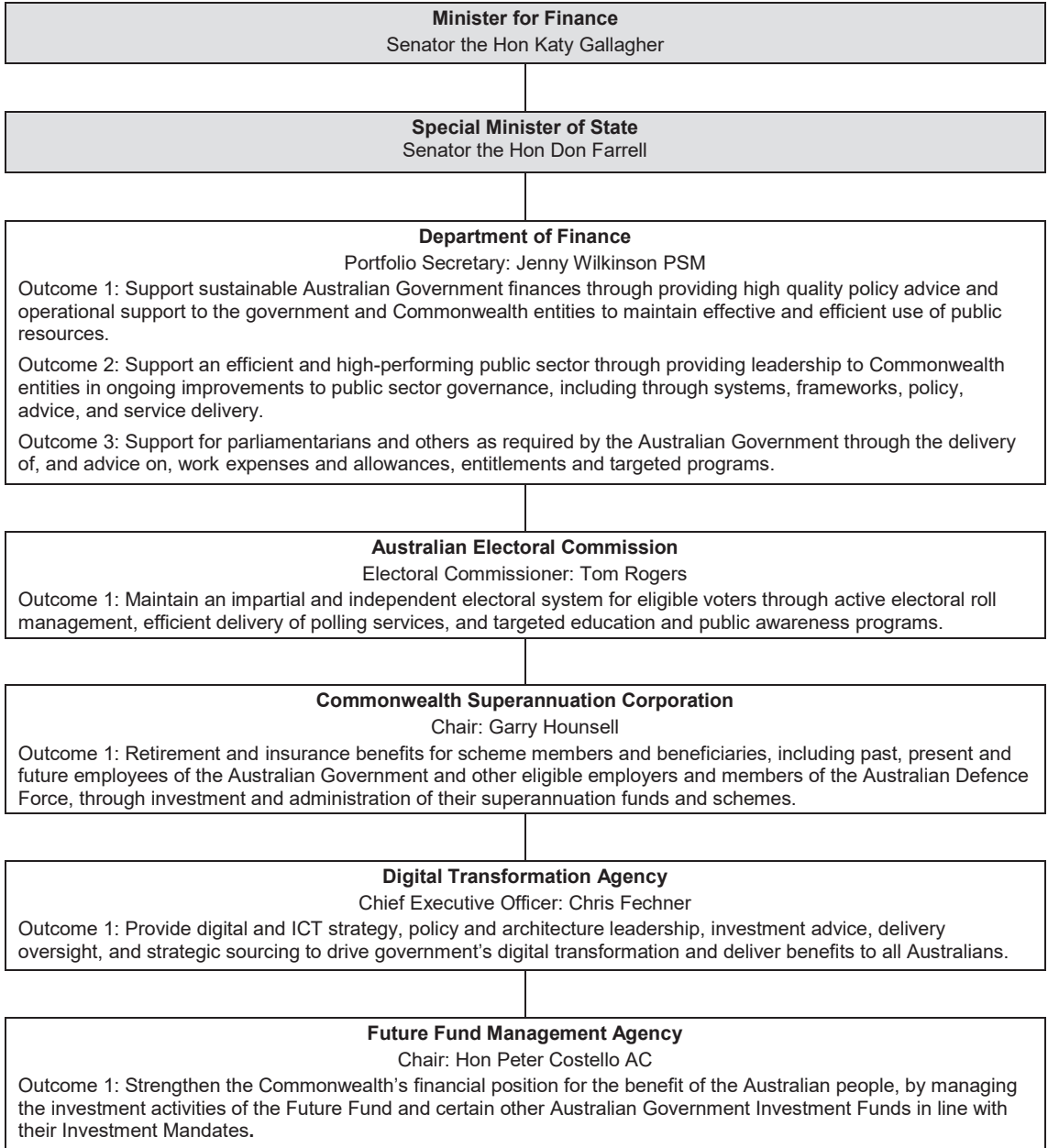


Figure 1: Finance portfolio structure and outcomes (continued)

