

THE PORTFOLIO BUDGET
STATEMENTS

1999-2000

TREASURY PORTFOLIO

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**PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA 2600**

President of the Senate
Australian Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Speaker
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Madam President
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Budget Statements in support of the 1999-2000 Budget for the Treasury Portfolio.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the outcomes for the portfolio. They also cover the purpose of portfolio budget measures.

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 'P Costello', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Peter Costello

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PART A

User Guide

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Treasury's Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) 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 1 and 2) 1999-2000. The PBS provide sufficient information, explanation and justification to enable Parliament to understand the purpose of each outcome proposed in the Bills.

STRUCTURE OF THE PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS

The PBS are presented in three parts with subsections.

Part A: User Guide

Provides an introduction explaining the purpose of the PBS 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 Budget Statements

For each agency within the portfolio a statement is presented under the name of the agency.

Section 1: Agency Overview, Appropriations, and Budget Measures Summary

This section details the link between the resources appropriated and their application to the outputs which contribute to the achievement of outcomes and the impact of any Budget measures.

Section 2: Outcomes and Outputs Information

This section details planned Government outcomes and the contributing administered items and agency outputs.

Section 3: Budgeted Financial Statements

This section contains the four budgeted financial statements in accrual format covering budget year, previous year and the three outyears for each agency.

Section 4: Purchaser/Provider Arrangements

This section is presented for those agencies that have entered into purchaser/provider arrangements with other agencies.

Glossaries are 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) Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Figures in text are generally rounded to one decimal place. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.