

PORTFOLIO GLOSSARY

Term	Meaning
Accumulated Depreciation	The aggregate depreciation recorded for a particular depreciating asset.
Additional Estimates	Where amounts appropriated in the Budget are insufficient, the Parliament may appropriate more funds at Additional Estimates. These is done through Appropriation Bills (No. 3) and (No. 4). These Bills are usually introduced into the Parliament in February.
Administered Items	Expenses, revenues, assets or liabilities managed by entities on behalf of the Australian Government. Entities do not control administered items. Administered items include grants, subsidies and benefits. In many cases, administered items fund the delivery of third party outputs.
Appropriation	A law of the Parliament that provides authority for entities to spend money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for a particular purpose. Entities may not spend money without an appropriation authorising that expenditure and, where necessary, other legislation authorising the specified purpose.
Budget Paper No. 1 (BP1)	Budget Strategy and Outlook. Provides information and analysis on whole-of-government expenditure and revenue.
Budget Paper No. 2 (BP2)	Budget Measures. Provides a description of each budget measure by portfolio.
Budget Paper No. 3 (BP3)	Federal Financial Relations. Provides information and analysis on Australian Government funding provided to the states and territories.
Budget Paper No. 4 (BP4)	Agency Resourcing. Details total resourcing available to agencies.
Capital Expenditure	Expenditure by an agency on capital projects, for example purchasing a building.
Charter of Budget Honesty Act	The <i>Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998</i> provides a legislative framework for the conduct and reporting of fiscal policy.

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Cost Recovery	The charging of fees to cover the costs of provision of government goods and services.
Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF)	Consolidated Revenue Fund. Section 81 of the Constitution stipulates that all revenue raised or money received by the Australian Government forms the one consolidated revenue fund.
DCB	Departmental Capital Budget.
Departmental	Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses that are controlled by the entity in providing its outputs. Departmental items would generally include computers, plant and equipment assets used by agencies in providing goods and services and most employee expenses, supplier costs and other administrative expenses incurred.
Depreciation and Amortisation	Apportionment of an asset's capital value as an expense over its estimated useful life to account for normal usage, obsolescence, or the passage of time.
Equity or Net Assets	Residual interest in the assets of an entity after deduction of its liabilities.
Estimated Actual Expenses	As the Budget is released in May each year, but the financial year does not end until 30 June, the current year numbers that are used for comparison with Budget amounts can only be estimates.
Expense	Total value of all of the resources consumed in producing goods and services or the loss of future economic benefits in the form of reductions in assets or increases in liabilities of an entity.
Fair Value	Valuation methodology: the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable and willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The fair value can be affected by the conditions of the sale, market conditions and the intentions of the asset holder.
Levies	Money collected and administered by the Commonwealth on behalf of industry for use in research and development, marketing and promotion, plant and animal health programs and residue testing activities that benefit industry.

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Measure	A new policy or savings decision of the Government with financial impacts.
Operating Result	Equals revenue less expense.
Outcomes	The Government's objectives in each portfolio area. Outcomes are desired results, impacts or consequences for the Australian community as influenced by the actions of the Australian Government. Actual outcomes are assessments of the end-results or impacts actually achieved.
PAES	Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements. These are Budget Statements prepared by portfolios to explain appropriations at Additional Estimates.
PBS	Portfolio Budget Statements. These are Budget Statements prepared by portfolios to explain appropriations at the time of the Budget.
PSAES	Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements. These are Budget Statements prepared by portfolios to explain appropriations at Supplementary Additional Estimates.
Revenue	Total value of resources earned or received to cover the production of goods and services.
Special Accounts	A type of special appropriation, limited by amount, criteria or time, which may be established under sections 78 and 80 of the PGPA Act.
Special Appropriations	Authority within an Act (other than an annual Appropriation Act) to spend money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for particular purposes.
Specific Purpose Payments	Commonwealth payments to states and territories made under the <i>Federal Financial Relations Act 2009</i> .
Supplementary Additional Estimates	Where amounts appropriated in the Budget and at Additional Estimates are insufficient, the Parliament may appropriate more funds to portfolios at Supplementary Additional Estimates. This is done through Appropriation Bills (No. 5) and (No. 6). These Bills are usually introduced into the Parliament with the Budget in May.