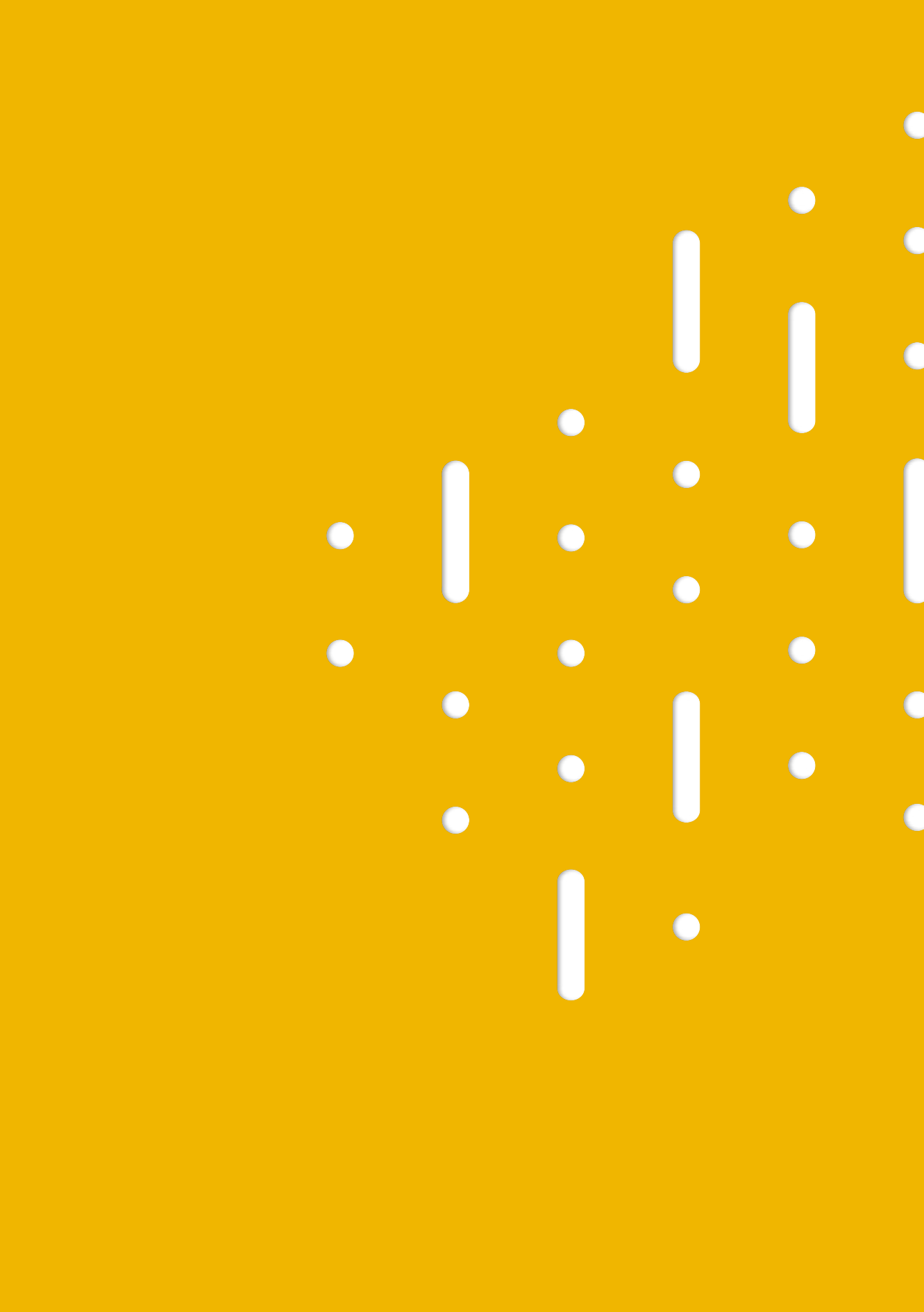




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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department

20 August 2014

Attorney-General

Dear Attorney-General

Attorney-General's Department annual report 2013–14

I am pleased to present the annual report of the Attorney-General's Department for the year ended 30 June 2014.

This report has been prepared in accordance with section 63 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, which requires that you table the report in parliament. It reflects the *Requirements for annual reports for departments, executive agencies and FMA Act Bodies* (as approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, updated in May 2014).

The report includes the department's audited financial statements as required by section 57 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

As required by the *Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines*, I certify that I am satisfied that the department has in place appropriate fraud control mechanisms that meet the department's needs and comply with the guidelines applying in 2013–14.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Wilkins', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Roger Wilkins AO
Secretary

ABOUT THIS REPORT

The department's annual report 2013-14 outlines performance against the Portfolio Budget Statements and Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements for the same period. The report also provides information for the community and stakeholders about our work, and has been prepared according to parliamentary reporting requirements.

Part 1 introduces readers to the department with a review of the year from the Secretary. It also provides a description of the portfolio, our organisational structure and outcome and programme framework.

Part 2 reports on how we performed during the period against our outcomes and programmes.

Part 3 details management and accountability processes, including corporate governance, external scrutiny, human resources and financial management.

Part 4 contains the audited financial statements for 2013-14.

Part 5 comprises appendices, glossaries and indexes providing useful additional information.

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