

# Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2017-18

Attorney-General's Portfolio

Explanations of Additional Estimates 2017-18

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Dear Mr President  
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements in support of the 2017–18 Additional Estimates for the Attorney-General's portfolio.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the funding requirements being sought for the portfolio.

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 be 'C. Porter', written in a cursive style.

The Hon Christian Porter MP



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**USER GUIDE  
TO THE  
PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL  
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS**



## USER GUIDE

The purpose of the 2017–18 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES), like that of the 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. The focus of the PAES differs from the PB Statements in one important aspect. While the PAES includes an entity resource statement to inform Parliament of the revised estimate of the total resources available to an entity, the focus of the PAES is on explaining the changes in resourcing by outcome since the Budget. As such, the PAES provides information on new measures and their impact on the financial and/or non-financial planned performance of programs supporting those outcomes.

The PAES facilitates understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bills (No. 3 and 4) and Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2017–18. In this sense the PAES is declared by the Additional Estimates Appropriation Bills to be a ‘relevant document’ to the interpretation of the Bills according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Whereas the 2017–18 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) is a mid-year budget report which provides updated information to allow the assessment of the government’s fiscal performance against its fiscal strategy, the PAES update the most recent budget appropriations for entities within the portfolio.

### Abbreviations and conventions

The following notations may be used:

NEC/nec	not elsewhere classified
–	nil
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
na	not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
nfp	not for publication
\$m	\$ million

Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Figures in text are generally rounded to one decimal place, whereas figures in tables are generally rounded to the nearest thousand. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

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Links to Portfolio Budget Statements (including Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements and Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements) can be located on the Australian Government Budget website at [www.budget.gov.au](http://www.budget.gov.au).

## Structure of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements

The PAES are presented in three parts with subsections.

<b>User guide</b>	
Provides a brief introduction explaining the purpose of the PAES.	
<b>Portfolio overview</b>	
Provides an overview of the portfolio, including a chart that outlines the outcomes for entities in the portfolio.	
<b>Entity additional estimates statements</b>	
A statement (under the name of the entity) for each entity affected by Additional Estimates.	
<b>Section 1: Entity overview and resources</b>	This section details the changes in total resources available to an entity, the impact of any measures since Budget, and the impact of Appropriation Bills No. 3 and 4.
<b>Section 2: Revisions to outcomes and planned performance</b>	This section details <b>changes</b> to government outcomes and/or <b>changes</b> to the planned performance of entity programs.
<b>Section 3: Special account flows and budgeted financial statements</b>	This section contains updated explanatory tables on special account flows and staffing levels, and revisions to the budgeted financial statements.
<b>Glossary</b>	Explains key terms relevant to the portfolio.