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Dear Mr President
Dear Mr Speaker

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

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the outcomes for the portfolio.

I present these statements to provide accountability to the Parliament and, through it, the public.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Brandis', written over a blue rectangular box. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract.

(George Brandis)

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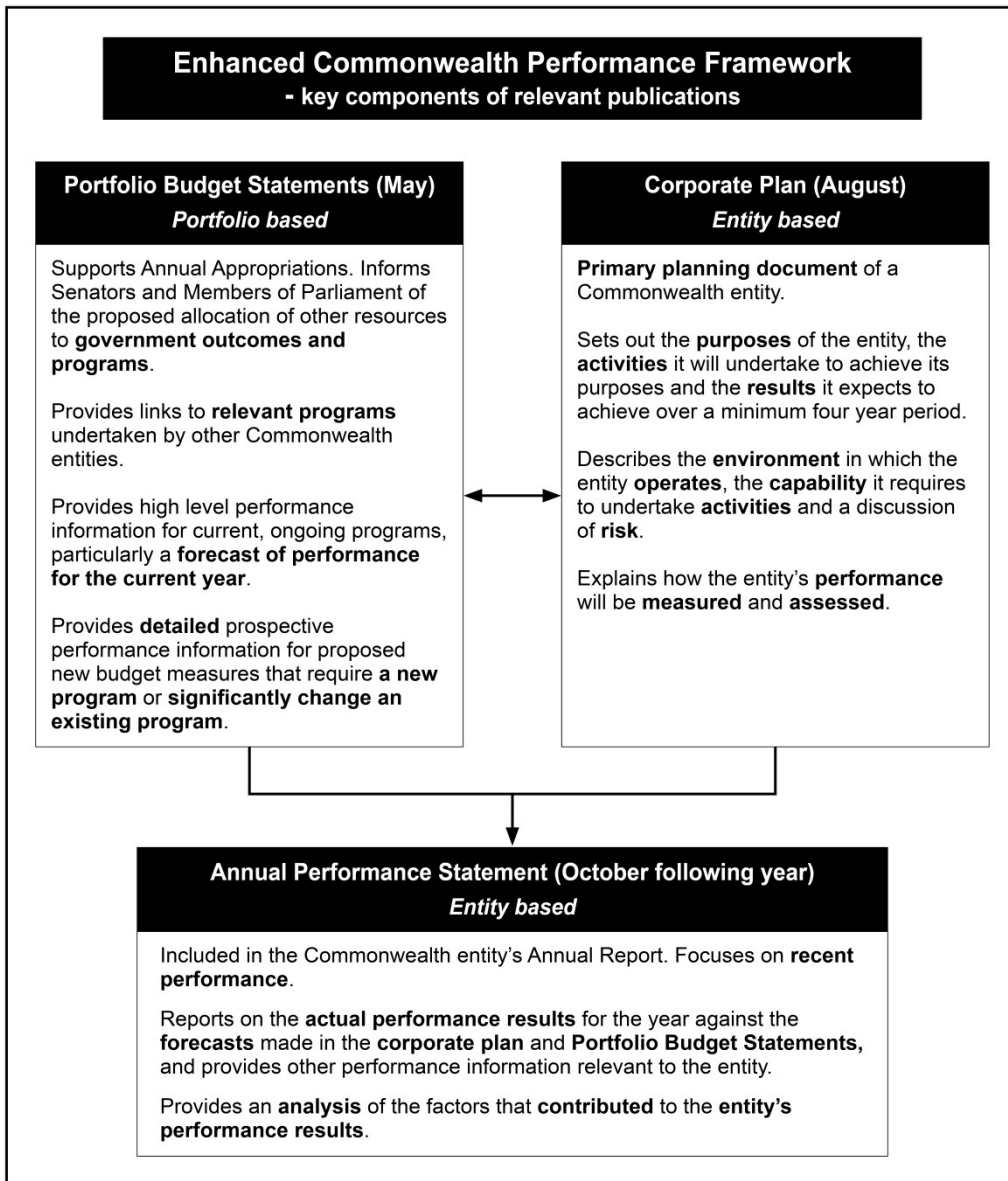
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A key role of the PB Statements is to facilitate the understanding of proposed annual appropriations in Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2017–18 (or Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2017–18 for the parliamentary departments). 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.

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Enhanced Commonwealth performance framework

The following diagram outlines the key components of the enhanced 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’.



Abbreviations and conventions

The following notations may be used:

-	nil
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
na	not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
nfp	not for publication
\$m	\$ million
\$b	\$ billion

Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

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