

2002-03 BUDGET

READER'S GUIDE TO THE 2002-03 BUDGET PAPERS



Foreword

This Guide has been prepared to assist readers with understanding the Budget Papers in the 2002–03 Budget.

The format of the Budget Papers continues to be presented on an accrual accounting basis. Accrual accounting presents the full cost of providing government services and demonstrates the ability of Government to sustain its operations over time.

The presentation of performance information has been enhanced and is described in the section on page 5.

Feedback is welcome and can be directed to the Department of Treasury and Finance.

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The 2002-03 Budget Papers

BUDGET PAPER NO. 1 - 2002-03 BUDGET SPEECH

The budget speech delivered by the Treasurer, the Hon. E S Ripper B.A., Dip.Ed., MLA, to Parliament on 16 May 2002.

BUDGET PAPER NO. 2 - 2002-03 BUDGET STATEMENTS (VOLUMES 1 TO 3)

Appropriations in accordance with the Appropriation Bills presented to Parliament, and detailed financial and performance information for agencies.

Chapter 1 Consolidated Fund Expenditure Estimates

Chapter 2 Net Appropriation Determinations

 Agency Information in Support of the Estimates Chapter 3

BUDGET PAPER NO. 3 - 2002-03 ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK

Whole of government financial information together with key assumptions and economic factors taken into account when framing the budget.

Chapter 1 - Economic and Fiscal Outlook - Summary

Chapter 2 Fiscal Strategy

Chapter 3 - Financial Projections - Expenses Financial Projections – Revenue Chapter 4

 The Western Australian Economy Chapter 5

Chapter 6 Federal Affairs

Chapter 7 - Structural Reform Appendix 1 - Detailed Financial Projections

Appendix 2 - General Government Operating Revenue

Appendix 3 - Tax and Royalty Expenditure Statement

Appendix 4 - State Government Social Concessions Statement

Appendix 5 - Capital Works Program - Summary of Expenditure and Source of Funds

Appendix 6 - Public Corporations - Revenue and Expenses

2002-03 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Key features of the Budget in simple form.

GROWING OUR STATE

Major initiatives promoted by the Government and regional information on the economy, population and labour market.

READER'S GUIDE TO THE BUDGET PAPERS

Explanation and illustration of the main content of the Budget Papers.

Budget Scope and Presentation

BUDGET SCOPE

All agencies receiving appropriations from the Consolidated Fund are identified in Budget Paper No. 2. This includes all departments and the majority of other agencies in the general government sector. The capital works programs of public non-financial and public financial corporations are also included in Budget Paper No. 2.

The projected whole of government financial position is reported in Chapter 2 of Budget Paper No. 3 with more detailed reports in Appendix 1 to that Paper.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Budget Paper No. 2

Chapter 1 summarises the estimated expenditure from the Consolidated Fund. The Item numbers in this Chapter form the basis for the annual Appropriation Bills presented to Parliament.

Chapter 2 summarises the net appropriation determinations and the agencies to which they apply. These determinations allow the agencies to retain revenue received and to apply that revenue to production of the outputs as specified in the Budget Papers.

Chapter 3 presents detailed information on revenue, expenses and performance for each agency. The financial statements in this Chapter are prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. This is consistent with the presentation used for financial statements in agency annual reports.

The budget for each agency is expressed in terms of funding provided to purchase outputs. These

outputs are intended to achieve the Government's policy priorities, currently expressed as strategic objectives, and 'desired outcomes'. Agencies are required to disclose measures of output quantity, quality, timeliness and cost (efficiency) together with appropriate performance targets. It is against these targets that the performance of each agency is assessed.

Budget Paper No. 3

The Detailed Financial Projections in Appendix 1 of this paper are prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with the standards for Government Finance Statistics (GFS). These are the standards used for the Uniform Presentation Framework (UPF) adopted throughout Australia, facilitating comparisons between jurisdictions.

The accrual UPF is the result of agreement between State, Territory and Commonwealth jurisdictions to present common financial information in budgets, mid year and outturn reports.

The financial reports prepared under the UPF, based on GFS concepts, consist of an operating statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement for each sector of government, being general government, public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations sectors, as well as two consolidated sectors being the total nonfinancial public sector and the total public sector. General government is treated as the holder of equity in the other two sectors.

The financial projections prepared on the GFS basis are reconciled to the Australian Accounting Standards basis.

The **general government sector** includes agencies that operate primarily with Parliamentary appropriation funding and other self funded agencies with non-commercial functions such as the Gaming Commission of Western Australia.

Public non-financial corporations charge for goods and services on a largely commercial basis, and operate relatively independently of central government. In Western Australia, this sector includes agencies such as Western Power and the Water Corporation.

The **public financial corporations** sector includes those agencies that largely trade in financial assets and liabilities. These include the State's central borrowing authority (the Western Australian Treasury Corporation), home lending schemes (through Keystart), and the Insurance Commission of Western Australia.

A comprehensive listing of all agencies, and their classifications into general government sector agencies, public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations is contained in Appendix 1 to Budget Paper No. 3.

Under GFS standards, the operating statement recognises transactions with external parties. It does not recognise the impact of changes in the value of assets such as revaluations and profits or losses on sale of assets. Because agency appropriations and transactions such as the capital user charge occur within the general government sector itself they net out on consolidation and do not appear in the sector's aggregates.

The bottom line measure in the GFS operating statement is the net operating balance, being the excess of revenue over expenses. It excludes expenditure on the acquisition of capital assets but includes non-cash costs such as accruing superannuation entitlements and the consumption of capital (depreciation).

By including all accruing costs the net operating balance encompasses the full costs of providing government services making it a reliable measure of the Government's ability to sustain its operations over time.

That is, an operating surplus shows the Government has sufficient revenue to meet its operating expenses for the period, including depreciation of capital assets and emerging liabilities such as employee leave and superannuation entitlements. An operating deficit shows the opposite position and it follows that extended operations in a deficit position is not financially sustainable.

Enhancements to Budget Statements

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Enhancement of the presentation of performance information has been achieved through the inclusion of a summary table under the heading 'Outcomes, Outputs and Performance Information' for each agency. The table shows the linkages of agency level desired outcomes and outputs to the most appropriate Government strategic objectives.

Currently there are seven Government strategic objectives. They are:

- 1. A growing and diversified economy;
- 2. Strong and vibrant regions;
- 3. An educated and skilled future for all Western. Australians;
- 4. Safe, healthy and supportive communities;
- 5. A valued and protected environment;
- 6. Honest, accountable and inclusive government; and
- 7. Sound financial management.

Each output description includes a brief statement which describes how the output contributes to achievement of the desired outcome.

Within the retitled 'Output Performance Measures' table there is recognition that reported costs are measures of 'efficiency'.

In accordance with the Government Financial Responsibility Act, FTE's are included for the budget year and the two preceding years.

ADMINISTERED TRANSACTIONS

The 'administered transactions' information contained in the Budget Statements has been rationalised.

Previously, administered financial statements plus details of the administered transactions (revenue and expenses) were presented separately. This year, the administered financial statements continue to be included in the Budget Statements but renamed as schedules to be consistent with Accounting Standards. The tables containing details of administered transactions expenditure and revenue have been deleted for those agencies where they do not materially add any further information than that already provided in the administered financial schedules.

SUMMARY OF RECENT FINANCIAL **REFORMS**

Accrual appropriations which were introduced in 2001-02, specify the total amount of resources, both cash (purchase of outputs, capital contribution and transfer payments) and non-cash (accruing employee leave entitlements and asset depreciation). The non-cash appropriation is credited to a holding account administered by Treasury and Finance and is made available to agencies, upon application, and subject to Government approval.

The capital user charge, also introduced in 2001-02, is a levy by Government on the net value of assets used by agencies in the delivery of services to the public. It recognises that there is a cost associated with holding assets which is included in the full cost of service delivery to the community.

Agency Information in Support of the Estimates

Chapter 3 of Budget Paper No. 2 is divided into divisions, with one division for each agency that receives an appropriation from the Consolidated Fund.

The outline of a typical Division is shown below:

APPROPRIATION AND FORWARD ESTIMATES

MISSION

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES AND TRENDS

MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS*

OUTPUT AND APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

RESOURCE AGREEMENT

OUTCOMES, OUTPUTS AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Relationship to Government Strategic Objectives

Outcome

Output 1

Major Achievements for 2001-02

Major Initiatives for 2002-03

Outcome

Major Achievements for 2001-02

Major Initiatives for 2002-03

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM*

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION*

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE (Controlled)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Controlled)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Controlled)

NOTE TO THE CONTROLLED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTERED EXPENSES AND REVENUES*

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTERED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES*

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTERED PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS*

DETAILS OF CONTROLLED GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES*

DETAILS OF THE ADMINISTERED TRANSACTIONS EXPENDITURE*

DETAILS OF THE ADMINISTERED TRANSACTIONS REVENUE*

TRUST ACCOUNT DETAILS*

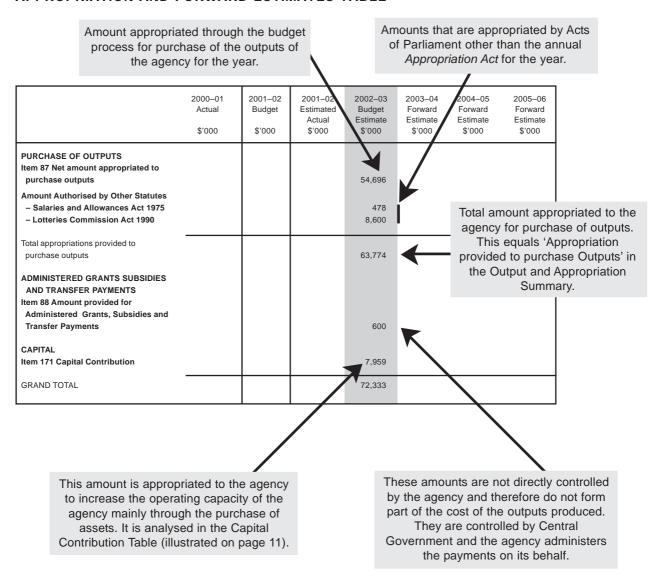
NET APPROPRIATION DETERMINATION*

^{*} These sections may not be relevant to all divisions.

Appearing for each Division in Chapter 3 of Budget Paper No. 2

Illustrations are given of the more complex tables in the Budget Papers to assist with interpretation.

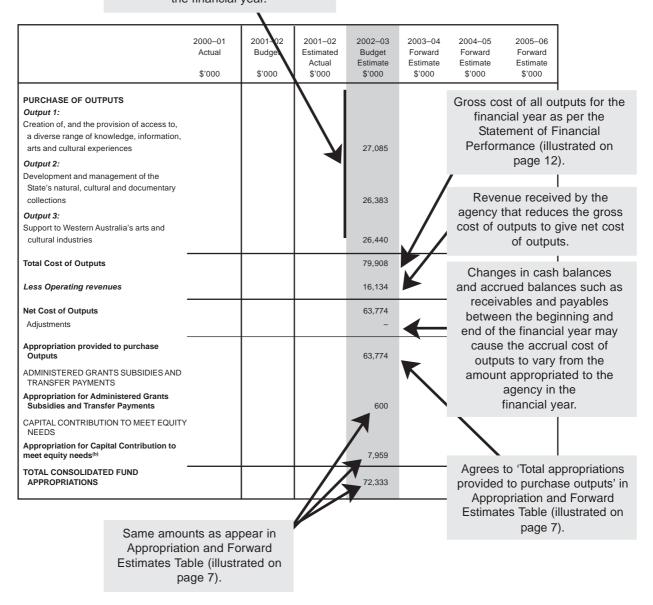
APPROPRIATION AND FORWARD ESTIMATES TABLE



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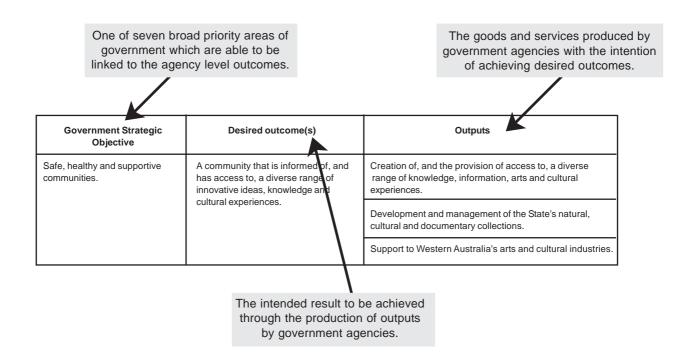
OUTPUT AND APPROPRIATION SUMMARY TABLE

Gross accrual cost of each individual output to be produced by the agency in the financial year.



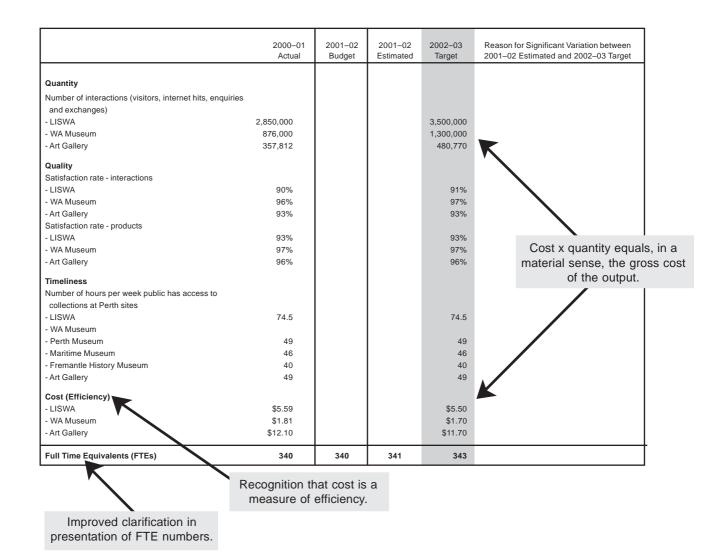
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RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



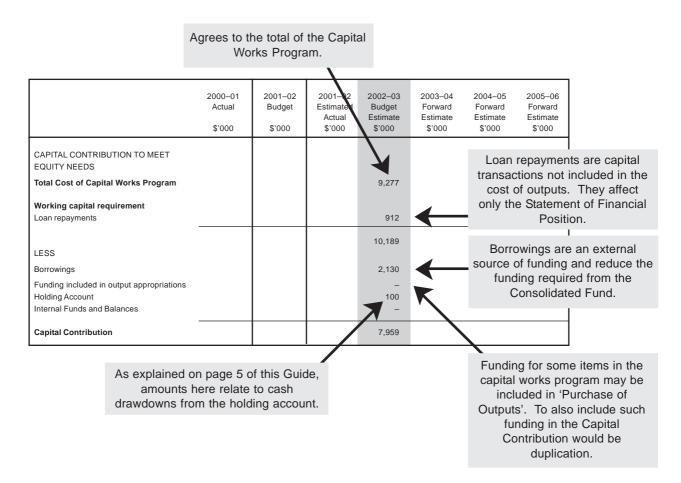
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OUTPUT PERFORMANCE MEASURES



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CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION TABLE

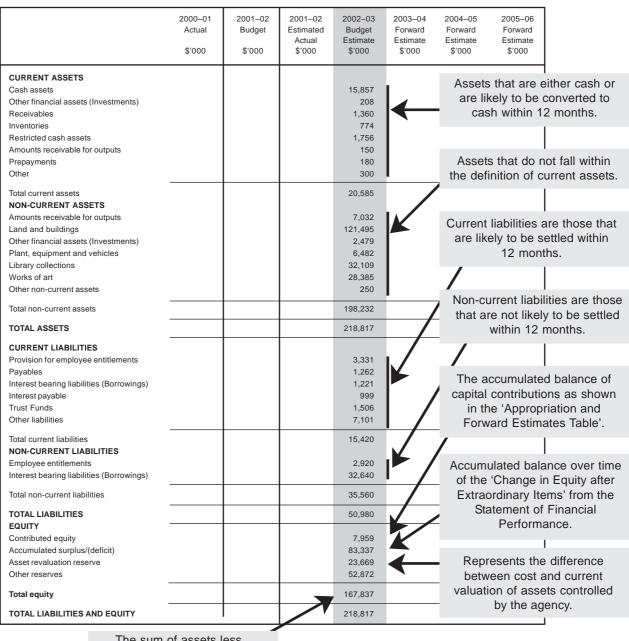


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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE (CONTROLLED) (aligns with cost of producing outputs) Accrual revenues of the agency that are retained by the agency Details of accrual operating and applied to the delivery of costs in the financial year. outputs. 2000-01 2001 2001-02 2002-03 2003-04 04–05 2005-06 Actual Estimated Budget Forward orward Forward Budg Actual Estimate Estimate stimate Estimate \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 COST OF SERVICES Expenses from ordinary activities Salaries and allowances 25,114 1,280 Superannuation Supplies and services 12.869 Accrual net cost of provision of Administration expenses 8,310 services by the agency in the Accommodation expenses 3,000 Depreciation 6,056 financial year. Net loss on disposal of non-current assets Borrowing costs 3.073 Capital User Charge 13,000 Grants, subsidies and transfer payments 7,206 TOTAL COST OF SERVICES 79,908 Total amount appropriated Revenues from ordinary activities to the agency to purchase User charges and fees 10.244 outputs. This agrees to the 890 Net profit on disposal of non-current assets total in the 'Appropriation and 2,000 Grants and subsidies Forward Estimates Table'. 3.000 **Total Revenues from Ordinary Activities** 16,134 Agencies may be subject to **NET COST OF SERVICES** 63,774 restructuring involving transfers REVENUES FROM GOVERNMENT of assets and liabilities to and Appropriations 63.774 from the agency. This represents the net change TOTAL REVENUES FROM GOVERNMENT relating directly to restructuring Change in Equity arising from restructuring as opposed to normal CHANGE IN EQUITY RESULTING FROM operations. **OPERATIONS** Extraordinary Items CHANGE IN FOUITY AFTER Certain items of revenue and **EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS** expenditure are deemed by Accounting Standards to be This represents the change in extraordinary when they are the 'net worth' of the agency outside ordinary operating due to its operations in the activities and not likely to recur. financial year.

Appearing for each Division in Chapter 3 of Budget Paper No. 2

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTROLLED)



The sum of assets less liabilities and represents the ownership interest of the Government in the agency.

Appearing for each Division in Chapter 3 of Budget Paper No. 2

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTROLLED)

| | 2000-01 Actual \$'000 | 2001-02 Budget \$'000 | 2001–02 Estimated Actual \$'000 | 2002-03 Budget Estimate \$'000 | 2003–04 Forward Estimate \$'000 | 2004–05 2005–06 Forward Forward Estimate Estimate \$'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| CASH FLOWS FROM GOVERNMENT Output appropriation Capital Contribution Holding Account | | | | 56,492 7,959 100 | ← | Cash received by the agency from appropriations and drawdowns from the holding account. |
| Net cash provided by government | | | | 64,551 | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Payments Salaries and related costs Superannuation payments Supplies and services Administration expenses Accommodation expenses Borrowing costs | | | | (23,276) (1,280) (15,079) (7,840) (3,000) (2,946) | | Cash flows involved in the course of normal operations of the agency. These are the cash movements relating to the accrual-based figures for expenses and revenues in the |
| Capital User Charge Grants, subsidies and transfer payments Goods and Services Tax Receipts User charges and fees Interest Grants and subsidies Goods and Services Tax Other | | | | (13,000) (6,519) (6,000) 9,879 790 2,000 6,000 4,427 | | Statement of Financial Performance. Cash flows involved in purchase and sale of non-current assets. |
| Net cash from operating activities | | | | (55,844) | <u>' /</u> | Cash flows involved in new |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of non-current assets Purchase of investments Receipts from the sale of non-current assets | | | | (8,417) (760) | | borrowings and repayment of borrowings. This includes borrowing from government sources. |
| Net cash from investing activities | | | | (9,176) | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from borrowings Repayment of borrowings Net cash from financing activities | | | | 2,130 (912) 1,218 | K | Net total of all cash flows of the agency during the financial year. |
| NET INCREASE | | | | 1,210 | _/ | |
| (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD Cash assets at the beginning of the reporting period | | | | 749 16,864 | ⋉ | Total of cash controlled by the agency at the beginning of the financial year. |
| Cash assets at the end of the reporting period | | | | 17,613 | K | |
| | | ı | | | | Total of cash controlled by the agency at the end of the financial year. |

Glossary

This glossary relates to terms used in this document and other Budget Papers. It is not exhaustive but is designed to provide readers with definitions or explanations of many of the terms contained in the Budget Papers.

AAS31 Australian Accounting Standard 31 (Financial reporting by Governments) is the

principal accounting standard applicable to State Governments.

Appropriations that recognise the total amount of resources, both cash and accrual appropriations

non-cash, that are to be made available to agencies for delivery of outputs.

administered revenues/ Activities and functions that are managed by an agency on behalf of expenses/assets/liabilities government and do not contribute to the outputs produced by the agency.

Used generically to describe the organisational units within the public agency

> sector that deliver goods and services. These are mainly departments (designated under section 35 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994) and statutory authorities (established under specific legislation and for specific

purposes).

amounts receivable for A restricted asset on an agency's statement of financial position that can only

be used for asset replacement or payment of accrued leave liability.

appropriation Parliamentary authorisation of expenditure made by agencies. The budget

process includes the passage of Appropriation Bills by Parliament.

capital contributions Appropriations that increase the operating capacity of an agency by being

applied to purchase of assets (capital works program) or reduction of liabilities

such as loan repayments.

capital user charge A levy charged by government on the value of net assets (assets less

liabilities) used by agencies in the delivery of outputs.

Consolidated Fund The central ledger account administered by the Treasurer from which

appropriations are paid and into which revenues of the Crown, such as State

taxes, royalties and Commonwealth grants, are credited.

controlled revenues/ expenses/assets/liabilities

Outputs

Functions and activities over which an agency has 'control' and is able

to use to achieve its outcomes through delivery of outputs.

cost of capital The expected return that is foregone by investing in an asset rather than in

comparable financial securities. Also referred to as the opportunity cost of

capital.

debt An interest bearing liability held by an entity. The rate of interest on the debt is

the cost of debt.

depreciation The portion of the cost of a non-current asset that is written off as an expense in

the financial year, recognising the loss of future economic benefits embodied in

non-current assets that have limited useful lives.

A performance indicator providing information on the extent to which outcomes effectiveness indicator

have been achieved through the funding and production of agreed outputs.

efficiency indicator A performance indicator that relates outputs to the level of resource inputs

required to produce them.

Financial Administration

and Audit Act

Commonly referred to as the FAAA, this statute sets out the framework of financial administration for departments and statutory authorities in the

Western Australian public sector.

forward estimates Estimates prepared on a three year rolling basis, of future funding

> requirements. These assume that there will be no significant change in government policy and are designed to provide a longer term perspective to

the budget process.

full time equivalent One full time equivalent equals one person working full-time for one financial

year.

Government Strategic

Objectives

The broad priority areas of Government to which agency level outcomes are

expected to be linked.

holding account An account, administered by the Department of Treasury and Finance on

> behalf of each agency that holds credits for accumulated depreciation and leave expenses. The credits accumulate as an asset on the balance sheet of agencies and subject to government approval, may be drawn upon for the purpose of asset replacement (in the case of depreciation) or to meet emerging

employee leave entitlements.

net appropriations The revenues agencies are permitted to retain under the FAAA, and apply to

agency outputs.

The intended result to be achieved through the production of outputs by outcome

government agencies.

The goods and services produced by government agencies with the intention output

of achieving stated outcomes.

The process whereby agencies are funded and have their performance output based management

assessed on the basis of the outputs they produce and the outcomes they

achieve.

Units of measurement used to determine and assess delivery of outputs. They performance measures

measure the quantity, quality, timeliness and cost of all outputs.

resource agreements A signed agreement between the Treasurer, relevant Minister and CEO (and

accountable authority in certain circumstances) formally endorsing the outputs to be

produced, the outcomes to be achieved and the financial plan of the agency.