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STATEMENTS  
2009-10

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr President  
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Budget Statements in support of the 2009-10 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 cursive script, appearing to read 'R. McClelland'.

Robert McClelland

## **Abbreviations and conventions**

The following notation 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nfp	not for publication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
\$b	\$ billion

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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# USER GUIDE

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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 2009–10 (or Appropriation Bill [Parliamentary Departments] No. 1 2009–10 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.

As required under section 12 of the Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998, non-general government sector entities are not consolidated into the Commonwealth general government sector fiscal estimates and accordingly these entities are not reported in the PB Statements.

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