

PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL  
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS  
2009-10

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

EXPLANATIONS OF ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2009-10

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Mr Harry Jenkins MP  
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Dear Mr President  
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements in support of the 2009-10 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 read 'R. McClelland', written in a cursive style.

Robert McClelland

**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nfp	not for publication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. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

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# **User guide to the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements**

## USER GUIDE

The purpose of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES), like that of the Portfolio Budget Statements, is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament and the public of the proposed allocation of resources to government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio. The focus of the PAES differs from that of the Portfolio Budget Statements in one important aspect. While the PAES include an agency resource statement to inform Parliament of the revised estimate of the total resources available to an agency, the focus of the PAES is on explaining the changes in resourcing by outcome since the Budget. As such, the PAES provide information on new measures and their impact on the financial and/or non-financial planned performance of programs supporting those outcomes.

The PAES facilitate understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bills (No. 3 and No. 4) 2009-10. 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 *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2009-10* 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 agencies within the portfolio.

## STRUCTURE OF THE PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES STATEMENTS

The PAES are presented in three parts with subsections.

### User guide

Provides a brief introduction explaining the purpose of the PAES.

### Portfolio overview

Provides an overview of the portfolio, including a chart that outlines the outcomes for agencies in the portfolio.

### Agency additional estimates statements

A statement (under the name of the agency) for each agency affected by additional estimates.

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<b>Section 1: Agency overview and resources</b>	This section details the total resources available to an agency, the impact of any measures since Budget, and the impact on Appropriation Bills No. 3 and No. 4.
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<b>Section 2: Revisions to agency resources and planned performance</b>	This section details <b>changes</b> to government outcomes and/or <b>changes</b> to the planned performance of agency programs.
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<b>Section 3: Explanatory tables 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.
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