

**Portfolio Supplementary
Additional Estimates Statements
2014–15**

Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2014–2015
and
Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2014–2015
Attorney-General's Portfolio

Explanations of Supplementary Additional Estimates
2014–15

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Dear Mr President
Dear Ms Speaker

I hereby submit these Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements in support of the additional appropriations sought for the Attorney-General's portfolio, through Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2014-2015 and Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2014-2015.

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 'George Brandis', written over a stylized outline of a document or envelope.

(George Brandis)

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nfp	not for publication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 SUPPLEMENTARY
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES
STATEMENTS**

USER GUIDE

The purpose of the 2014–15 Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements (PSAES) is to inform Senators, Members of Parliament and the public of the proposed allocation of additional resources to government outcomes by entities within the portfolio.

The PSAES facilitate understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2014–2015 and Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2014–2015. In this sense the PSAES is declared by the Appropriation Acts to be a ‘relevant document’ to the interpretation of the Acts according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2015–2016, which follows on from Appropriation Act (No. 1) tabled at Budget and Appropriation Bill (No. 3) tabled at Additional Estimates, will provide additional expenditure authority for the ordinary annual services of government in respect of the 2014–15 financial year.

Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2015–2016, which follows on from Appropriation Act (No. 2) tabled at Budget and Appropriation Bill (No. 4) tabled at Additional Estimates, will provide additional expenditure authority in respect of the 2014–15 financial year for capital works and services, payments to or for the states, territories and local government authorities, and new administered outcomes not authorised in specific legislation.

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**ENTITY SUPPLEMENTARY ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS**

OFFICE OF THE AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Overview of additional appropriations

In the 2014–15 Budget, the Australian Government announced that the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) would cease operation and new arrangements for privacy and freedom of information (FOI) regulation would commence from 1 January 2015. The new arrangements included the establishment of an Office of the Privacy Commissioner; the right to external merits review of FOI decisions to lie directly with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal; and complaints about FOI administration to lie directly with the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

Funding transfers to other entities to facilitate these changed arrangements occurred as part of the 2014–15 Budget.

As the legislation giving effect to these changes has not passed Parliament, the OAIC remains responsible for privacy and FOI regulation. Resources are being reappropriated to the OAIC for the remainder of 2014–15 to allow it to continue the exercise of FOI and privacy functions. The OAIC will also receive an appropriation in 2015–16 for its FOI and privacy functions.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS

Table 1.2 details the changes to the resourcing for the OAIC at Supplementary Additional Estimates, by outcome. The table also details the supplementary estimates and variations resulting from new measures and other variations since the 2014–15 Additional Estimates in Appropriation Bill (No. 5).

Table 1.2: Supplementary estimates and variations to outcomes from measures and other variations

	Programme impacted	2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000	2016–17 \$'000	2017–18 \$'000
Outcome 1					
Increase in estimates (departmental)					
Smaller Government—Privacy and Freedom of Information functions—new arrangements	1.1	2,812	5,698	–	–
Net impact on estimates for Outcome 1 (departmental)					
		2,812	5,698	–	–

BREAKDOWN OF ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES BY APPROPRIATION BILL

Table 1.3 details the additional estimates sought for the OAIC through Appropriation Bill (No. 5).

Table 1.3: Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2014–2015

	Total available appropriations 2013–14 \$'000	Budget and Additional Estimates 2014–15 \$'000	Revised 2014–15 \$'000	Supplementary Additional Estimates 2014–15 \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMMES				
Outcome 1				
Provision of public access to Commonwealth Government information, protection of individuals' personal information, and performance of information commissioner, freedom of information and privacy functions	10,601	7,191	10,003	2,812
Total departmental	10,601	7,191	10,003	2,812

Note: 2013–14 available appropriation is included to allow a comparison of this year's appropriation with what was made available for use in the previous year.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Overview of additional appropriations

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) is receiving additional funding to assist with the management of staff reductions from savings measures announced up to the 2013 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook. The additional funding has not changed the DPP's strategic direction, a statement of which can be found in the DPP's 2015–16 Portfolio Budget Statements.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS

Table 1.2 details the changes to the resourcing for the DPP at Supplementary Additional Estimates, by outcome. The table also details the supplementary estimates and variations resulting from new measures and other variations since the 2014–15 Additional Estimates in Appropriation Bill (No. 5).

Table 1.2: Supplementary estimates and variations to outcomes from measures and other variations

	Programme impacted	2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000	2016–17 \$'000	2017–18 \$'000
Outcome 1					
Increase in estimates (departmental)					
Funding for pre-existing measures affecting the public sector	1.1	1,362	–	–	–
Decrease in estimates (departmental)					
Communications and Public Affairs Functions—targeted savings	1.1	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Net impact on estimates for Outcome 1 (departmental)					
		1,361	(2)	(2)	(2)

BREAKDOWN OF ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES BY APPROPRIATION BILL

Table 1.3 details the Additional Estimates sought for the DPP through Appropriation Bill (No. 5).

Table 1.3: Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2014–2015

	Total available appropriations 2013–14 \$'000	Budget and Additional Estimates 2014–15 \$'000	Revised 2014–15 \$'000	Supplementary Additional Estimates 2014–15 \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMMES				
Outcome 1				
Maintenance of law and order for the Australian community through an independent and ethical prosecution service in accordance with the Prosecution Policy of the Commonwealth	85,823	79,640	81,001	1,361
Total departmental	85,823	79,640	81,001	1,361

Note: 2013–14 available appropriation is included to allow a comparison of this year's appropriation with what was made available for use in the previous year.