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# Foreword

Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2024–25* ensures that the Budget Papers provide comprehensive information on all Government decisions that involve changes to its payment and receipt activities since the *2023–24 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook* released in December 2023*.* This information is outlined in two parts:

* Part 1: Receipt Measures
* Part 2: Payment Measures

Receipt measures are defined as those measures that affect taxation or non‑taxation receipts. Payment measures are defined as those measures that affect operating payments and purchases of non‑financial assets. Measures are presented on a cash basis, corresponding with references to the underlying cash balance in Budget Paper No. 1, Budget Strategy and Outlook.

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