

# Introduction and guide to Budget Paper No. 4

The purpose of Budget Paper No. 4 is to provide a whole of government view of estimated resourcing managed in the Budget year and previous year by agencies (which are non-corporate Commonwealth entities, corporate Commonwealth entities and Commonwealth companies) in the General Government Sector (GGS). The resources include financial resources, staff resources, expenses and net capital investment.

The Budget Papers do not authorise appropriations or impose legal obligations on the Commonwealth.

Budget Paper No. 4 contains three main parts and an appendix with tables of information as follows:

- Part 1 Agency Financial Resourcing
  - 1.1 Agency Resourcing Table
  - 1.2 Special Appropriations Table
  - 1.3 Special Accounts Table
- Part 2 Staffing of Agencies
- Part 3 Expenses and Net Capital Investment
  - 3.1 Departmental Expenses Table
  - 3.2 Net Capital Investment Table

## Appendix A: Agency Outcome Statements

The Agency Financial Resourcing tables present appropriation information by portfolio and then by agency. Estimated resourcing is presented on a cash basis for both the Budget year and previous year (which is printed below the Budget year in italics, or to the left of the Budget year in a separate column). The tables include agencies, Outcomes, special appropriations and special accounts, and estimates of annual appropriations and external revenue, as well as staffing for the 2024–25 and 2025–26 years.

Estimates contained in the Budget Papers incorporate assumptions and judgements based on the best information available at the time of publication.

## Transfer of resourcing between agencies

Agencies may, over the course of a financial year, transfer amounts of resourcing to other agencies, as a result of restructuring, legislative changes, Executive decisions and machinery of government changes enacted by amendments to the Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO). Resourcing, at the date of change and afterwards, is reflected against the agency that gains the resources. Resourcing prior to the date of change is reflected against the agency that formerly managed the resources.

## Annual Appropriation Bills and Acts

Throughout Budget Paper No. 4, references to annual appropriations and Appropriation Bills for 2025–26 should be taken to include the relevant Supply Bills<sup>2</sup> and Appropriation Bills.<sup>3</sup>

Annual appropriation amounts appearing for 2024–25 include the relevant Appropriation Acts.<sup>4</sup>

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2 The Supply Bills are: Supply Bill (No. 1) 2025–2026, Supply Bill (No. 2) 2025–26 and Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2025–2026. The Supply Bills will provide funding for the ongoing business of the Government in the first five months of 2025–26. Funding will be calculated as approximately 5/12ths of entities' 2025–26 annual appropriations for the annual ordinary services of the Government, and additional amounts where the expenditure of some agencies is weighted towards the earlier months of the year.

3 The Appropriation Bills are: Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2025–2026, Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2025–26 and Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2025–2026.

4 The Appropriation Acts are: *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2024–2025*, *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2024–2025*, *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 1) 2024–2025*, *Appropriation Act (No. 3) 2024–2025*, *Appropriation Act (No. 4) 2024–2025* and *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 2) 2024–2025*.

## Guide to Resourcing Tables

Linkages between tables and amounts presented in Budget Paper No. 4 are illustrated in Figures 1 to 4. A consolidated view of financial resources to be managed by agencies is presented in the Agency Resourcing Table. Amounts in the Agency Resourcing Table can be matched with information in the:

- annual Appropriation Bills
- Special Appropriations Table
- Special Accounts Table.

Figures 1 and 2 show how amounts in the Agency Resourcing Table can be matched with amounts in the annual Appropriations Bills. The Figures also highlight amounts in these Bills for non-operating expenditure and for payments to the States, Territories and local governments.

Figures 3 and 4 show how amounts in the Agency Resourcing Table can be matched with amounts in the Special Appropriations Table and the Special Accounts Table.

Figure 1: Example of the Agency Resourcing Table and Appropriation Bill (No. 1)

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S									
Agency Resourcing—20YY-20ZZ									
<i>Estimated Actual—20XX-20YY</i>									
Entity/Outcome/ Non-operating	Departmental		Administered Appropriation Bill No. 2						
	Appropriation Bill No. 1 \$'000	Appropriation Bill No. 2 \$'000	Special Appropriation \$'000	Special Accounts (b) \$'000	Appropriation Bill No. 1 \$'000	SPPs \$'000	Other (c) \$'000	Special Appropriation \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Attorney-General's Department</b>									
Outcome 1	222,339	-	-	421,610	380,202	3,214	-	3,225	1,073,203
	<i>216,362</i>			<i>428,608</i>	<i>609,127</i>	<i>7,248</i>		<i>94,338</i>	<i>1,399,416</i>
Equity Injections	-	8,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,383
		<i>4,731</i>							<i>4,731</i>
Administered Assets and Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,530	-	1,530
							<i>20,712</i>		<i>20,712</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>222,339</b>	<b>8,383</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>421,610</b>	<b>380,202</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>1,083,116</b>
	<i>216,362</i>	<i>4,731</i>		<i>428,608</i>	<i>609,127</i>	<i>7,248</i>	<i>20,712</i>	<i>94,338</i>	<i>1,424,859</i>
<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>2,656,582</b>	<b>83,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>618,374</b>	<b>397,162</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>13,525</b>	<b>4,186,074</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,628,962</b>	<b>140,953</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>633,448</b>	<b>622,137</b>	<b>7,248</b>	<b>20,712</b>	<b>105,288</b>	<b>4,613,183</b>

(b) Amounts credited to a special account that were not appropriated to the entity by an annual Appropriation Act or another Act.  
(c) Includes *New Administered Outcomes* and *administered assets and liabilities* item, within the meaning of Appropriation Bill No.2.

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO**

Appropriation (plain figures)—20YY-20ZZ  
*Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—20XX-20YY*

	Departmental \$'000	Administered \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT</b>			
<b>Outcome 1 -</b>			
A just and secure society through the maintenance and improvement of Australia's law and justice framework and its national security and emergency management system	222,339	380,202	602,541
	<i>216,362</i>	<i>609,127</i>	<i>825,489</i>
<b>Total: Attorney-General's Department</b>	<b>222,339</b>	<b>380,202</b>	<b>602,541</b>
	<i>216,362</i>	<i>609,127</i>	<i>825,489</i>

Figure 2: Example of the Agency Resourcing Table and Appropriation Bill (No. 2)

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S										
Agency Resourcing—20YY-20ZZ										
Estimated Actual—20XX-20YY										
Entity/Outcome/ Non-operating	Departmental		Administered Appropriation Bill No. 2							Total
	Appropriation Bill No. 1	Appropriation Bill No. 2	Special Appropriation	Special Accounts (b)	Special Appropriation Bill No. 1	SPPs	Other (c)	Special Appropriation		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
<b>Attorney-General's Department</b>										
Outcome 1	222,339	-	-	421,610	380,202	3,214	-	3,225	1,073,203	
Equity Injections	-	8,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,383	
Administered Assets and Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,530	-	1,530	
<b>Total</b>	<b>222,339</b>	<b>8,383</b>	-	<b>421,610</b>	<b>380,202</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>1,083,116</b>	
	<i>216,362</i>	<i>4,731</i>	-	<i>428,608</i>	<i>609,127</i>	<i>7,248</i>	<i>20,712</i>	<i>94,338</i>	<i>1,424,859</i>	
<b>PORTFOLIO TOTAL</b>	<b>2,656,582</b>	<b>83,500</b>	-	<b>618,374</b>	<b>397,162</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>13,525</b>	<b>4,186,074</b>	
	<i>2,628,962</i>	<i>140,953</i>	-	<i>633,448</i>	<i>622,137</i>	<i>7,248</i>	<i>20,712</i>	<i>105,288</i>	<i>4,613,183</i>	

(a) Receipts that were not appropriated to the entity by an annual Appropriation Act or another Act.  
 (b) Amounts credited to a special account that were not appropriated to the entity by an annual Appropriation Act or another Act.  
 (c) Includes New Administered Outcomes and administered assets and liabilities item, within the meaning of Appropriation Bill No.2.

  

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO			
Appropriation (plain figures)—20YY-20ZZ			
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—20XX-20YY			
	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government	New Administered Outcomes	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT</b>			
<b>Operating</b>			
<b>Outcome 1 -</b>			
A just and secure society through the maintenance and improvement of Australia's law and justice framework and its national security and emergency management system	3,214	-	3,214
	<i>7,248</i>	-	<i>7,248</i>
<b>Total: Operating</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,214</b>
	<i>7,248</i>	-	<i>7,248</i>
<b>Non-operating</b>			
Equity Injections			8,383
Administered Assets and Liabilities			4,731
			1,530
			20,712
<b>Total: Non-operating</b>			<b>9,913</b>
			<i>25,443</i>
<b>Total: Attorney-General's Department</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,127</b>
	<i>7,248</i>	-	<i>32,691</i>

**Figure 3: Example of the Agency Resourcing Table and Special Appropriations Table**

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S**  
Agency Resourcing—20YY-20ZZ  
Estimated Actual—20XX-20YY

Entity/Outcome/ Non-operating	Departmental		Administered Appropriation Bill No. 2						Total \$'000
	Appropriation Bill No. 1 \$'000	Appropriation Bill No. 2 \$'000	Special Appropriation \$'000	Special Accounts (b) \$'000	Appropriation Bill No. 1 \$'000	SPPs \$'000	Other (c) \$'000	Special Appropriation \$'000	
<b>Attorney-General's Department</b>									
Outcome 1	222,339	-	-	421,610	380,202	3,214	-	3,225	1,073,203
Equity Injections	216,362	-	-	428,608	609,127	7,248	-	94,338	1,399,416
Administered Assets and Liabilities	-	8,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,383
	-	4,731	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,731
	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,530	-	1,530
	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,712	-	20,712
<b>Total</b>	<b>222,339</b>	<b>8,383</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>421,610</b>	<b>380,202</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>1,083,116</b>
	216,362	4,731	-	428,608	609,127	7,248	20,712	94,338	1,424,859
<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>2,656,582</b>	<b>83,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>618,374</b>	<b>397,162</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>13,525</b>	<b>4,186,074</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,628,962</b>	<b>140,953</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>633,448</b>	<b>622,137</b>	<b>7,248</b>	<b>20,712</b>	<b>105,288</b>	<b>4,513,183</b>

(b) Amounts credited to a special account that were not appropriated to the entity by an annual Appropriation Act or another Act.  
(c) Includes New Administered Outcomes and administered assets and liabilities item, within the meaning of Appropriation Bill No.2.

**Special Appropriations Table**

	Estimated Actual 20XX-20YY (\$'000)	Budget Estimate 20YY-20ZZ (\$'000)
<b>ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO</b>		
<b>Attorney-General's Department</b>		
<i>Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act 1970</i>	-	-
<i>Crimes (Superannuation Benefits) Act 1989</i>	-	-
<i>Family Law Act 1975</i>	-	-
<i>Federal Circuit Court of Australia Act 1999</i>	-	-
<i>Federal Court of Australia Act 1976</i>	-	-
<i>High Court Justices (Long Leave Payments) Act 1979</i>	-	-
<i>High Court of Australia Act 1979</i>	-	-
<i>Judges (Long Leave Payments) Act 1979</i>	-	-
<i>Law Officers Act 1964</i>	450	450
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i>	34	34
<i>Social Security (Administration) Act 1999</i>	93,854	2,741
<b>Total: Attorney-General's Department</b>	<b>94,338</b>	<b>3,225</b>

Figure 4: Example of the Agency Resourcing Table and Special Accounts Table

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S**  
Agency Resourcing—20YY-20ZZ  
*Estimated Actual—20XX-20YY*

Entity/Outcome/ Non-operating	Departmental		Administered Appropriation Bill No. 2					Special Appropriation \$'000	Total \$'000
	Appropriation Bill No. 1 \$'000	Appropriation Bill No. 2 \$'000	Special Appropriation \$'000	Special Accounts (b) \$'000	Appropriation Bill No. 1 \$'000	SPPs \$'000	Other (c) \$'000		
<b>Attorney-General's Department</b>									
Outcome 1	222,339	-	-	421,610	380,202	3,214	-	3,225	1,073,203
	216,362	-	-	428,608	609,127	7,248	-	94,338	1,399,416
Equity Injections	-	8,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,383
	-	4,731	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,731
Administered Assets and Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,530	-	1,530
	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,712	-	20,712
<b>Total</b>	<b>222,339</b>	<b>8,383</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>421,610</b>	<b>380,202</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>1,083,116</b>
	216,362	4,731	-	428,608	609,127	7,248	20,712	94,338	1,424,859
<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>2,656,582</b>	<b>83,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>618,374</b>	<b>397,162</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>13,525</b>	<b>4,186,074</b>
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(b) Amounts credited to a special account that were not appropriated to the entity by an annual Appropriation Act or another Act.  
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*Budget Estimate—20YY-20ZZ*  
*Estimated Actual—20XX-20YY*

	Opening Balance (\$'000)	Receipts (Non- Appropriated) (\$'000)	Receipts (Appropriated) (\$'000)	Payments (\$'000)	Adjustments (\$'000)	Closing Balance (\$'000)
<b>ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO</b>						
<b>Attorney-General's Department</b>						
AGS Client Funds Special Account 2015	-	270,501	-	-270,501	-	-
	-	267,823	-	-267,823	-	-
AGS Operational Special Account 2015	21,760	149,049	-	-145,758	-	25,051
	25,786	142,066	-	-146,092	-	21,760
Services for Other Entities and Trust Moneys - Attorney General's Department Special Account	21,398	2,060	-	-21,581	-	1,877
	20,731	18,719	-	-18,052	-	21,398
<b>Total: Attorney-General's Department</b>	<b>43,158</b>	<b>421,610</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-437,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,928</b>
	46,517	428,608	-	-431,967	-	43,158