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## PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS

**1999-2000**

### **COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS PORTFOLIO**

BUDGET INITIATIVES AND EXPLANATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS SPECIFIED BY  
OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS BY AGENCY

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Senator the Hon Margaret Reid  
President of the Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Yours sincerely  
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Minister for Communications,  
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The Hon Neil Andrew MP  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
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