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Accrual Accounting	System of accounting where items are brought to account and included in the financial statements as they are earned or incurred, rather than as they are received or paid.
Accumulated Depreciation	The aggregate depreciation recorded for a particular depreciable asset.
Administered Items	Expenses, revenues, assets or liabilities managed by agencies on behalf of the Commonwealth. Agencies do not control administered items. Administered expenses include grants, subsidies and benefits. In many cases, administered expenses fund the delivery of third party outputs.
Additional estimates	Where amounts appropriated at Budget time are insufficient, Parliament may appropriate more funds to portfolios through the <b>Additional Estimates Acts</b> . This is the Additional Estimates process.
Additional Estimates Bills or Acts	These are Appropriation Bills 3 and 4, and a separate Bill for the Parliamentary Departments (Appropriations (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No 2). These Bills are introduced into Parliament after the Budget Bills.
Appropriation	An authorisation by Parliament to spend moneys from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
Annotated Appropriation	A form of appropriation which allows an agency access to certain moneys it receives in payment of services. The nature and extent of the amount to be appropriated are specified in agreements made under Section 31 of the Financial Management and Accountability (FMA) Act 1997 between the financial manager the responsible Minister.
Annual Appropriation	Two appropriation Bills are introduced into Parliament in May and comprise the Budget. Further Bills are introduced later in the financial year as part of the Additional Estimates.
Capital expenditure	Expenditure by an agency on capital projects, for example purchasing a building.
Capital-Use Charge	The Capital-Use Charge is a dividend requirement levied on Commonwealth General Government Sector agencies and authorities. The Capital Use Charge payment is based on those agencies and authorities Departmental net assets at financial year end. Funding for the Capital-Use Charge is included in

		agencies and authorities Departmental price of outputs appropriation.
Consolidated Revenue Fund - (CRF)		This is the working fund of the Commonwealth. The Constitution requires an appropriation of moneys by the Parliament before expenditure can be made from CRF (s83).
Departmental items		Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses which are controlled by the agency in providing it's outputs. Departmental items would generally include computers, plant and equipment assets used by agencies in providing goods and services and most employee expenses, supplier costs and other administrative expenses incurred.
Depreciation		An expense recognised systematically for the purpose of allocating the depreciable amount of a depreciable asset over its useful life.
Deprival valuation	asset	Values non financial assets according to the current cost of their replacement. That is, non financial assets are valued at the lowest cost of replacing the gross 'service potential' of those assets.
Efficiency indicators		Measures the adequacy of the agency's management of it's outputs (and where applicable, administered items). Includes Price, Quality, Quantity indicators. Indicators should be considered in relation to other indicators.
Equity or Net Assets		Residual interest in the assets of an entity after deduction of its liabilities.
Expense		Total value of all of the resources consumed in producing goods and services.
Fair Value		Valuation methodology: The amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled between knowledgeable and willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The fair value can be affected by the conditions of the sale, market conditions and the intentions of the asset holder.
Financial Management and Accountability (FMA) Act 1997		The principal legislation governing the proper use and management of public money and public property and other Commonwealth resources. FMA Regulations and FMA Orders are made pursuant to the Act.
Forward Estimates		A system of rolling three year financial estimates. After the budget is passed, the first year of the forward estimates becomes the base for next year's budget bid, and another out

year is added to the forward estimates.

Historical cost	The original cost of acquisition of an asset, including any costs associated with acquisition. Under Australian Accounting Standard 10 'Acquisition of Non Current Assets' assets need to be reported initially at acquisition (historical cost). The Commonwealth's financial reporting requirements issued under the Finance Minister's Orders require the subsequent revaluation of non current assets to their deprival value within every three years.
Measures	Policy decisions by Government with financial estimate impacts. Such proposals are normally made in the context of the annual Budget process.
Operating result	Equals revenue less expense.
Outcomes	The results, impacts or consequences of actions by the Commonwealth on the Australian community. Planned outcomes are the results or impacts that the Government wishes to achieve. Actual outcomes are the results or impacts actually achieved.
Output Groups	The aggregation based on homogeneity, type of product or beneficiary target group, of outputs.
Outputs	The goods and services produced by agencies on behalf of government for external organisations or individuals. Outputs include goods and services produced for other areas of government external to the agency.
Performance information	Evidence about performance that is collected and used systematically. Evidence may relate to appropriateness, effectiveness and efficiency. It may be outcomes, factors that affect outcomes, and what can be done to improve them. Performance information also includes evidence that the extent to which outcomes can be attributed to an intervention.
Price	The amount the government or the community pays for the delivery of agreed outputs.
Quality	Relates to the characteristics by which customers or stakeholders judge an organisation, product or service. Assessment of quality involves use of information gathered from interested parties to identify differences between user's expectations and experiences.

Quantity	Size of an output. Count or volume measures.
Revenue	The main way the government funds its outcomes. It is mainly tax revenue, fees for regulatory services performed by government and interest and dividends received.
Special Appropriations	Moneys appropriated by Parliament in an Act separate to an Annual Appropriation Act, where the payment is for a specified amount. Special appropriations are not subject to Parliaments annual budget control, unlike the annual appropriations.



# ACRONYMS



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AAO	Administrative Arrangement Orders
AAS	Australian Accounting Standards
ABA	Australian Broadcasting Authority
ABC	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
ACA	Australian Communications Authority
ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
AEs	Additional Estimates
AFC	Australian Film Commission
AFM	Advance to the Finance Minister
AFTRS	Australian Film, Television and Radio School
AIS	Australian Institute of Sport
AMOL	Australian Museums and Galleries Online
ANMM	Australian National Maritime Museum
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Corporation
ASC	Australian Sports Commission
ASDA	Australian Sports Drug Agency
ASL	Average Staffing Level
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CMC	Cultural Minister's Council
CMP	Conservation Management Plan
COF	Centenary of Federation
CUC	Capital Use Charge

DCITA	Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
DIAB	Departmental Items Adjustments Borrowings
EOI	Expressions of Interest
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GST	Goods and Services Tax
ICT	Information and Communications Technologies
IT	Information Technology
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
LOTE	Language Other Than English
m	Million
MCG	Melbourne Cricket Ground
NAA	National Archives of Australia
NGA	National Gallery of Australia
NIDA	National Institute of Dramatic Arts
NLA	National Library of Australia
NMA	National Museum of Australia
NOIE	National Office for the Information Economy
NPG	National Portrait Gallery
NSO	National Sporting Organisation
NSTC	National Science and Technology Centre (Questacon)
NTN	Networking the Nation
OPH	Old Parliament House
PAES	Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements

PBS	Portfolio Budget Statements
SBS	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation
SITA	Societe Internationale de Telecommunications Aeronautique
SSA	ScreenSound Australia
TAPRIC	Telecommunications Action Plan for Remote Indigenous Communities
the Department	Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
WTO	World Trade Organisation