**PBO SEMINAR** 

# Navigating the Budget papers

The seminar begins at 2pm



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### **Budget Overview**

Traditionally presented in May each year, the Australian Government Budget is a snapshot of the Government's policy priorities and financial impact of decisions taken.

It provides an estimate of money coming in (revenue), money going out (expenses) and how much is owed (gross and net debt).

The Budget is predominantly forward-looking, with information generally presented for a five-year period.



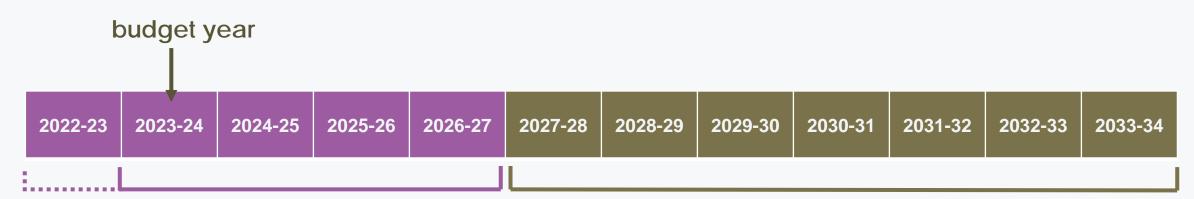
## Time periods used in the Budget

The budget year is the financial year covered by the Budget.

The forward estimates cover the budget year and the three years following.

The medium term is the seven years following the forward estimates.





forward estimates

medium term

### Legislative Framework

#### **Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998**

Sets out the **principles and requirements** around the Budget process. It requires publication of **three main** annual budget **reporting documents**:



# Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013

Requires the annual preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements, which provide a **full-audited picture** of the **Commonwealth's finances**.

Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Government Appropriations

#### **Australian Constitution (Section 83):**

"No money shall be drawn from the Treasury of the Commonwealth except under appropriation made by law."

#### **Annual Appropriations:**

Provide annual funding to entities and Commonwealth companies to undertake ongoing government activities and programs

e.g. departmental costs

#### **Special (Standing) Appropriations:**

Provide funding for particular purposes

e.g. social security payments

Around 80% of total spending

#### Annual Appropriation Bills

On Budget night in May each year, the Government generally presents THREE annual appropriation bills to the Parliament:



Appropriation Bill (No.1) for the ordinary annual services of the government



Appropriation Bill (No.2) for other purposes (e.g. payments to states, capital, new outcomes)



Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No.1) for expenditure in relation to parliamentary departments



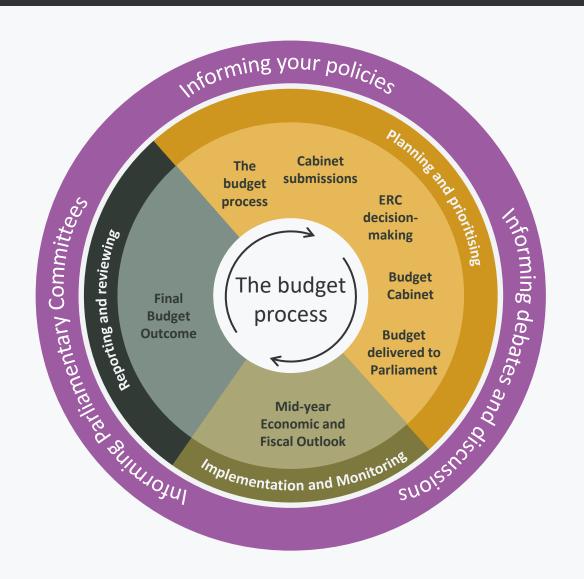


# The Budget Process



#### The Budget Cycle

The budget process is a decision making process for allocating public resources to the Government's policy priorities.



### Key Dates

#### Summary of key dates

# September to October

Budget planning commences

# December to February

Development and costing of new policy proposals

# February to April

Expenditure Review Committee (ERC) decision making

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of May

Release of the Budget

#### **Late June**

Parliament passes Appropriation Bills

#### Other key dates

# Actual fiscal outcomes provided through FBO

Within 3 months of End of Financial Year

# MYEFO provides updated information

By end of January or within 6 months of the release of budget

### Annual CFS provided to the Auditor-General

As soon as practicable following the End of Financial Year

## Planning and Prioritising



#### Budget Process Operational Rules

BPORs set out the process and timetable for the Budget

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## Budget Prioritisation Process

Portfolios ministers prepare new policy proposals

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## Portfolio Budget Submissions

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Collection of all new expenditure and savings proposals

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# Budget delivered to Parliament

Budget is delivered to Parliament on Budget Night.

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#### **Budget Cabinet**

Decisions of the ERC are endorsed by the Budget Cabinet

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#### **ERC** decision making

Expenditure Review Committee considers the submissions

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#### Examination of the Budget

Monitoring the Budget

Reporting and reviewing

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Senate estimates committees scrutinise Appropriation Bills and other budget documents

Before end of June

Senate Estimates
Committees

Provides updated financial information on fiscal position and compares estimates to actuals.

By end of January

Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook

Actual financial results presented, analyses reasons for budget variances

By 30 September

Final Budget
Outcome

Audited by the ANAO, also includes data for other sectors of government

As soon as practicable after the EOFY

Consolidated Financial Statements





# What happens on Budget Night?



### Budget Night

# On Budget Night, Government's decisions about the Budget are announced.

Government provides documents including:





bills to authorise spending of relevant money in upcoming financial year.



The **Budget papers**, which are presented to the Parliament and contain information on Government finances and related matters.

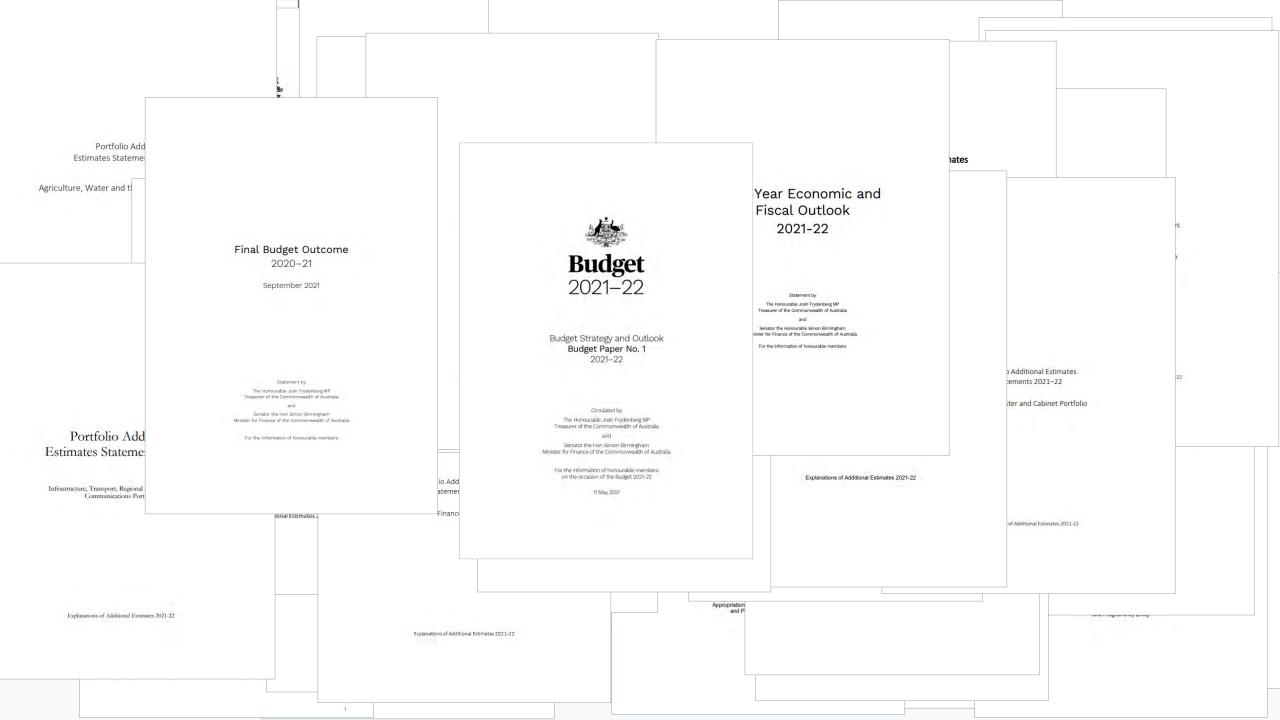






# Overview of the Budget Papers







Budget Paper No. 1

Budget Strategy and Outlook

Budget Paper No. 2

Budget Magazines

**Budget Measures** 

Budget Paper No. 3

**Federal Financial Relations** 

Budget Paper No. 4

Agency Resourcing

# Budget Paper No. 1 – Budget Strategy and Outlook

- Provides an overview of the **economic** and fiscal outlook
- Summarises the Government's **fiscal** strategy
- Outlines the Whole-of-Government key Budget priorities



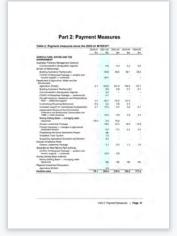














#### Budget Paper No. 2 - Budget Measures

Information on government decisions that involves changes to revenue, expense and investing activities since the MYEFO.

A **budget measure** is a particular policy decision or action the Government has decided to take, including amendment to existing policy.

BP2 includes details of every measure undertaken since the MYEFO: summary table, measure description and projected financials.

#### Budget Paper No. 3 – Federal Financial Relations

Contains information on revenue provision and payments (GST and specific purpose payments), overview of fiscal developments in the states and territories.





#### Budget Paper No. 4 - Agency resourcing

Shows for each entity, estimated expenses for each special appropriation Act, estimated balances and flows for all special accounts, estimated resourcing by type of appropriation, and estimated average staffing levels in the public sector.





# Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS)



#### PBS

The Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) are prepared by each portfolio entity.



To inform Senators, Members of Parliament and the public of the proposed allocation of resources to government outcomes by agencies within the relevant portfolio



### Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS)

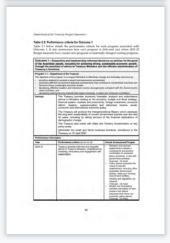
#### **Portfolio Budget Statements**

- PBS is the portfolio's primary budget document
- Each portfolio is required to publish a Portfolio Budget Statement
- PBS identifies how appropriated funds are expected to be used
- PBS assists in the interpretation of Appropriation Bills No. 1 and No. 2

PBS is tabled in Parliament on Budget Night

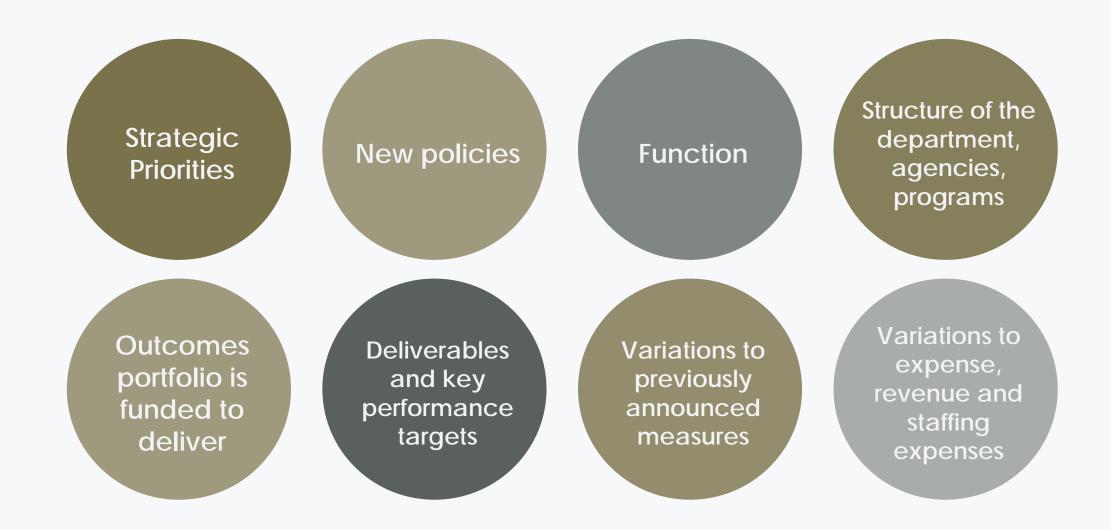






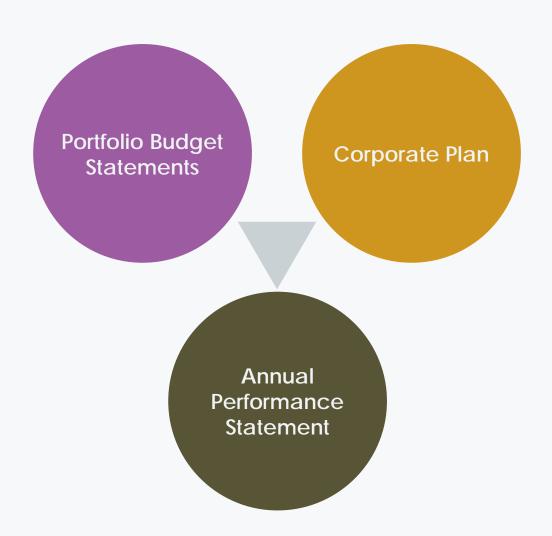


#### Content of the PBS



#### Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS)

How does the PBS interact with the Commonwealth Performance Framework?

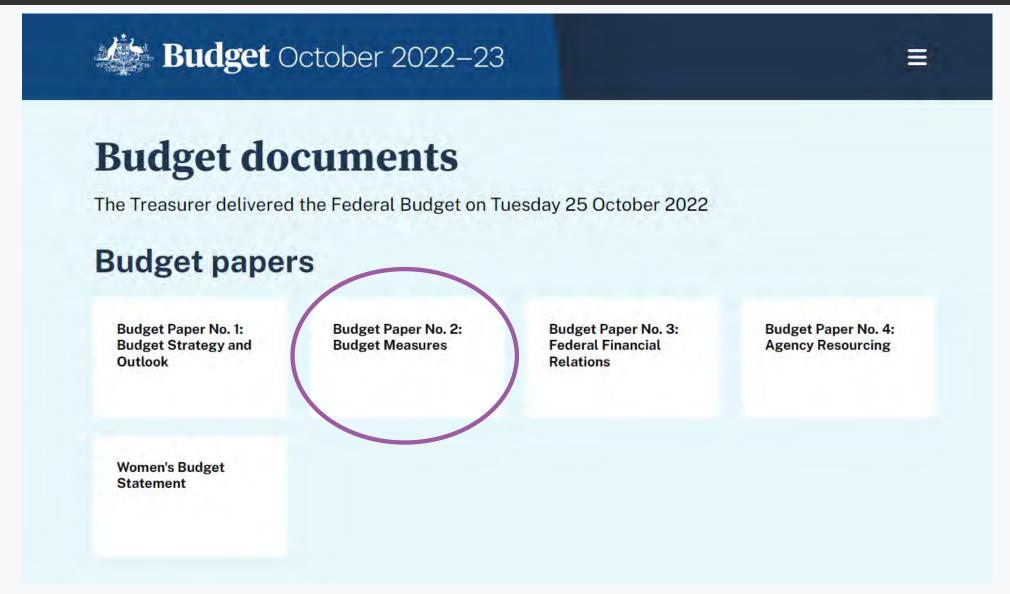






# How to find out about a new policy?





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Support for the Aviation Sector						
Payments (\$m)	2000 04	2024.05	0005.0			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts		23.1	63.9	40.0		
Department of Home Affairs	(7)	7.1	3.2			
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	1.3	1.2	-		
Total - Payments	-	31.6	68.3	40.0		

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- \$60.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to upgrade Hobart Airport runway and airfield facilities
- \$55.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to upgrade border services facilities at the Newcastle Airport international terminal
- \$17.9 million over two years from 2022–23 to undertake planning and design work for

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Determine the portfolio(s)

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Check the Portfolio Budget Statement

2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
actual		estimate	estimate	estimate
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000

	actual	\$'000	estimate \$'000	estimate \$'000	estimate \$'000
	\$'000				
Components for Program 2.3: Air Transport					7.11
Administered expenses					
Airport Lessee Companies	178	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Automatic Dependent Surveillance -					
Broadcast (ADS-B) Rebate Program	-	30,000	-	-	
Aviation Services Accreditation Program	36,920	-	12.	-	14
Domestic Aviation Network Support (c)	nfp	- 4	-	-	
Domestic Airports Security Program	113,208	-	-	_	2
<b>Emerging Aviation Technologies Programs</b>	1,521	12,067	18,997	-	
Enhanced Regional Security Screening	26,904	44,154	-	-	-
Gold Coast Airport Contribution	4,409	4,000	*	1 (5)	
International Air Security Charges Rebate	26,209	-	-	-	-
International Aviation Support	239,374	4		1	2
International Civil Aviation Organization -					
contribution	2,313	2,999	3,239	3,410	3.418
Hobart Airport Runway	100	-	20,000	40,000	
Newcastle Airport International Terminal		45.000	10.000		
Upgrade	101	10,000	40,000	-	





# Questions?



# Thank you

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