

**PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS
2005-06**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION PORTFOLIO**

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Dear Mr President
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements in support of the 2005-06 Additional Estimates for the Department of Human Services and its agencies, a part of the Finance and Administration Portfolio.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the funding requirements being sought for the Department and its agencies.

I present these statements by virtue of my ministerial responsibility for accountability to the Parliament and, through it, the public.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Hockey', written over a light blue circular stamp.

JOE HOCKEY MP

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**USER GUIDE
TO THE
PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS**

USER GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES), like that of the Portfolio Budget Statements, is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of resources to Government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio. However, unlike the Portfolio Budget Statements, the PAES summarise only the *changes* in resourcing by outcome since the Budget, that is, they do not include a complete resourcing table for the agency. The PAES include new Measures, summarise the changes by Appropriation Bill and, where relevant, by Special Appropriation and Special Account.

The PAES facilitate understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bills (Nos. 3 and 4) 2005-06. In this sense the PAES is declared by the Additional Estimates Appropriation Bills to be a 'relevant document' to the interpretation of the Bills according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Whereas the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2005-06 is a mid-year budget report which provides updated information to allow the assessment of the Government's fiscal performance against its fiscal strategy, the PAES update the most recent budget appropriations for agencies within the portfolio.

STRUCTURE OF THE PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES STATEMENTS

The PAES are presented in three parts with subsections.

User Guide

Provides an introduction explaining the purpose of the PAES as well as information in relation to the styles and conventions used.

Portfolio Overview

Provides an overview of the portfolio, including a chart that outlines the outcomes for agencies in the portfolio.

Agency additional estimates statements

A statement (under the name of the agency) for each agency affected by Additional Estimates.

Section 1: Agency overview, variations and measures

This section details the link between the resources appropriated, savings, the impact of any post-Budget measures, and their application to the outputs and administered items (usually programmes) that contribute to the achievement of outcomes. This section also reports changes to revenue from independent sources; changes to estimates of expenses from Special Appropriations; and changes to estimated Special Account flows.

Section 2: Revisions to outcomes, administered items and outputs

This section details changes to planned Government outcomes, or to the contributing administered items and agency outputs.

Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

This section contains revisions to the budgeted financial statements in accrual format covering Budget year, previous year and the three out-years for each agency.

Glossary

Explains key terms.

Index (Optional)

Alphabetical guide to the Statements

STYLES AND CONVENTIONS USED

- (a) The following notations may be used:

NEC/nec	not elsewhere classified
AEST	Australian Eastern Standard Time
-	nil
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
na	not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
nfp	not for publication
\$m	\$ million
\$b	\$ billion

- (b) Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

Enquiries

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A copy of this document can be located on the Australian Government Budget website at: <http://www.budget.gov.au>.

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

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The Department of Human Services was created on 26 October 2004 to improve the development and delivery of Government social and health related services to the Australian people. The department is responsible for ensuring the Government is able to get best value for money in service delivery while emphasising continuous service improvement and a whole of government approach.

AGENCIES WITHIN HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services comprises the following General Government Sector entities:

- The Department of Human Services, incorporating the core department, the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia;
- Centrelink; and
- Medicare Australia (formerly the Health Insurance Commission).

Human Services also contains the following non-general government sector entities:

Public Non-Financial Corporation

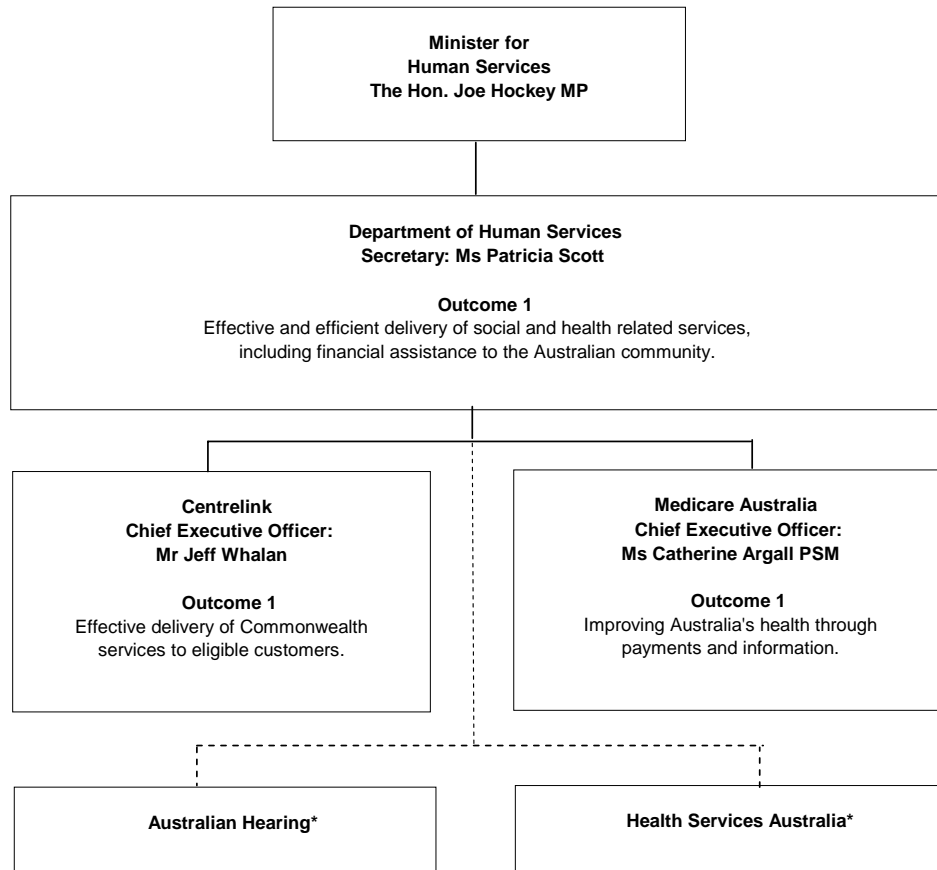
- Australian Hearing

Public Financial Corporation

- Health Services Australia

As required under Section 12 of the Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998, non-general government sector entities are not consolidated into the Commonwealth general government sector fiscal estimates. These entities are not reported in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements.

Figure 1: Portfolio structure and outcomes



* These agencies are non-general government sector entities which are not consolidated into the Commonwealth general government sector fiscal estimates. They are not therefore reported in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS - PORTFOLIO LEVEL

Additional appropriations are being sought for the Department of Human Services, Centrelink and Medicare Australia.

The Department of Human Services is seeking additional departmental appropriations of \$10.8m for new measures since the 2005-06 Budget (details are provided at Section 1, Department of Human Services, Table 1.4: Summary of measures since the 2005-06 Budget). Furthermore, there is a reduction in administered appropriations of \$1.2m and administered special appropriations of \$3.1m. This has resulted in an overall increase of \$6.5m in the Department of Human Services' appropriation.

Centrelink is seeking an additional departmental equity injection of \$2.1m. The increase in funding is attributable to revised estimates and measures (details are provided at Section 1, Centrelink, Table 1.4: Summary of measures since the 2005-06 Budget).

Medicare Australia is seeking additional appropriation of \$9.0m, comprising of \$8.2m of departmental appropriation and \$0.8m of equity injections. The increase in funding is attributable to revised estimates and measures (details are provided at Section 1, Medicare Australia, Table 1.4: Summary of measures since the 2005-06 Budget). This increase is offset by reductions in appropriations of \$15.7m, which is mainly attributable to return of payroll tax funding as a result of Medicare Australia becoming an FMA agency. Overall, there is a reduction of \$6.7m in Medicare Australia's appropriation.

The appropriation from Government to each Portfolio agency in 2005-06, to enable the delivery of outputs and administered programmes (where applicable), is outlined in Section 1 in the portfolio additional estimates statements for each agency. Details of revenue and expenses are provided at Section 3.