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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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.
Administered items	Expenses, revenues, assets and liabilities managed by agencies on behalf of the Government. Agencies do not control administered items. In many cases, administered expenses fund the delivery of third party outputs.
Agency	Agencies are departments of state, departments of parliament and 'prescribed agencies' for the purposes of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i> or the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i> .
Appropriation	An authorisation by Parliament to spend moneys from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for a particular purpose.
APS employee	A person engaged under section 22, or a person who is engaged as an APS employee under section 72, of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> .
Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA)	An agreement between an employer and an employee about terms and conditions of employment, made under the <i>Workplace Relations Act 1996</i> .
Competitive tendering and contracting (CTC)	The process of contracting out the delivery of government activities previously performed by a Commonwealth agency to another organisation. The activity is submitted to competitive tender, and the preferred provider of the activity is selected from the range of bidders by evaluating offers against predetermined selection criteria.
Corporate governance	The process by which agencies are directed and controlled. It is generally understood to encompass authority, accountability, stewardship, leadership, direction and control.
Effectiveness	The extent to which actual outcomes are achieved, in terms of planned outcomes, via relevant outputs or administered expenses. An intervention's <i>effectiveness</i> should be distinguished from <i>efficiency</i> , which concerns the adequacy of its administration.

Non-ongoing APS employee	A person engaged as an APS employee under subsection 22(2)(b) or 22(2)(c) of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> .
Ongoing APS employee	A person engaged as an ongoing APS employee under subsection 22(2)(a) of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> .
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.
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 about outcomes, factors that affect outcomes and what can be done to improve them. Performance information may be quantitative (numerical) or qualitative (descriptive). Its usefulness is enhanced by applying standards and other types of comparison (eg, with past performance, other lines of business, or level of need before the intervention) which allow judgments to be made about the extent to which interventions are achieving desired results.
Performance pay	Also known as performance-linked bonuses and usually taking the form of a one-off payment in recognition of performance.
Purchaser-provider arrangements	Arrangements under which the outputs of one agency are purchased by another agency to contribute to outcomes.
Service charters	It is Government policy that departments which provide services directly to the public have service charters in place. A service charter is a public statement about the service that a department will provide and what customers can expect from the department.

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ABAC	APEC Business Advisory Council
ABCAP	ABC Asia Pacific (television service)
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACC	Australia–China Council
ACIAR	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
ADF	Australian Defence Force
AFC	Australian Film Commission
AFP	Australian Federal Police
AIC	Australia–India Council
AICC	Australia International Cultural Council
All	Australia–Indonesia Institute
AIMF	Australia–Indonesia Ministerial Forum
AIPRD	Australia–Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development
AJF	Australia–Japan Foundation
AKF	Australia–Korea Foundation
ALABC	Australia–Latin America Business Council
AMI	Australia–Malaysia Institute
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
ANZCERTA	Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (forum)
APIS	Australian Passport Information Service
APS	Australian Public Service
AQIS	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASNO	Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office
ATI	Australia–Thailand Institute
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
AUSFTA	Australia–United States Free Trade Agreement
AUSMIN	Australia–United States Ministerial Consultations
Austrade	Australian Trade Commission

AWA	Australian Workplace Agreement
BWC	Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention
CAAR	Council for Australian–Arab Relations
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy (European Union)
CAS	Cultural Awards Scheme
CDS	Commonwealth Disability Strategy
CHR	UN Commission on Human Rights
CMIS	Consular Management Information System
COALAR	Council on Australia Latin America Relations
CT	Counter-terrorism
CTBT	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
CWC	Chemical Weapons Convention
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
DAP	Direct Aid Program
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DIMA	Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
DPRK	Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (also known as North Korea)
ECP	Enhanced Cooperation Program
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EFIC	Export Finance and Insurance Corporation
EMS	Environmental Management System
ERT	Emergency Response Team
ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development
EU	European Union
FMCT	Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty
FMIS	Financial Management Information System
FOI	freedom of information
FTA	free trade agreement
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICT	information and communications technology
IDETF	Inter-Departmental Emergency Task Force
IMV	International Media Visits
IOTWS	Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System
IWC	International Whaling Commission

JCLEC	Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation
JCPAA	(Parliamentary) Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit
JMC	Joint Ministerial Commission
JSCFADT	(Parliamentary) Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
JSCOT	(Parliamentary) Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
LES	locally engaged staff
LNG	liquefied natural gas
MANPADS	Man-Portable Air Defence Systems
MFN	Most-Favoured Nation
MOU	memorandum of understanding
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NGO	non-government organisation
NIA	National Interest Account
NPT	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty
NSG	Nuclear Suppliers Group
NTAC	National Threat Assessment Centre
ODIN	Official Diplomatic Information Network
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OH&S	occupational health and safety
OPO	Overseas Property Office
PBS	Portfolio Budget Statements
PIF	Pacific Islands Forum
PNG	Papua New Guinea
PSI	Proliferation Security Initiative
RAMSI	Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands
ROK	Republic of Korea (also known as South Korea)
ROOS	rules of origin
SAFTA	Singapore–Australia Free Trade Agreement
SATIN	Secure Australian Telecommunications and Information Network
SES	Senior Executive Service
SLA	Service Level Agreement
STARS	Statistical Trade Analysis and Retrieval System
STOG	Senior Trade Officials' Group
SVP	Special Visits Program

TAFTA	Thailand–Australia Free Trade Agreement
TEF	Trade and Economic Framework
TPAC	Trade Policy Advisory Council
TSD	Trilateral Strategic Dialogue
UN	United Nations
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
US	United States of America
WDP	Workplace Diversity Program
WEF	World Economic Forum
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
WTO	World Trade Organization

COMPLIANCE INDEX

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