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PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

The primary purpose of the Portfolio Budget Statements is to inform Senators and Members of the proposed allocation of resources to Government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio. In particular, the document seeks to facilitate Senators' and Members' understanding of the appropriations proposed in *Appropriation Bills (Nos 1 and 2) 2000-2001*.

The Portfolio Budget Statements also provide comprehensive performance information frameworks against which the contributions of agencies to Government outcomes can be assessed.

STYLE CONVENTIONS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

Rounding

All amounts shown in tables are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. All totals are the rounded additions of unrounded figures. Amounts of \$500 or more have been rounded upwards and lower amounts have been rounded downwards.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The way that the GST affects Budget estimates, accounting statements and appropriations is described in Budget Paper No. 4.

Terminology

Technical terminology, or ordinary language used technically, is explained in the Glossary (see page 195).

