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CANBERRA ACT 2600

The Hon Neil Andrew MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Dear Presiding Officers

We are submitting the 2000-2001 Portfolio Budget Statements for the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio for the information of the Parliament and to assist in meeting the portfolio's responsibilities for public accountability.

The statements inform Senators and Members of the proposed allocation of resources to Government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio and provide performance indicators against which agencies' contributions to these outcomes can be assessed.

Yours sincerely

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