

Australian Secret Intelligence Service

**Entity resources and planned
performance**

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Section 1: Entity overview and resources

1.1 Strategic direction statement

In 2022–23, the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) will continue to enhance government understanding of the overseas environment affecting Australia's vital interests. ASIS will take appropriate action, consistent with applicable legislation, to protect and promote Australia's vital interests through the provision of unique foreign intelligence services as directed by the Government.

The primary functions of ASIS are:

- to obtain, in accordance with the Government's requirements, intelligence about the capabilities, intentions or activities of people or organisations outside Australia;
- to communicate, in accordance with the Government's requirements, such intelligence;
- to provide assistance to the Defence Force in support of military operations and to cooperate with the Defence Force on intelligence matters;
- to conduct counter-intelligence activities;
- to liaise with intelligence or security services, or other authorities, of other countries;
- to cooperate with and assist the Australian Signals Directorate, the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and other Commonwealth and State authorities in the performance of their functions; and
- to undertake such other activities as the responsible minister directs relating to the capabilities, intentions or activities of people or organisations outside Australia.

1.2 Entity resource statement

Table 1.1 shows the total funding from all sources available to the entity for its operations and to deliver programs and services on behalf of the Government.

The table summarises how resources will be applied by outcome (government strategic policy objectives) and by administered (on behalf of the Government or the public) and departmental (for ASIS's operations) classification.

For more detailed information on special accounts and special appropriations, please refer to the October *Budget Paper No. 4 – Agency Resourcing*.

Information in this table is presented on a resourcing (that is, appropriations/cash available) basis, whilst the 'Budgeted expenses by Outcome' tables in Section 2 and the financial statements in Section 3 are presented on an accrual basis.

Table 1.1: Australian Secret Intelligence Service resource statement — Budget estimates for 2022-23 as at October Budget 2022

	2021-22 <i>Estimated actual</i> \$'000	2022-23 Estimate \$'000
Departmental		
Annual appropriations - ordinary annual services (a)		
Prior year appropriations available (b)	197,654	184,921
Departmental appropriation (c)	329,039	340,965
s74 External Revenue (d)	58,932	36,884
Departmental capital budget (e)	39,440	48,235
Annual appropriations - other services - non-operating (f)		
Equity injection	2,446	4,793
Total departmental annual appropriations	627,511	615,798
Total departmental resourcing	627,511	615,798
Total resourcing for ASIS	627,511	615,798

All figures shown above are GST exclusive - these may not match figures in the cash flow statement.

Prepared on a resourcing (that is, appropriations available) basis.

(a) Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2022-23, Supply Bill (No.3) 2022-23 and Supply Act (No.1) 2022-23.

(b) Excludes \$18.890m subject to administrative quarantine by Finance or withheld under section 51 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act).

(c) Excludes departmental capital budget (DCB).

(d) Estimated External Revenue receipts under section 74 of the PGPA Act.

(e) Departmental capital budgets are not separately identified in Appropriation Bill (No.1) and form part of ordinary annual services items. For accounting purposes, this amount has been designated as a 'contribution by owner'.

(f) Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2022-23, Supply Bill (No.4) 2022-23 and Supply Act (No.2) 2022-23.

Section 2: Outcomes and planned performance

Government outcomes are the intended results, impacts or consequences of actions by the Government on the Australian community. Commonwealth programs are the primary vehicle by which government entities achieve the intended results of their outcome statements. Entities are required to identify the programs which contribute to government outcomes over the Budget and forward years.

Each outcome is described below together with its related programs. The following provides detailed information on expenses for each outcome and program, further broken down by funding source.

2.1 Budgeted expenses and performance for Outcome 1

Outcome 1: Enhanced understanding for the Government of the overseas environment affecting Australia's interests through the provision of covert intelligence services about the capabilities, intentions or activities of people or organisations outside Australia

Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1

This table shows how much the entity intends to spend (on an accrual basis) on achieving the outcome, broken down by program, as well as by Administered and Departmental funding sources.

Table 2.1.1: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1

Outcome 1: Enhanced understanding for the Government of the overseas environment affecting Australia's interests through the provision of covert intelligence services about the capabilities, intentions or activities of people or organisations outside Australia					
	2021-22 Estimated actual \$'000	2022-23 Budget \$'000	2023-24 Forward estimate \$'000	2024-25 Forward estimate \$'000	2025-26 Forward estimate \$'000
Program 1.1: Secret Intelligence					
Departmental expenses					
Departmental appropriation (including s74 External Revenue (a))	284,409	283,387	287,480	288,238	270,391
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year (b)	38,064	42,454	41,433	41,125	40,999
Departmental total	322,473	325,841	328,913	329,363	311,390
Total expenses for program 1.1	322,473	325,841	328,913	329,363	311,390
Program 1.2: Other Services					
Departmental expenses					
Departmental appropriation (including s74 External Revenue (a))	94,803	94,462	95,826	96,080	90,130
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year (b)	12,688	14,151	13,811	13,708	13,666
Departmental total	107,491	108,613	109,637	109,788	103,796
Total expenses for program 1.2	107,491	108,613	109,637	109,788	103,796

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Table 2.1.1: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1 (continued)

	2021-22 Estimated actual \$'000	2022-23 Budget \$'000	2023-24 Forward estimate \$'000	2024-25 Forward estimate \$'000	2025-26 Forward estimate \$'000
Outcome 1 Totals by appropriation type					
Departmental expenses					
Departmental appropriation (including s74 External Revenue (a))	379,212	377,849	383,306	384,318	360,521
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year (b)	50,752	56,605	55,244	54,833	54,665
Departmental total	429,964	434,454	438,550	439,151	415,186
Total expenses for Outcome 1	429,964	434,454	438,550	439,151	415,186

(a) Estimated expenses incurred in relation to receipts retained under section 74 of the PGPA Act.

(b) Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year are made up of depreciation expenses.

Note: Departmental appropriation splits and totals are indicative estimates and may change in the course of the budget year as government priorities change.

Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

Section 3 presents budgeted financial statements which provide a comprehensive snapshot of entity finances for the 2022-23 budget year, including the impact of budget measures and resourcing on financial statements.

3.1 Budgeted financial statements

3.2. Budgeted financial statements tables

Table 3.1: Comprehensive income statement (showing net cost of services) for the period ended 30 June

	2021-22 Estimated actual \$'000	2022-23 Budget \$'000	2023-24 Forw ard estimate \$'000	2024-25 Forw ard estimate \$'000	2025-26 Forw ard estimate \$'000
EXPENSES					
Total expenses (a)	429,964	434,454	438,550	439,151	415,186
LESS:					
OWN-SOURCE INCOME					
Own n-source revenue	56,860	36,884	32,237	30,702	30,566
Gains	2,072	-	-	-	-
Total own-source income	58,932	36,884	32,237	30,702	30,566
Net (cost of)/contribution by services	(371,032)	(397,570)	(406,313)	(408,449)	(384,620)
Revenue from Government	329,039	340,965	351,069	353,616	329,955
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Australian Government	(41,993)	(56,605)	(55,244)	(54,833)	(54,665)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to the Australian Government	(41,993)	(56,605)	(55,244)	(54,833)	(54,665)

Note: Impact of net cash appropriation arrangements

	2021-22 Estimated actual \$'000	2022-23 Budget \$'000	2023-24 Forw ard estimate \$'000	2024-25 Forw ard estimate \$'000	2025-26 Forw ard estimate \$'000
Total comprehensive income/(loss) - as per statement of Comprehensive Income	(41,993)	(56,605)	(55,244)	(54,833)	(54,665)
plus: depreciation/amortisation of assets funded through appropriations (departmental capital budget funding and/or equity injections) (b)	50,752	56,605	55,244	54,833	54,665
Net Cash Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	8,759	-	-	-	-

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

(a) Includes depreciation on ROU assets.

(b) From 2010-11, the Government introduced net cash appropriation arrangements where Bill 1 revenue appropriations for the depreciation/amortisation expenses of non-corporate Commonwealth entities (and select corporate Commonwealth entities) were replaced with a separate capital budget (the Departmental Capital Budget, or DCB) provided through Bill 1 equity appropriations.

Table 3.2: Budgeted departmental balance sheet (as at 30 June)

	2021-22 Estimated actual \$'000	2022-23 Budget \$'000	2023-24 Forward estimate \$'000	2024-25 Forward estimate \$'000	2025-26 Forward estimate \$'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets	210,946	177,520	181,272	185,952	193,674
Non-financial assets	311,648	312,112	310,189	312,187	316,424
Total assets	522,594	489,632	491,461	498,139	510,098
LIABILITIES					
Payables	93,908	83,181	80,513	77,845	75,178
Provisions	54,704	54,936	58,688	63,368	71,090
Total liabilities	148,612	138,117	139,201	141,213	146,268
Net assets	373,982	351,515	352,260	356,926	363,830
EQUITY*					
Parent entity interest					
Contributed equity	542,781	576,919	632,908	692,407	753,976
Reserves	81,033	81,033	81,033	81,033	81,033
Retained surplus (accumulated deficit)	(249,832)	(306,437)	(361,681)	(416,514)	(471,179)
Total parent entity interest	373,982	351,515	352,260	356,926	363,830
Total equity	373,982	351,515	352,260	356,926	363,830

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

*‘Equity’ is the residual interest in assets after deduction of liabilities.

Table 3.3: Departmental statement of changes in equity — summary of movement (Budget year 2022-23)

	Retained earnings	Asset revaluation reserve	Other reserves	Contributed equity/ capital	Total equity
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance as at 1 July 2022					
Balance carried forward from previous period	(249,832)	81,033	-	542,781	373,982
Adjusted opening balance	(249,832)	81,033	-	542,781	373,982
Comprehensive income					
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	(56,605)	-	-	-	(56,605)
Total comprehensive income	(56,605)	-	-	-	(56,605)
of which:					
Attributable to the Australian Government	(56,605)	-	-	-	(56,605)
Transactions with owners					
Contributions by owners					
Equity injection - Appropriation	-	-	-	4,793	4,793
Departmental Capital Budget (DCB)	-	-	-	48,235	48,235
Other (a)	-	-	-	(18,890)	(18,890)
Sub-total transactions with owners	-	-	-	34,138	34,138
Estimated closing balance as at 30 June 2023	(306,437)	81,033	-	576,919	351,515
Closing balance attributable to the Australian Government	(306,437)	81,033	-	576,919	351,515

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis

(a) \$18.890m subject to administrative quarantine by Finance or withheld under section 51 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act).

Table 3.4: Budgeted departmental statement of cash flows (for the period ended 30 June)

	2021-22 Estimated actual \$'000	2022-23 Budget \$'000	2023-24 Forw ard estimate \$'000	2024-25 Forw ard estimate \$'000	2025-26 Forw ard estimate \$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received	397,741	385,677	379,554	379,638	352,799
Cash used	395,374	385,677	379,554	379,638	352,799
Net cash from/(used by) operating activities	2,367	-	-	-	-
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received	552	-	-	-	-
Cash used	27,151	59,736	55,989	59,499	61,569
Net cash from/(used by) investing activities	(26,599)	(59,736)	(55,989)	(59,499)	(61,569)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received	34,156	59,736	55,989	59,499	61,569
Cash used	10,195	-	-	-	-
Net cash from/(used by) financing activities	23,961	59,736	55,989	59,499	61,569
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(271)	-	-	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	72,281	72,913	72,913	72,913	72,913
Effect of exchange rate movements on cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of reporting period	903	-	-	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	72,913	72,913	72,913	72,913	72,913

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

