

Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS)

**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 *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 Budget March 2022

	2021-22 <i>Estimated actual</i> \$'000	2022-23 Estimate \$'000
Departmental		
Annual appropriations - ordinary annual services (a)		
Prior year appropriations available	197,654	183,825
Departmental appropriation (b)	314,520	340,965
s74 External Revenue (c)	53,051	36,884
Departmental capital budget (d)	39,405	40,564
Annual appropriations - other services - non-operating (e)		
Equity injection	2,341	2,858
<i>Total departmental annual appropriations</i>	<i>606,971</i>	<i>605,096</i>
Total departmental resourcing	606,971	605,096
Total resourcing for ASIS	606,971	605,096

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.

(b) Excludes departmental capital budget (DCB).

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

(d) 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'.

(e) Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2022-23.

Note: The Annual Appropriation amounts appearing for 2021-22 estimated actual do not include the Appropriation Bills (No. 3) and (No. 4) 2021-22 as they had not been enacted at the time of publication. \$14.554 million will be received through Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2021-22 and \$0.105 million will be received through Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2021-22. The annual appropriations received from these bills will be recognised in a future Portfolio Budget Statement but only after the Bills have received Royal Assent.

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 Forw ard estimate \$'000	2024-25 Forw ard estimate \$'000	2025-26 Forw ard estimate \$'000
Program 1.1: Secret Intelligence					
Departmental expenses					
Departmental appropriation (including s74 revenue (a))	286,568	283,387	281,146	280,846	263,021
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year (b)	39,747	42,454	41,433	41,125	40,999
Departmental total	326,315	325,841	322,579	321,971	304,020
Total expenses for program 1.1	326,315	325,841	322,579	321,971	304,020
Program 1.2: Other Services					
Departmental expenses					
Departmental appropriation (including s74 revenue (a))	95,522	94,462	93,716	93,616	87,674
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year (b)	13,249	14,151	13,811	13,708	13,666
Departmental total	108,771	108,613	107,527	107,324	101,340
Total expenses for program 1.2	108,771	108,613	107,527	107,324	101,340

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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 Forw ard estimate \$'000	2024-25 Forw ard estimate \$'000	2025-26 Forw ard estimate \$'000
Outcome 1 Totals by appropriation type					
Departmental expenses					
Departmental appropriation (including s74 revenue (a))	382,090	377,849	374,862	374,462	350,695
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year (b)	52,996	56,605	55,244	54,833	54,665
Departmental total	435,086	434,454	430,106	429,295	405,360
Total expenses for Outcome 1	435,086	434,454	430,106	429,295	405,360

(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)	435,086	434,454	430,106	429,295	405,360
LESS:					
OWN-SOURCE INCOME					
Own-Source Revenue	53,051	36,884	32,237	30,702	30,566
Total own-source income	53,051	36,884	32,237	30,702	30,566
Net (cost of)/contribution by services	(382,035)	(397,570)	(397,869)	(398,593)	(374,794)
Revenue from Government	329,039	340,965	342,625	343,760	320,129
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Australian Government	(52,996)	(56,605)	(55,244)	(54,833)	(54,665)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to the Australian Government	(52,996)	(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	(52,996)	(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)	52,996	56,605	55,244	54,833	54,665
Net Cash Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	-	-	-	-	-

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	Estimated	Budget	Forw ard	Forw ard	Forw ard
	actual		estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets	189,495	183,622	184,361	185,166	185,939
Non-financial assets	337,897	331,422	317,388	304,498	292,215
Total assets	527,392	515,044	501,749	489,664	478,154
LIABILITIES					
Payables	107,333	107,832	108,252	108,725	109,171
Provisions	58,908	59,244	59,563	59,895	60,222
Total liabilities	166,241	167,076	167,815	168,620	169,393
Net assets	361,151	347,968	333,934	321,044	308,761
EQUITY*					
Parent entity interest					
Contributed equity	542,781	586,203	627,413	669,356	711,738
Reserves	79,243	79,243	79,243	79,243	79,243
Retained surplus (accumulated deficit)	(260,873)	(317,478)	(372,722)	(427,555)	(482,220)
Total parent entity interest	361,151	347,968	333,934	321,044	308,761
Total equity	361,151	347,968	333,934	321,044	308,761

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	(260,873)	79,243	-	542,781	361,151
Adjusted opening balance	(260,873)	79,243	-	542,781	361,151
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	-	-	-	2,858	2,858
Departmental Capital Budget (DCB)	-	-	-	40,564	40,564
Sub-total transactions with owners	-	-	-	43,422	43,422
Estimated closing balance as at 30 June 2023	(317,478)	79,243	-	586,203	347,968
Closing balance attributable to the Australian Government	(317,478)	79,243	-	586,203	347,968

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

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					
Total cash received	381,515	377,014	374,123	373,657	349,922
Total cash used	381,515	377,014	374,123	373,657	349,922
Net cash from/(used by) operating activities	-	-	-	-	-
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Total cash received	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash used	56,290	50,130	41,210	41,943	42,382
Net cash from/(used by) investing activities	(56,290)	(50,130)	(41,210)	(41,943)	(42,382)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Total cash received	56,290	50,130	41,210	41,943	42,382
Total cash used	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash from/(used by) financing activities	56,290	50,130	41,210	41,943	42,382
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	-	-	-	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	72,281	72,281	72,281	72,281	72,281

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

