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Dear Mr President
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Budget Statements in support of the 2016-17 Budget for the Treasury portfolio.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the outcomes for the portfolio.

I present these statements to provide accountability to the Parliament and, through it, the public.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Scott Morrison MP

Abbreviations and conventions

The following notation may be used:

NEC/nec	not elsewhere classified
-	nil
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
na	not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
nfp	not for publication
\$m	\$ million
\$b	\$ billion

Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Figures in text are generally rounded to one decimal place, whereas figures in tables are generally rounded to the nearest thousand. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are a result of rounding.

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TO THE
PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS**

USER GUIDE

The purpose of the *2016-17 Portfolio Budget Statements* (PB Statements) is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of resources to government outcomes by entities within the portfolio. Entities receive resources from the annual appropriations acts, special appropriations (including standing appropriations and special accounts), and revenue from other sources.

A key role of the PB Statements is to facilitate the understanding of proposed annual appropriations in Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2016-17 (or Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2016-17 for the parliamentary departments). In this sense the PB Statements are Budget related papers and are declared by the Appropriation Acts to be 'relevant documents' to the interpretation of the Acts according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

The PB Statements provide information, explanation and justification to enable Parliament to understand the purpose of each outcome proposed in the Bills.

As required under section 12 of the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998*, only entities within the general government sector are included as part of the Commonwealth general government sector fiscal estimates and produce PB Statements where they receive funding (either directly or via portfolio departments) through the annual appropriation acts.

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PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

TREASURY PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Ministers and portfolio responsibilities

The Treasury portfolio undertakes a range of policy advancing and other activities aimed at achieving strong sustainable economic growth and the improved wellbeing of Australians. This entails the advice to portfolio Ministers as well as the effective implementation and administration of policies that fall within the portfolio Ministers' responsibilities.

The Treasury portfolio comprises 14 entities in the general government sector.

The **Department of the Treasury** assists the Australian Government as the pre-eminent economic adviser. The Treasury serves the Australian people through the development, delivery and implementation of sound economic policy and advice. The result is better informed policies designed to create economic prosperity for the Australian people.

The **Australian Bureau of Statistics** is Australia's official statistical entity. It provides statistics on a wide range of economic, environmental, population and social matters, covering government, business and the community in general.

The **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission** is an independent statutory authority which administers the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* and performs functions under other Commonwealth legislation and State and Territory Competition Policy Reform Acts.

The **Australian Office of Financial Management** is responsible for the management of Australian Government debt and financial assets.

The **Australian Prudential Regulation Authority** is the financial supervisor responsible for the prudential regulation of the banking, other deposit taking, insurance and superannuation industries.

The **Australian Securities and Investments Commission** is an integrated financial services and market regulator responsible for consumer protection and market integrity in areas such as, investment management (including superannuation), capital markets (including primary and secondary capital markets), corporations and their auditors and liquidators, and market operators (for example, the Australian Securities Exchange).

The **Australian Taxation Office** is the Australian Government's principal revenue collection agency and administers Australia's tax system and significant aspects of Australia's superannuation system. It administers legislation governing tax, superannuation and the Australian Business Register and supports the delivery of government benefits to the community.

Portfolio overview

The **Commonwealth Grants Commission** provides advice to government on the equitable distribution of GST revenue to State and Territory governments.

The **Inspector-General of Taxation** seeks to improve the administration of the tax laws for the benefit of all taxpayers.

The **National Competition Council** is an independent advisory body for all Australian governments that advises and makes recommendations under the National Access Regime and recommendations and decisions in relation to natural gas pipelines.

The **Office of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board's** objective is to develop, in the public interest, high quality auditing and assurance standards and related guidance as a means to enhance the relevance, reliability and timeliness of information provided to users of audit and assurance services.

The **Office of the Australian Accounting Standards Board's** role is to develop and maintain high quality financial reporting standards for all sectors of the Australian economy and contribute to the development of global financial reporting standards and be recognised as facilitating the inclusion of the Australian community in the activity of global standard setting.

The **Productivity Commission** is the government's independent research and advisory body on a range of economic, social and environmental issues affecting the welfare of Australians.

The **Royal Australian Mint** manufactures and sells circulating coins to meet the coinage needs of the Australian economy, and collector coins and other minted products for Australia and foreign countries.

The **Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation** and the **Reserve Bank of Australia** do not appear in the Portfolio Budget Statements as they are not part of the general government sector.

For information on resourcing across the portfolio, please refer to Part 1: Agency Financial Resourcing in *Budget Paper No. 4, Agency Resourcing*.

Figure 1: Treasury portfolio structure and outcomes





ENTITY RESOURCES AND PLANNED PERFORMANCE

