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Section 1: Entity overview and resources

1.1 Strategic direction statement

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) provides independent and trusted official statistics on a range of economic, social, population and environmental matters of importance to governments, industry, and the wider Australian community. The ABS plays a central role in developing statistical standards, including through liaison with international organisations.

The ABS' purpose is to inform Australia's important decisions by delivering relevant, trusted, and objective data, statistics, and insights.

Through 2023-24, the ABS' priorities to achieve its purpose include:

- maintaining its emphasis on the delivery of high-quality official statistics and drawing new insights from effective and safe use of available data
- modernising the resilience, capacity and capability of systems infrastructure to deliver economic statistics
- enhancing environmental statistics and accounts to support the government through the Australian Climate Service in collaboration with state and federal government agencies
- collaborating with other government entities on establishing the National Disability Data Asset
- updating the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations to reflect changes in the labour market.

The ABS will continue to adapt our practices and statistical products in response to the changing conditions in which we operate, the needs of our partners, and the expectations of our clients. Within this environment, the ABS is responding to an increasing demand for quality data, exploring and embracing emergent alternate sources of data, forming new partnerships with business, innovating through new technologies, and increasing our vigilance around cyber security.

Each year, in setting its priorities, the ABS also takes into consideration the needs of key information users, current and emerging risks, the burden placed on data providers, and the importance of improving access to statistical information.

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 the entity's operations) classification.

Information in this table is presented on a resourcing (that is, appropriations/cash available) basis, whilst the 'Budgeted expenses by Outcome 1' table in Section 2 and the financial statements in Section 3 are presented on an accrual basis.

Table 1.1: Australian Bureau of Statistics resource statement – Budget estimates for 2023–24 as at Budget May 2023

	2000 00	0000 04
	2022-23	2023-24
	Estimated	Estimate
	actual	#1000
	\$'000	\$'000
Departmental		
Annual appropriations - ordinary annual services (a)		
Prior year appropriations available	104,527	95,969
Departmental appropriation (b)	361,819	416,224
s74 External Revenue (c)	89,272	67,472
Departmental capital budget (d)	483	9,274
Annual appropriations - other services - non-operating (e)		
Prior year appropriations available	4,245	-
Equity injection	2,244	5,549
Total departmental annual appropriations	562,590	594,488
Total departmental resourcing	562,590	594,488
Total resourcing for Australian Bureau of Statistics	562,590	594,488
	2022-23	2023-24
Average staffing level (number)	2,865	2,844

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) 2023-24.
- b) Excludes Departmental Capital Budget (DCB). The 2022–23 figure excludes \$6.8 million received under Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2022–23.
- 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. Please refer to Table 3.5 for further details. For accounting purposes, this amount has been designated as a 'contribution by owner'.
- e) Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2023-24.

1.3 Budget measures

Budget measures relating to entity ABS are detailed in the Budget Paper No. 2 and are summarised below.

Table 1.2: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2023–24 Budget measures

	Program	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
Payment measures						
Big Data, Timely Insights Phase 2 – securing Australia's critical economic data and supporting better informed macroeconomic						
policy	1.1		40 705	47,354	20.220	29,193
Departmental payment Total		-	40,725 40,725	47,354 47,354	39,228 39,228	29,193 29,193
Targeting Entrenched Community Disadvantage (a)	1.1					
Departmental payment		-	3,674	4,774	4,118	3,824
Total Total payment measures		-	3,674	4,774	4,118	3,824
Departmental		-	44,399	52,128	43,346	33,017
Total		-	44,399	52,128	43,346	33,017

Prepared on a Government Finance Statistics (Underlying Cash) basis. Figures displayed as a negative (-) represent a decrease in funds and a positive (+) represent an increase in funds.

a) The lead entity for measure titled Targeting Entrenched Community Disadvantage is the Department of Social Services. The full measure description and package details appear in the Budget Paper No.2, Budget Measures 2023–24, under the Social Services portfolio.

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.

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

Note:

Performance reporting requirements in the Portfolio Budget Statements are part of the Commonwealth Performance Framework established by the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013.* It is anticipated that the performance measure described in Portfolio Budget Statements will be read with broader information provided in an entity's Corporate Plans and annual performance statements – included in Annual Reports – to provide an entity's complete performance story.

The most recent Corporate Plan for the ABS can be found at: (https://www.abs.gov.au/about/our-organisation/corporate-reporting/abs-corporate-plan/latest-release).

The most recent annual performance statement can be found in the latest ABS Annual Report located on the Government's Transparency Portal at: (https://www.transparency.gov.au/annual-reports/australian-bureau-statistics/reporting-year/2021-22).

2.1 Budgeted expenses and performance for Outcome 1

Outcome 1: Decisions on important matters made by governments, business and the broader community are informed by objective, relevant and trusted official statistics produced through the collection and integration of data, its analysis, and the provision of statistical information.

Linked programs

Many programs rely on ABS statistics to inform decision-making. Many ABS statistics rely on data held by State, Territory, and other Australian Government agencies.

Australian Taxation Office

Programs

• Program 1.3 - Australian Business Register

Contribution to Outcome 1 made by linked programs

Program 1.3 – Australian Business Register provides essential infrastructure to the operation of ABS business surveys.

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

Table 2.1.1. Daagetea expenses for	Outcom	, ,			
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
	actual		estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Program 1.1: Australian Bureau of Statistics	3				
Departmental expenses					
Departmental appropriation	363,444	417,081	439,552	482,308	563,749
s74 External Revenue (a)	80,228	67,701	40,625	40,587	40,601
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget	27.482	26.715	26.131	23.689	20,387
year (b)	21,402	20,713	20,131	23,009	20,367
Departmental total	471,154	511,497	506,308	546,584	624,737
Total expenses for program 1.1	471,154	511,497	506,308	546,584	624,737
Total expenses for Outcome 1	471,154	511,497	506,308	546,584	624,737
	2022-23	2023-24			
Average staffing level (number)	2,865	2,844			

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

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

b) Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year are made up of depreciation expenses, amortisation expenses and resources received free of charge.

Table 2.1.2: Performance measure for Outcome 1

Table 2.1.2 details the performance measures for each program associated with Outcome 1. It also provides the related key activities as expressed in the current Corporate Plan where further detail is provided about the delivery of the activities related to the program, the context in which these activities are delivered and how the performance of these activities will be measured. Where relevant, details of the 2023–24 Budget measures that have created new programs or materially changed existing programs are provided.

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This program contrib Australia's most imp	tralian Bureau of Statistics butes to the outcome through delivery of hig ortant issues and through engaging with us they have the confidence in the statistical sions.	ers within government, business, and the
Key Activities	statistics, as well as conduct of the five Housing and Agricultural Census. Undertake data integration projects in Longitudinal Analysis Data Environme Integration Project (MADIP). Use administrative and alternate data indicators. Provide access to ABS statistics throus website, machine-to-machine access interface, the DataLab, TableBuilder,	cluding those supported by the Business ent (BLADE) and the Multi-Agency Data sources to deliver more timely economic righ a range of avenues including the ABS through an application programming and customised data requests. The stream of the stream of the stream of the stream of the surface of the surfac
Year	Performance measures	Expected performance results
Current Year 2022–23	Decision making by governments, business, and the community is informed by high quality statistics. Target: The ABS continues to produce key economic and population statistics with appropriate coverage, frequency and timeliness as assessed by the International Monetary Fund against the Special Data Dissemination Standard. (a)	100% compliance with Special Data Dissemination Standard for in scope collections.

Table 2.1.2: Performance measure for Outcome 1 (continued)

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Year	Performance measures	Planned performance results
Budget Year 2023–24	Decision making by governments, business, and the community is informed by high quality statistics. Target: The ABS continues to produce key economic and population statistics with appropriate coverage, frequency and timeliness as assessed by the International Monetary Fund against the Special Data Dissemination Standard. (a)	100% compliance with Special Data Dissemination Standard for in-scope collections.
Forward Estimates 2024–27	As per 2023–24	As per 2023–24

Material changes to Program 1.1 resulting from 2023–24 Budget Measures: There are no budget measures that materially impact on Program 1.1 – Australian Bureau of Statistics.

a) The Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) is produced and managed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The IMF monitors and reports on how well countries comply with SDDS requirements for the range of statistics produced – including the coverage, frequency, and timeliness of the statistics that are published. The statistics required by the SDDS include national accounts, labour force, unemployment, consumer price index, and estimates of resident population. The latest information on Australia's compliance with the SDDS is available on the IMF website: http://dsbb.imf.org/sdds/country/AUS/summary-of-observance.

Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

Section 3 presents budgeted financial statements which provide a comprehensive snapshot of entity finances for the 2023–24 budget year, including the impact of budget measures and resourcing on financial statements.

3.1 Budgeted financial statements

3.1.1 Differences between entity resourcing and financial statements

The entity resource statement, refer Table 1.1, is prepared on a cash basis and provides a view of cash/appropriations resources available to the ABS whilst the financial statements are prepared on an accrual.

3.1.2 Explanatory notes and analysis of budgeted financial statements

The ABS is budgeting for a breakeven operating result in 2023–24 after adjusting for non-appropriated expenses of depreciation and amortization and omitting the impact of AASB 16 Leases.

Total appropriation revenue in 2023–24 is estimated to be \$416.2 million, with Own Source Income of \$67.6 million. Appropriations have increased from the \$365 million reported in the 2022–23 October Portfolio Budget Statements, mainly due to additional funding received to continue the ABS' modernisation of economic statistics and systems infrastructure under the Big Data, Timely Insights Phase 2 measure, and new funding to develop a pilot Life Course Data Asset, to deliver the data necessary to inform long term change in support of the Targeting Entrenched Community Disadvantage package. The ABS will also receive funding through estimates variations to rephase the 2026 Census budget. Details of estimates variations new measures are outlined in Table 1.2.

Total operating expenses in 2023–24 are estimated to be \$511.5 million. This has increased from the \$452.6 million reported in the 2022–23 October Portfolio Budget Statements. The increase predominantly reflects activities relating to increased user funded revenue, estimates variations and new measures as outlined in Table 1.2.

The total capital budget in 2023–24 is estimated to be \$18.3 million. This has increased from the \$16.7 million reported in the 2022–23 *October Portfolio Budget Statements*, due to the Big Data, Timely Insights Phase 2 measure outlined in Table 1.2.

3.2 Budgeted financial statements tables

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

the period ended 30 Julie					
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
	actual	A 10.00	estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
EXPENSES					
Employee benefits	306,369	346,435	343,835	375,990	445,010
Suppliers	125,529	119,896	117,422	127,746	139,321
Depreciation and amortisation (a)	44,518	43,752	43,673	41,591	39,156
Finance costs	1,527	1,414	1,378	1,257	1,250
Total expenses	477,943	511,497	506,308	546,584	624,737
LESS:		,	,	,	•
OWN-SOURCE INCOME					
Own-source revenue					
Sale of goods and rendering of					
services	79,085	66,514	40,000	40,000	40,000
Sublease income	1,043	1,087	525	487	501
Total own-source revenue	80,128	67,601	40,525	40,487	40,501
Gains		•	,	•	•
Sale of assets	100	100	100	100	100
Other	126	126	126	126	126
Total gains	226	226	226	226	226
Total own-source income	80,354	67,827	40,751	40,713	40,727
Net (cost of)/contribution by		•	•	•	•
services	(397,589)	(443,670)	(465,557)	(505,871)	(584,010)
Revenue from Government	361,819	416,224	438,930	482,181	563,529
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to the			-	·	·
Australian Government	(35,770)	(27,446)	(26,627)	(23,690)	(20,481)
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	(35,770)	(27,446)	(26,627)	(23,690)	(20,481)
Total comprehensive income/(loss)					
attributable to the Australian					
Government	(35,770)	(27,446)	(26,627)	(23,690)	(20,481)

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

Note: Impact of net cash appropriation arrangements

	2022-23 Estimated actual \$'000	2023-24 Budget \$'000	2024-25 Forward estimate \$'000	2025-26 Forward estimate \$'000	2026-27 Forward estimate \$'000
Total comprehensive income/(loss) - as per statement of Comprehensive Income	(35,770)	(27,446)	(26,627)	(23,690)	(20,481)
plus: depreciation/amortisation of assets funded through appropriations (departmental capital budget funding and/or equity injections) (a)	27.356	26.589	26.005	23.563	20.261
plus: depreciation/amortisation expenses for ROU assets (b)	17,162	17.163	17,668	18,028	18,895
less: lease principal repayments (b)	15,537	16,306	17,046	17,901	18,675
Net Cash Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(6,789)	_	-	_	_

a) 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 (DCB)) provided through Bill 1 equity appropriations. For information regarding DCBs, please refer to Table 3.5 Departmental Capital Budget Statement.

b) Applies leases under AASB 16 Leases.

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

Table 0.2. Baagetea aepartmental		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	2022-23 Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
	actual	Daaget	estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade and other receivables	97,367	96,198	96,752	97,070	97,070
Total financial assets	100,867	99,698	100,252	100,570	100,570
Non-financial assets					
Land and buildings	105,089	91,221	87,843	94,807	82,161
Property, plant and equipment	37,066	36,813	33,688	31,753	27,497
Intangibles	62,774	54,708	50,667	45,198	45,352
Other non-financial assets	13,842	13,802	13,248	12,930	12,930
Total non-financial assets	218,771	196,544	185,446	184,688	167,940
Total assets	319,638	296,242	285,698	285,258	268,510
LIABILITIES					
Payables					
Suppliers	8,682	12,599	11,602	8,299	8,267
Other payables	64,145	63,745	64,823	66,959	66,959
Total payables	72,827	76,344	76,425	75,258	75,226
Interest bearing liabilities					
Leases	115,217	102,205	99,449	106,540	94,114
Total interest bearing liabilities	115,217	102,205	99,449	106,540	94,114
Provisions					
Employee provisions	106,349	105,041	104,929	106,065	106,065
Other provisions	1,116	1,146	1,177	1,208	1,240
Total provisions	107,465	106,187	106,106	107,273	107,305
Total liabilities	295,509	284,736	281,980	289,071	276,645
Net assets	24,129	11,506	3,718	(3,813)	(8,135)
EQUITY*					
Parent entity interest					
Contributed equity	435,319	450,142	468,981	485,140	501,299
Reserves	35,239	35,239	35,239	35,239	35,239
Retained surplus (accumulated					
deficit)	(446,429)	(473,875)	(500,502)	(524,192)	(544,673)
Total parent entity interest	24,129	11,506	3,718	(3,813)	(8,135)
Total equity	24,129	11,506	3,718	(3,813)	(8,135)

^{*&#}x27;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 2023–24)

(Budget year 2023–24)				
	Retained	Asset	Contributed	Total
	earnings	revaluation	equity/	equity
	\$'000	reserve \$'000	capital \$'000	\$'000
Opening balance as at 1 July 2023				
Balance carried forward from				
previous period	(446,429)	35,239	435,319	24,129
Adjusted opening balance	(446,429)	35,239	435,319	24,129
Comprehensive income				
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	(27,446)	-	-	(27,446)
Total comprehensive income	(27,446)	-	-	(27,446)
Contributions by owners				
Equity injection - Appropriation	-	_	5,549	5,549
Departmental Capital Budget (DCB)	-	-	9,274	9,274
Sub-total transactions with	<u>-</u>			
owners		-	14,823	14,823
Estimated closing balance as at				
30 June 2024	(473,875)	35,239	450,142	11,506
Closing balance attributable to				
the Australian Government	(473,875)	35,239	450,142	11,506
Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards	basis.			

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

30 June)			•	•	
•	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
	actual	פיחחח	estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Appropriations	376,798	417,186	438,362	482,181	563,529
Sale of goods and rendering of services	89,172	67,372	40,391	40,368	40,501
Net GST received	6,959	7,699	7,691	11,750	15,040
Total cash received	472,929	492,257	486,444	534,299	619,070
Cash used		, ,			
Employees	313,372	347,992	342,735	372,599	445,010
Suppliers	125,056	115,783	117,708	130,574	139,195
Net GST paid	7,453	7,376	7,677	12,068	15,040
Interest payments on lease liability	1,527	1,414	1,378	1,257	1,250
Total cash used	447,408	472,565	469,498	516,498	600,495
Net cash from/(used by)		,	100,100	010,100	
operating activities	25,521	19,692	16,946	17,801	18,575
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	,	·	-		
Cash received					
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	100	100	100	100	100
Total cash received	100	100	100	100	100
Cash used					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangibles	40.000	40.074	40.000	40.450	40.450
Total cash used	18,668	18,271	18,839	16,159	16,159
	18,668	18,271	18,839	16,159	16,159
Net cash from/(used by) investing activities	(18,568)	(18,171)	(18,739)	(16,059)	(16,059)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Contributed equity	7,340	14,785	18,839	16,159	16,159
Total cash received	7,340	14,785	18,839	16,159	16,159
Cash used					
Principal payments on lease liability	15,537	16,306	17,046	17,901	18,675
Total cash used	15,537	16,306	17,046	17,901	18,675
Net cash from/(used by) financing activities	(8,197)	(1,521)	1,793	(1,742)	(2,516)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(1,244)	_	_		
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	4,744	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	3,500	3,500	3.500	3,500	3,500
Prepared on Australian Accounting Standa		5,000	5,000	5,000	3,000

Table 3.5: Departmental capital budget statement (for the period ended 30 June)

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	Estimated	Budget	Forward	Forward	Forward
	actual		estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
NEW CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS					
Capital budget – Bill 1 (DCB)	483	9,274	15,535	16,159	16,159
Equity injections – Bill 2	2,244	5,549	3,304	-	-
Total new capital appropriations	2,727	14,823	18,839	16,159	16,159
Provided for:					
Purchase of non-financial assets	2,727	14,823	18,839	16,159	16,159
Total items	2,727	14,823	18,839	16,159	16,159
PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Funded by capital appropriations (a)	6,202	5,549	3,304	-	-
Funded by capital appropriation -					
DCB (b)	12,466	12,722	15,535	16,159	16,159
TOTAL	18,668	18,271	18,839	16,159	16,159

a) Does not include annual finance lease cost. Includes both current Bill 2 and prior Act 2/4/6 appropriations.

b) Includes purchases from current and previous years' Departmental Capital Budgets (DCBs).

Table 3.6: Statement of departmental asset movements (Budget year 2023–24)							
	Buildings	Other property, plant and equipment	Computer software and intangibles	Total			
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000			
As at 1 July 2023							
Gross book value	-	50,926	281,339	332,265			
Gross book value - ROU assets	170,240	184	-	170,424			
Accumulated depreciation/ amortisation and impairment Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment - ROU assets	- (65 151)	(13,861)	(218,565)	(232,426)			
Opening net book balance	(65,151) 105,089	(183) 37,066	62,774	(65,334) 204,929			
Capital asset additions	105,009	37,000	02,774	204,929			
Estimated expenditure on new or replacement assets							
By purchase - appropriation equity (a)	-	366	5,183	5,549			
By purchase - appropriation ordinary annual services (b)	-	10,599	2,123	12,722			
By purchase - appropriation ordinary annual services - ROU assets	3,294	-	-	3,294			
Total additions	3,294	10,965	7,306	21,565			
Other movements							
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	(11,217)	(15,372)	(26,589)			
Depreciation/amortisation on							
ROU assets	(17,162)	(1)	-	(17,163)			
Total other movements	(17,162)	(11,218)	(15,372)	(43,752)			
As at 30 June 2024							
Gross book value	-	61,891	288,645	350,536			
Gross book value - ROU assets	173,534	184	-	173,718			
Accumulated depreciation/ amortisation and impairment	-	(25,078)	(233,937)	(259,015)			
Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment - ROU assets	(82,313)	(184)	-	(82,497)			
Closing net book balance	91,221	36,813	54,708	182,742			

^{&#}x27;Appropriation equity' refers to equity injections appropriations provided through Appropriation Bill (No. 2)

b) 'Appropriation ordinary annual services' refers to funding provided through Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2023–24 for Departmental Capital Budgets (DCBs).