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Dear Mr President
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I hereby submit Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements in support of the 2005-06 Additional Estimates for the Environment and Heritage Portfolio.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the funding requirements being sought for the Portfolio.

I present these statements by virtue of my ministerial responsibility for accountability to the Parliament and, through it, the public.

Yours sincerely

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USER GUIDE

TO THE

PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL

ESTIMATES STATEMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES), like that of the Portfolio Budget Statements, is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of resources to Government outcomes by agencies within the Portfolio. However, unlike the Portfolio Budget Statements, the PAES summarise only the *changes* in resourcing by outcome since the Budget. The PAES include new measures, summarise the changes by Appropriation Bill, and, where relevant, by Special Appropriation and Special Account.

The PAES facilitate understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bills (Nos. 3 and 4) 2005-06. In this sense, the PAES is declared by the Additional Estimates Appropriation Bills to be a 'relevant document' to the interpretation of the Bills according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Whereas the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2005-06 is a mid-year budget report which provides updated information to allow the assessment of the Government's fiscal performance against its fiscal strategy, the PAES update the most recent budget appropriations for agencies within the Portfolio.

STRUCTURE OF THE PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES STATEMENTS

The PAES are presented in three parts with subsections.

User Guide

Provides an introduction explaining the purpose of the PAES as well as information in relation to the styles and conventions used.

Portfolio Overview

Provides an overview of the Portfolio, including a chart that outlines the outcomes for agencies in the Portfolio.

Agency additional estimates statements

A statement (under the name of the agency) for each agency affected by Additional Estimates.

Section 1: Agency overview, variations and measures

This section details the link between the resources appropriated, savings, the impact of any post-Budget measures, and their application to the outputs and administered items (usually programmes) that contribute to the achievement of outcomes. This section also reports changes to revenue from independent sources; changes to estimates of expenses from Special Appropriations; and changes to estimated Special Account flows.

Section 2: Revisions to outcomes, administered items and outputs

This section details changes to planned Government outcomes, or to the contributing administered items and agency outputs.

Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

This section contains revisions to the budgeted financial statements in accrual format covering Budget year, previous year and the three out-years for each agency.

Glossary

Explains key terms.

STYLES AND CONVENTIONS USED

(a) The following notations 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

Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

ENQUIRIES

A copy of this document can be located on the Australian Government Budget website at: <http://www.budget.gov.au>.

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW