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APPROPRIATIONS SPECIFIED BY OUTCOMES
AND PROGRAMS BY AGENCY

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Dear Mr President
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Budget Statements in support of the 2012-13 Budget for the Attorney-General's 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Roxon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

NICOLA ROXON

Abbreviations and conventions

The following notation may be used:

-	nil
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
n/a	not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
nfp	not for publication
\$m	\$ million
\$b	\$ billion

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

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**USER GUIDE
TO THE
PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS**

USER GUIDE

The purpose of the 2012–13 Portfolio Budget Statements (PB Statements) is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of resources to government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio. Agencies receive resources from the annual Appropriation 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 2012–13 (or Appropriation Bill [Parliamentary Departments] No. 1 2012–13 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*, non-general government sector entities are not consolidated into the Commonwealth general government sector fiscal estimates and, accordingly, these entities are not reported in the PB Statements.

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