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**A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated
Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, and for related purposes**

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A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, and for related purposes

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Part 1—Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act is the *Appropriation Act (No.2) 2024-25*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	The day in which this act receives Presidential Assent.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Definitions

In this Act:

acquisition has the same meaning as in the GST Act.

administered assets and liabilities item means an amount set out in Schedule 1 in relation to a Parliamentary Department opposite the heading “Administered Assets and Liabilities”.

administered item means an amount set out in Schedule 1 opposite an outcome for a Parliamentary Department under the heading “Administered”.

corporate entity means:

- (a) a corporate Commonwealth entity within the meaning of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*; or
- (b) a Commonwealth company within the meaning of that Act.

corporate entity item means the amount set out in Schedule 2 in relation to a corporate entity under the heading “Non-operating”.

current year means the financial year ending on 30 June 2025..

expenditure means payments for expenses, acquiring assets, making loans or paying liabilities.

Financial Minister means the Minister administering this Act.

GST Act means the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*, as it applies because of Division 177 of that Act.

Note: Under Division 177 of the GST Act, that Act applies notionally to Commonwealth and Commonwealth entities. They are therefore notionally liable to pay GST, are notionally entitled to input tax credits and notionally have adjustments.

GST qualifying amount means:

- (a) an input tax credit (within the meaning of the GST Act); or
- (b) a decreasing adjustment (within the meaning of the GST Act).

importation has the same meaning as in the GST Act.

item means any of the following:

- (a) a State, ACT, NT and local government item;
- (b) an administered item;
- (c) an administered assets and liabilities item;
- (d) an other departmental item;
- (e) a corporate entity item.

non-corporate entity means:

- (a) a non-corporate Commonwealth entity within the meaning of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*; or
- (b) the High Court.

other departmental item means an amount set out in Schedule 2 in relation to a Parliamentary Department opposite the heading “Equity Injections”.

Portfolio Budget Statements means the Portfolio Budget Statements 2023-2024.

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special account has the same meaning as in the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

State, ACT, NT and local government item means an amount set out in Schedule 2 opposite an outcome for a non-corporate entity under the heading “Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government”.

4 Portfolio statements

The portfolio statements are declared to be relevant documents for the purposes of section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Note: See paragraph 15AB(2)(g) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* which provides that the material that may be considered in the interpretation of a provision of an Act includes any document that is declared by the Act to be a relevant document.

5 Notional transactions between entities that are part of the Commonwealth

For the purposes of this Act, notional transactions between non-corporate entities are to be treated as if they were real transactions.

Note: This section applies, for example, to a “payment” between non-corporate entities that are both part of the Commonwealth. One of the effects of this section is that the payment will be debited from an appropriation for the paying non-corporate entity, even though no payment is actually made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. This is consistent with section 76 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

Part 2—Appropriation items

6 Summary of appropriations

The total of the items specified in Schedule 2 is \$12,170,891,000.

Note 1: Items in Schedule 2 can be adjusted under Part 3 of this Act

Note 2: Sections 74 to 75 to the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* also provide for the adjustment of amounts appropriated by this Act.

7 State, ACT, NT and local government items

- (1) The amount specified in a State, ACT, NT and local government item for an outcome for a non-corporate entity may be applied for the purpose of making payments to or for the States, the Australian Capital Territory, Northern Australia and local government authorities for the purpose of contributing to achieving that outcome.
- (2) If the portfolio statements indicate that activities of a particular kind were intended to be treated as activities in respect of a particular outcome, then expenditure for the purpose of carrying out those activities is taken to be expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving the outcome.

8 Administered items

- (1) The amount specified in an administered item for an outcome for a non-corporate entity may be applied for expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving that outcome.
- (2) If the portfolio statements indicate that activities of a particular kind were intended to be treated as activities in respect of a particular outcome, then expenditure for the purpose of carrying out those activities is taken to be expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving the outcome.

9 Administered assets and liabilities items

- (1) The amount specified in an administered assets and liabilities item for a Parliamentary Department may be applied for expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving any outcome specified for the entity:
 - (a) in Schedule 2 to this Act; or
 - (b) in Schedule 1 to the *Appropriation Act (No.1) 2023-2024*.
- (2) If the portfolio statements indicate that activities of a particular kind were intended to be treated as activities in respect of a particular outcome, then expenditure for the purpose of carrying out those activities is taken to be expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving the outcome.

10 Other departmental items

The amount specified in another departmental item for a non-corporate entity may be applied for the departmental expenditure of the entity.

11 Corporate entity items

- (1) The amount specified in a corporate entity item for a corporate entity must be paid to the entity to be applied for the purposes of the entity.

(2) If:

- (a) an Act provides that a corporate entity must be paid amounts that are appropriated by the Parliament for the purposes of the entity; and
- (b) Schedule 2 contains a corporate entity item for that entity;

then the entity must be paid the full amount specified in the item.

Part 3—Advance to the Finance Minister

12 Advance to the Finance Minister

- (1) This section applies if the Finance Minister is satisfied that there is an urgent need for expenditure, in the current year, that is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in Schedule 2:
 - (a) because of an erroneous omission or understatement; or
 - (b) because the expenditure was unforeseen until after the last day on which it was practicable to provide for it in the Bill of this Act before the Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives.
- (2) This Act has effect as if Schedule 2 was amended, in accordance with a determination of the Finance Minister, to make provision for so much (if any) of the expenditure as the Finance Minister determines.
- (3) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) of this section cannot be more than \$380 million.
- (4) A determination made under subsection (2) is a legislative instrument, but neither section 42 (disallowance) nor Part 4 of Chapter 3 (sunsetting) of the *Legislation Act 2003* applies to this determination.

Part 4—Debit limits

13 Debit limits

General purpose financial assistance

- (1) The debit limit for the current year for the purposes of section 9 of the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009* is \$2,916,666,666.

National partnership payments

- (2) The debit limit for the current year for the purposes of section 16 of the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009* is \$14,583,333,334.

Effect of debit limits

- (3) If this Act specifies a debit limit for a particular purpose and another Appropriation Act specifies a debit limit for the same purpose for the current year, the debit limit for the purpose of the current year is taken to be the sum of both debit limits.

14 Adjustments for GST

If:

- (a) a payment in respect of an acquisition or importation is made in reliance on a debit limit specified in section 13; and
- (b) a GST qualifying amount arises for that acquisition or importation;

then the debit limit is increased by the amount of the GST qualifying amount.

Part 5—Miscellaneous

15 Crediting amounts to special accounts

If any of the purposes of a special account is a purpose that is covered by an item (whether or not the item expressly refers to the special account), then amounts may be debited against the appropriation for that item and credited to that special account.

16 Conditions etc. applying to State, ACT, NT and local government items

- (1) This section applies to any payment made out of money appropriated by a State, ACT, NT and local government item for an outcome specified in column 2 of the table in Schedule 1.
- (2) The payment:
 - (a) must be made on the terms and conditions (if any) from time to time determined, in the way described in subsection (3), as applying to payments made:
 - (i) in relation to the outcome; and
 - (ii) to or for a State, the Australian Capital Territory, Northern Australia or a local government authority; and
 - (iii) out of money appropriated by an annual Appropriation Act; and
 - (b) must be made in accordance with any determination in writing made by the Minister specified, in column 4 of the table in Schedule 1, for the outcome as to amounts and times of payments.
- (3) The way of determining the terms and conditions applying to payments described in paragraph (2)(a) is for the Minister specified, in column 3 of the table in Schedule 1, for the outcome to make the determination in writing before or after the commencement of this Act.
- (4) Determinations mentioned in paragraph (2)(a) and determinations made under paragraph (2)(b) are not legislative instruments.
- (5) This section does not limit the Commonwealth's power to:
 - (a) apply terms and conditions to payments made out of money that is not appropriated by a State, ACT, NT and local government item; or
 - (b) determine the amounts and times of those payments.

17 Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund

The Consolidated Revenue Fund is appropriated as necessary for the purposes of this Act, including the operations of this Act as affected by the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

18 Repeal of this Act

This Act is repealed on 1 July 2025.

Schedule 1—Payments to or for the States, ACT, NT and local government

Note: See section 16.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Entity	Outcome	Minister determining conditions	Minister determining payments
Department of Education	Improved early learning, schooling, student educational outcomes and transitions to and from school through access to quality child care, support, parent engagement, quality teaching and learning environments	Minister for Education	Minister for Education
Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities	Improved infrastructure across Australia through investment in and coordination of transport and other infrastructure	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Communication	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Communication
Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities	Strengthening the sustainability, capacity and diversity of our cities and regional economies including through facilitating local partnerships between all levels of government and local communities; through reforms that stimulate economic growth; and providing grants and financial assistance	Minister for Rural Affairs, Drought, Water and Agriculture	Minister for Rural Affairs, Drought, Water and Agriculture
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Improve results for Indigenous Australians including in relation to school attendance, employment and community safety, through delivering services and programmes, and through measures that recognise the special place that Indigenous people hold in this Nation	Minister for Indigenous Affairs	Minister for Indigenous Affairs

Schedule 2—Services for which money is appropriated

Note: See sections 6 and 17.

Abstract

Portfolio	Total \$'000
Agriculture and Water Resources	512,548
Attorney-General's	31,787
Communications and the Arts	3,021,984
Defence	4,157,909
Education and Training	86,160
Environment and Energy	383,674
Finance	284,373
Foreign Affairs and Trade	698,044
Health	81,651
Home Affairs	195,513
Industry, Innovation and Science	144,155
Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities	2,155,021
Jobs and Small Business	30,179
Prime Minister and Cabinet	31,600
Social Services	140,055
Treasury	216,238
Total	12,170,891

APPROPRIATIONS

Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2024-2025
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2023-2024

Portfolio	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Agriculture	-	-	512,548	512,548
Attorney-General's	-	-	31,787	31,787
Communications and the Arts	-	-	3,021,984	3,021,984
Defence	-	-	4,157,909	4,157,909
Education and Training	66,043	-	20,117	86,160
Environment and Energy	-	-	383,674	383,674
Finance	-	-	284,373	284,373
Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	698,044	698,044
Health	-	-	81,651	81,651
Home Affairs	-	-	195,513	195,513
Industry, Innovation and Science	-	-	144,155	144,155
Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities	514,613	-	1,640,408	2,155,021
Jobs and Small Business	-	-	30,179	30,179
Prime Minister and Cabinet	4,779	-	26,821	31,600
Social Services	-	-	140,055	140,055
Treasury	-	-	216,238	216,238
Total: Bill 2	585,435	-	11,585,516	12,170,891

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Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2024-2025
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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	16,268	16,268
	-	-	-	-
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	-	7,752	7,752
	-	-	-	-
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	-	-	792	792
	-	-	-	-
High Court of Australia	-	-	2,630	2,630
	-	-	-	-
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	-	2,000	2,000
	-	-	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-	2,345	2,345
	-	-	-	-
Total: Attorney-General's	-	-	31,787	31,787
	-	-	-	-

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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Communications and the Arts	-	-	2,979,885	2,979,885
	-	-	-	-
<i>Payments to corporate entities:</i>				
Australian National Maritime Museum	-	-	3,153	3,153
	-	-	-	-
National Film and Sound Archive of Australia	-	-	1,274	1,274
	-	-	-	-
National Gallery of Australia	-	-	21,900	21,900
	-	-	-	-
National Library of Australia	-	-	9,512	9,512
	-	-	-	-
National Museum of Australia	-	-	1,913	1,913
	-	-	-	-
National Portrait Gallery of Australia	-	-	192	192
	-	-	-	-
Old Parliament House	-	-	3,620	3,620
	-	-	-	-
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	-	535	535
	-	-	-	-
Total: Communications and the Arts	-	-	3,021,984	3,021,984
	-	-	-	-

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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Defence	-	-	4,246,642	4,246,642
	-	-	-	-
Australian Signals Directorate	-	-	173,241	173,241
	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	2,780	2,780
	-	-	-	-
<i>Payments to corporate entities:</i>				
Australian War Memorial	-	-	35,246	35,246
	-	-	-	-
Total: Defence	-	-	4,448,089	4,448,089
	-	-	-	-

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Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2024-2025
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2023-2024

Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Education and Training	66,043	-	17,104	83,147
	-	-	-	-
Australian Skills Quality Authority	-	-	3,013	3,013
	-	-	-	-
Total: Education and Training	66,043	-	20,117	86,160
	-	-	-	-

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Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2024-2025
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2023-2024

Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of the Environment and Energy	-	-	252,263	252,263
	-	-	-	-
<i>Payments to corporate entities:</i>				
Director of National Parks	-	-	355	355
	-	-	-	-
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	-	-	1,700	1,700
	-	-	-	-
Bureau of Meteorology	-	-	128,356	128,356
	-	-	-	-
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	-	-	1,000	1,000
	-	-	-	-
Total: Environment and Energy	-	-	383,674	383,674
	-	-	-	-

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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NA and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Finance	-	-	284,373	284,373
	-	-	-	-
Total: Finance	-	-	284,373	284,373
	-	-	-	-

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Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2023-2024

Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	648,618	648,618
	-	-	-	-
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	-	-	48,891	48,891
	-	-	-	-
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	-	535	535
	-	-	-	-
Total: Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	698,044	698,044
	-	-	-	-

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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Health	-	-	57,120	57,120
	-	-	-	-
<i>Payments to corporate entities:</i>				
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	-	20,400	20,400
	-	-	-	-
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	-	-	1,875	1,875
	-	-	-	-
Australian Sports Commission	-	-	856	856
	-	-	-	-
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority	-	-	1,000	1,000
	-	-	-	-
National Health and Medical Research Council	-	-	250	250
	-	-	-	-
National Mental Health Commission	-	-	150	150
	-	-	-	-
Total: Health	-	-	81,651	81,651
	-	-	-	-

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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	107,288	107,288
	-	-	-	-
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission	-	-	23,636	23,636
	-	-	-	-
Australian Federal Police	-	-	51,319	51,319
	-	-	-	-
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	-	8,831	8,831
	-	-	-	-
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	-	4,439	4,439
	-	-	-	-
Total: Home Affairs	-	-	195,513	195,513
	-	-	-	-

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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities	514,613 -	- -	1,640,340 -	2,154,953 -
Australian Transport Safety Bureau	- -	- -	68 -	68 -
Total: Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities	514,613 -	- -	1,640,408 -	2,155,021 -

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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Jobs and Small Business	-	-	30,179	30,179
	-	-	-	-
Total: Jobs and Small Business	-	-	30,179	30,179
	-	-	-	-

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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	4,779 -	- -	1,897 -	6,676 -
<i>Payments to corporate entities:</i>				
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Studies	- -	- -	74 -	74 -
Indigenous Business Australia	- -	- -	22,850 -	22,850 -
Torres Strait Regional Authority	- -	- -	1,989 -	1,989 -
Office of National Intelligence	- -	- -	11 -	11 -
Total: Prime Minister and Cabinet	4,779 -	- -	26,821 -	31,600 -

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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Social Services	-	-	10,845	10,845
	-	-	-	-
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	-	-	569	569
	-	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-	128,641	128,641
	-	-	-	-
Total: Social Services	-	-	140,055	140,055
	-	-	-	-

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Entity	Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government \$'000	New Administered Outcomes \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of the Treasury	-	-	166,456	166,456
	-	-	-	-
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	-	6,218	6,218
	-	-	-	-
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	-	1,100	1,100
	-	-	-	-
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	2,277	2,277
	-	-	-	-
Australia Taxation Office	-	-	40,187	40,187
	-	-	-	-
Total: Treasury	-	-	216,238	216,238
	-	-	-	-