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The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Senator the Hon Stephen Parry  
President of the Senate

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr President

I am pleased to present the annual report of the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) for the year ended 30 June 2014.

The report has been prepared in accordance with section 65 of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*, which requires that you present the report to each House of the Parliament. It reflects the *Requirements for Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies* as approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit.

The report includes the PBO's audited financial statements as required by section 57 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

As required by the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines, I certify that I am satisfied that the PBO has in place appropriate fraud control mechanisms that meet the PBO's needs and comply with the guidelines applying in 2013–14.

Yours sincerely

Phil Bowen

8 October 2014

# Guide to the report

This report has been prepared in accordance with parliamentary reporting and legislative requirements. The purpose of this document is to inform the Parliament and other stakeholders about the Parliamentary Budget Office's (PBO) performance during 2013–14.

## **Part 1: Overview**

Part 1 comprises the Parliamentary Budget Officer's review and an overview of the PBO. The overview includes the PBO's purpose, functions and organisational structure.

## **Part 2: Performance reporting**

Part 2 provides details of the PBO's achievements and challenges and the work performed in 2013–14.

## **Part 3: Management and accountability**

Part 3 provides information about the PBO's governance framework, external scrutiny and processes for managing resources.

## **Part 4: Financial statements**

Part 4 contains the independent auditor's report and the PBO's audited financial statements.

## **Appendixes**

The appendixes provide additional information on employees, agency resources, other statistical information and mandatory reporting areas not covered in other sections of the report.

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