

Glossary

appropriation	Appropriations are allocations of money drawn from the Treasury authorised by law. The two types of appropriations available to the PBO are annual appropriations and special appropriations.
AusTender	AusTender is the Australian Government procurement information system. It uses a web-based process for secure lodgement of tender responses, and publishing and distribution of information related to procurement.
Budget	The Australian Government Budget is usually announced in May each year. It includes expenditure and revenue estimates for the year, the next financial year (the budget year) and the following three financial years.
budget analyses	Budget analyses are responses to requests from parliamentarians that are submitted under Section 64E(1)(c) of the <i>Parliamentary Service Act 1999</i> and are often in response to requests for information about the budget.
Contingency Reserve	The Contingency Reserve is an allowance, included in aggregate expenses figuring, to reflect anticipated events that cannot be assigned to individual programs in the preparation of the Australian Government budget estimates.
election commitment	In relation to a general election, this means a policy that a parliamentary party has publicly announced it intends to seek to have implemented after the election, as defined in section 7 of the <i>Parliamentary Service Act 1999</i> .
measure	In the context of this report a measure is a government decision that has a real or potential impact on the Budget.
memorandum of understanding	A memorandum of understanding (MOU) is a written agreement that outlines the working relationship between collaborating entities.
parliamentarian	A parliamentarian is a person elected as a result of an election to represent the members of a constituency. In the Commonwealth Parliament parliamentarians are either Senators or Members.
policy costing	Policy costings are the PBO's estimate of the financial impact of a policy proposal.
Presiding Officers	The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who jointly oversee the PBO.

Abbreviations and acronyms

ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
APS	Australian Public Service
Canadian PBO	Canadian Parliamentary Budget Office
CBO	United States Congressional Budget Office
DPS	Department of Parliamentary Services
DHoR	Department of the House of Representatives
DoS	Department of the Senate
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
JCPAA	Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
MOU	Memorandum of understanding
MYEFO	Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OECD CFA	OECD Committee of Fiscal Affairs
PBO	Parliamentary Budget Office
PGPA Act	<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i>
SES	Senior Executive Service
SME	small and medium enterprises