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 *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* and are often in response to requests for information about the budget.

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 Parliamentary Service Act 1999.

measure In the context of this report a measure is a government

decision that has a real or potential impact on the Budget.

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

DPS Department of Parliamentary Services

ICT Information and Communication Technology

JCPAA Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

MYEFO Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

PBO Parliamentary Budget Office

PGPA Act Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013

PGPA Rule Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014

SES Senior Executive Service

SME small and medium enterprises