

Parliamentary Budget Office

Section 1: Entity overview and resources

1.1 Strategic direction statement

The purpose of the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) is to inform the Parliament by providing independent and non-partisan analysis of the budget cycle, fiscal policy, and the financial implications of proposals. Our vision of enriching Australia’s democracy through independent budget and fiscal analysis drives everything we do.

Our work includes supporting the Parliament by providing non-partisan analysis and information, that is factual, and evidence based. We also publish self-initiated research and information papers on the budget to improve public understanding of fiscal policy and budget policy issues and enhance transparency around the financial implications of election commitments.

The PBO is a trusted partner that acts with integrity, transparency, discretion, and mutual respect. We strive for excellence by continuously improving and innovating to provide high-quality, useful and timely information, tailored to the needs of our clients.

Our priorities to achieve this over 2022–23 include:

- Providing high-quality and timely customer service to support our core functions.
- Ensuring that our internal operations are effective and efficient.
- Producing high-value outputs to improve understanding of the budget and fiscal policy issues.
- Attracting and retaining high performing employees who align with our vision and values.

The above information is outlined in the PBO's 2022–23 Corporate Plan, published on 1 September 2022. The Corporate Plan was prepared in consultation with the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit and also serves as the PBO’s work plan required under section 64Q of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*.

1.2 Entity resource statement

Table 1.1 shows the total funding from all sources. The table summarises how resources will be applied to the PBO.

Information in this table is presented on a resourcing (that is, appropriations/cash available) basis, whilst the 'Budgeted expenses for its Outcome' table in Section 2 and the financial statements in Section 3 are presented on an accrual basis.

Table 1.1: PBO resource statement — Budget estimates for 2022-23 as at Budget October 2022

	<i>2021-22 Estimated actual \$'000</i>	<i>2022-23 Estimate \$'000</i>
Departmental		
Annual appropriations - ordinary annual services (a)		
Prior year appropriations available	4,488	4,654
Departmental appropriation	9,269	8,823
Total departmental annual appropriations	<u>13,757</u>	<u>13,477</u>
Total departmental resourcing	13,757	13,477
Average staffing level (number)	<i>2021-22</i> 51	<i>2022-23</i> 44

All figures shown above are GST exclusive - these may not match figures in the cash flow statement.
Prepared on a resourcing (i.e. appropriations available) basis.
(a) Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1).