

2.5 Budgeted expenses and performance for Outcome 5

Outcome 5: Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services

Linked programs

Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

Programs

- Program 1.1 – Communications regulation, planning and licensing
- Program 1.2 – Consumer safeguards, education and information

Contribution to Outcome 5 made by linked programs

As the regulator of the media and communications sector, the ACMA is responsible for enforcing compliance with the Universal Service Obligation (USO) and emergency call services requirements under the *Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Act 2012*, recouping costs of the Consumer Representation Grants Program allocated to the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) under section 593 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* and costs related to the management of Australia’s membership and engagement with the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), from licence carriers under the *Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act 1997*. The ACMA is also responsible for administering the Regional Broadband Scheme under the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*.

The Treasury

Programs

- Program 1.9 – National Partnership Payments to the States

Contribution to Outcome 5 made by linked programs

The Government will make a National Partnership Payment to the New South Wales Government to provide the Government’s program for WiFi and mobile coverage on the rail corridor between Sydney and the Central Coast.

Budgeted expenses for Outcome 5

This table shows how much the Department intends to spend (on an accrual basis) on achieving the outcome, broken down by program, as well as by administered and departmental funding sources.

Table 2.5.1: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 5

	2022-23 Estimated actual \$'000	2023-24 Budget \$'000	2024-25 Forward estimate \$'000	2025-26 Forward estimate \$'000	2026-27 Forward estimate \$'000
Program 5.1: Digital Technologies and Communications Services					
Administered expenses					
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bill No. 1)	308,524	411,782	389,534	293,977	271,884
Special Accounts					
Public Interest					
Telecommunications Services					
Special Account					
National Relay Service	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Universal Service Obligation	270,000	270,000	270,000	270,000	270,000
Other Public Interest Services	39,064	22,250	22,250	22,250	22,250
Payments to corporate entities ^(a)	1,423,963	1,472,507	1,544,453	1,585,853	1,592,442
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year ^(b)	716,266	841,697	708,951	772,775	772,353
Total expenses for Program 5.1	2,777,817	3,038,236	2,955,188	2,964,855	2,948,929
Program 5.2 Program Support for Outcome 5					
Departmental expenses					
Departmental appropriation	77,949	84,061	71,158	62,556	59,439
s74 external revenues ^(c)	2,406	2,917	2,049	2,049	2,049
Special Accounts					
Public Interest					
Telecommunications Services					
Special Account					
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year ^(d)	4,046	4,046	4,046	4,046	4,046
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year ^(d)	3,010	5,849	5,816	5,816	5,816
Total expenses for Program 5.2	87,411	96,873	83,069	74,467	71,350
Outcome 5 Totals by appropriation type					
Administered expenses					
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bill No. 1)	308,524	411,782	389,534	293,977	271,884
Special accounts	329,064	312,250	312,250	312,250	312,250
Payments to corporate entities ^(a)	1,423,963	1,472,507	1,544,453	1,585,853	1,592,442
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year ^(b)	716,266	841,697	708,951	772,775	772,353
Total administered expenses	2,777,817	3,038,236	2,955,188	2,964,855	2,948,929