

Glossary

Term	Meaning
Accumulated depreciation	The aggregate depreciation recorded for a particular depreciating asset.
Additional estimates	Where amounts appropriated at Budget time are required to change, Parliament may make adjustments to portfolios through the Additional Estimates Acts.
Administered appropriation	Revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities administered by an agency for the Commonwealth (such as taxes, benefits payments and public debt) that are not concerned with running the agency or its commercial activities.
Administered items	Expenses, revenues, assets or liabilities managed by an agency on behalf of the Commonwealth. Agencies do not control administered items. Administered expenses include subsidies and benefits. In many cases, administered expenses fund the delivery of third party outputs.
Agency	Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses that are controlled by Defence or a subsidiary. Includes officials allocated to the organisation.
Amortisation	A term used interchangeably with depreciation, except that it applies to a non-current physical asset under finance lease, or a non-current intangible asset, over its limited useful life.
Annual appropriation	Two Appropriation Bills are introduced into Parliament in May and comprise the Budget for the financial year beginning 1 July. Further Bills are introduced later in the financial year as part of the Additional Estimates.
Appropriation	An authorisation by Parliament to spend money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (the principal working fund of the Commonwealth) for a particular purpose.
Asset	An asset is a resource: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • controlled by an entity as a result of a past event, • from which future economic benefits are expected to flow to the entity.
Assets under construction	Assets under construction by Defence for Defence, or for the use of another entity, according to a construction contract where Defence controls the asset until completion, or assets under construction or otherwise being made ready by another entity for use by Defence.
Australian Accounting Standards	Specify techniques of accounting practice and the method of presenting financial information about a reporting entity.
Average funded strength	A budgetary measure used to count the average number of Australian Defence Force members paid on a full-time equivalent basis during a financial year.
Capability	The combination of military equipment, personnel, logistics support, training, resources, etc. that provides Defence with the ability to achieve its operational aims.
Capability Manager	A Capability Manager is responsible for raising, training and sustaining capabilities as directed by the Secretary and the Chief of the Defence Force. Capability Managers include the Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Associate Secretary, Director-General Australian Signals Directorate, Director-General Australian Submarine Agency; Chief Joint Capabilities, Chief of Defence Intelligence, the Service Chiefs, Chief Information Officer, Deputy Secretary Security and Estate, and Chief Defence Scientist.

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Capital budget	All proposed capital expenditure funded by appropriation for outcomes, by equity injections or loans and/or appropriations for administered capital, or by other sources.
Capital expenditure	Expenditure by an agency on capital projects, for example purchasing a building.
Coalition	Countries including Australia who provide troops, logistical support or assistance in military operations, peacekeeping or reconstruction efforts.
Combined exercise or operation	An exercise or operation activity involving one or more Services of the ADF with the forces of other countries.
Consolidated Revenue Fund	Section 81 of the Constitution stipulates that all revenue raised or money received by the Commonwealth forms the one consolidated revenue fund. The fund is not a bank account. The Official Public Account reflects most of the operations of the fund.
Corporate governance	The process by which agencies are directed and controlled. It is generally understood to encompass authority, accountability, stewardship, leadership, direction and control.
Defence information environment	Encompasses all of Defence's computing and communication capabilities at all classification levels. It supports all Defence warfighting functions, including overseas deployed elements and connection to Coalition networks, as well as day-to-day business functions.
Defence Management and Finance Plan	The Defence Management and Finance Plan provides Ministers and central agencies with clear oversight of Defence planning and financing strategies. It describes the strategies agreed through the 2016 Defence White Paper and other policy direction. As a compendium of information attached to Defence's annual Portfolio Budget Submission, it is intended to help Ministers make informed strategic and budgetary decisions on Defence, by bringing into one document the expected financial position of the portfolio taking into account existing commitments and proposed new investments. The Plan also provides the Government with the information necessary to ensure that its investment in Defence is both affordable and sustainable.
Departmental items	Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses that are controlled by the agency in providing its outputs. Departmental items would generally include computers, plant and equipment assets used by agencies in providing goods and services and most employee expenses, supplier costs and other administrative expenses incurred.
Depreciation	Apportionment of an asset's capital value as an expense over its estimated useful life to take account of normal usage, obsolescence, or the passage of time.
Employee	Any Defence official who receives a salary or wage, along with other benefits, for the provision of services whether on a full-time, part-time, permanent, casual or temporary basis.
Employee expenses	Include, but are not limited to, benefits provided to employees in the form of salaries and wages, performance pay, senior officers' allowances, leave, and superannuation, but does not include amounts paid or owed to employees as reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.
Equity injection	An additional contribution over and above the cost of outputs. Equity injections form part of the Commonwealth's investment in Defence.

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Expense	Total value of all of the resources consumed in producing goods and services or the loss of future economic benefits in the form of reductions in assets or increases in liabilities of an entity.
Fair value	The amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable and willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The fair value can be affected by the conditions of the sale, market conditions and the intentions of the asset holder.
Force element	A component of a unit, a unit or an association of units having common prime objectives and activities.
Force element group	A grouping of force elements with an appropriate command and control structure for a specified role or roles (e.g. the Navy Submarine Group).
Forward Estimates	The level of proposed expenditure for future years, based on relevant demographic, economic and other future forecasting assumptions. The Government requires Forward Estimates for the following three financial years to be published in each annual Federal Budget paper.
Garrison Support Services	Includes a range of base support services such as ground maintenance, hospitality, training area management, base security, transport, air support and firefighting and rescue services.
Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth: • under which Commonwealth funds are to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth, • which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government's policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives.
Group	A high-level organisational grouping of functions and activities used by the Defence Executive as its primary management grouping (e.g. the Strategy, Policy & Industry Group).
Infrastructure	Items owned, leased or otherwise under the control of Defence in support of activities on land and within buildings. Infrastructure includes items such as runways, roads, car parks, parade grounds, ovals, lighting, water, sewerage and other general service related items. It does not include land upon which, or within which, it is constructed or those fixed items integral to, and under, buildings.
Integrated Investment Program	The Integrated Investment Program is a costed, detailed development plan for the Australian Defence capabilities to be delivered through implementation of the National Defence Strategy. The program is reviewed regularly to take account of changing strategic circumstances, new technologies and changed priorities, in the context of the overall Defence budget.
Interoperability	The ability of systems, units or forces to provide the services to, and accept services from, other systems, units or forces and to use the services so exchanged to enable them to operate effectively together.
Inventory	Inventory is comprised of consumable stores and supplies, fuel and explosive ordnance used in the delivery of Defence services. These are items which are consumed in normal use, lose their identity during periods of use by incorporation into, or attachment upon, another assembly, as a result of wear and tear and cannot be reconditioned because their design does not make it possible, or their specific values do not justify it.

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Joint exercise or operation	An exercise or operation involving two or more Services of the ADF.
Liabilities	Sacrifices of future economic benefits that Defence is presently obliged to make to other entities as a result of past transactions or other past events.
Listed entity	An entity established by regulation under the <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i> . The Act provides financial management authority to, and requires accountability by the Accountable Authority of an entity. This used to be called 'Prescribed agency' under the former <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i> .
Materiel Acquisition Agreements	Materiel Acquisition Agreements cover the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group's, Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Group's and Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance Group's acquisition services to Defence for both major and minor capital equipment.
Materiel Sustainment Agreements	Materiel Sustainment Agreements are between the Capability Managers and the Deputy Secretary Capability Acquisition and Sustainment, Deputy Secretary Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment or Chief Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance. These agreements cover the sustainment of current capability, including good and services such as repairs, maintenance, fuel and explosive ordnance.
Military response options	A set of generic tasks that describe the range of military options the Government could consider as a basis for a response to a particular situation or contingency.
Net assets	See Equity.
Net Cash Funding	Under the net cash appropriation framework, Defence receives an operating appropriation to meet budgeted expenses (including repayment of lease liabilities and excluding asset depreciation, consumption and impairment) and equity injections to fund capital and inventory additions.
Operating result	Equals revenue less expense.
Operational tempo	The rate at which the ADF is able to deliver its operations effects, for example, the rate at which forces are dispatched and the time in which they are turned around for their next task. At the local level, this might translate to the crew of an aircraft spending a very small amount of time on the ground before it is re-tasked for its next mission. At the organisational level, this translates to available fighting forces spending very little time at home before they are deployed again for their next operation.
Outcomes	The impact that Government seeks from Defence, and are achieved by the successful delivery of its outcomes, to the standards set in the Portfolio Budget Statements. For more information, see Section 2 – Planned Outcome Performance.
Permanent forces	The permanent Navy, the regular Army and the permanent Air Force.
Platforms	Refers to air, land, surface or sub-surface assets that are discrete and taskable elements within the ADF.
Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements	Similar to the portfolio budget statements and prepared at Additional Estimates time to support and update on the Government's original annual budget for Defence.

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Portfolio Budget Statements	The document presented by the Minister for Defence to Parliament to inform Senators and Members of the basis for the Defence budget appropriations in support of the provisions in Appropriations Bills 1 and 2. The statements summarise the Defence budget and provide detail of outcome performance forecasts and resources in order to justify expenditure for Defence.
Price	One of the three key efficiency indicators. The amount the Government or the community pays for the delivery of agreed outputs.
<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i>	The <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i> replaced the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i> and the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i> . The PGPA Act seeks to improve the standard of planning and performance reporting for all Commonwealth entities so that Parliament and the Australian community can better understand how public resources are being used to meet Government policy direction.
Purchaser-provider arrangements	Arrangements under which the outputs of one entity are purchased by another entity to contribute to outcomes. Purchaser-provider arrangements can occur between Commonwealth agencies and state/territory government or private sector bodies.
Quality	One of the three key efficiency indicators. Relates to the characteristics by which customers or stakeholders judge an organisation, product or service. Assessment of quality involves use of information gathered from interested parties to identify differences between user's expectations and experiences.
Quantity	One of the three key efficiency indicators. Examples include: the size of an output; count or volume measures; how many or how much.
Readiness	The readiness of forces to be committed to operations within a specified time, dependent on the availability and proficiency of personnel, equipment, facilities and consumables.
Reserves	The Naval Reserve, the Army Reserve and the Air Force Reserve.
Revenues	Inflows or other enhancements, or savings in outflows, of future economic benefits in the form of increases in assets or reductions in liabilities of Defence, other than those relating to contributions by the Commonwealth, that result in an increase in equity during the reporting period.
Risk management	At the highest level, involves the identification and mitigation of those risks that have the potential to adversely affect the achievement of agreed outcome performance at the agreed outcome price.
Service Category 2	Reserve members who do not render service, although retain a liability to be 'called out' in specific circumstances, should this be required.
Service Category 3	Reserve members who are available for voluntary service, or are rendering service. This category applies to Reservists who provide service to undertake a specified tasking, normally for short tenures and generally within a financial year.
Service Category 4	Reserve members who are available for voluntary service at short notice. This service category replaces the High Readiness Reserve.
Service Category 5	Reservists who are providing voluntary service characterised by stability in terms of a specific pattern of service and the number of days to be served.

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Service Categories 7 and 6	Permanent ADF personnel with Service Category 6 being a permanent part time service option.
Service Options	Group members who provide capabilities where differentiated service arrangements or conditions of service are required. For example, a Reservist undertaking continuous full time service under the Total Workforce Model now has their service in Service Category 3, 4 or 5 'modified' by Service Option C (rendering continuous full time service) and personnel undertaking the ADF Gap Year program would have their service classified by Service Option G.
Special account	Special Accounts are an appropriation mechanism to draw money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for particular purposes. They are not bank accounts.
Special Appropriations (including Standing Appropriations)	An amount of money appropriated by a particular Act of Parliament for a specific purpose and number of years. For special appropriations the authority to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund does not generally cease at the end of the financial year. Standing appropriations are a sub-category consisting of ongoing special appropriations – the amount appropriated will depend on circumstances specified in the legislation.
Specialist military equipment	Assets of a military nature used for a specific military purpose. This includes military equipment and commercial items that have had major modifications to convert/fit them for a military purpose.
SSN	SSN is the US Navy hull classification symbol for nuclear-powered general-purpose attack submarines.
System Program Office	The office of the Program Manager. It serves as the single point of contact with industry, government agencies, and other activities participating in the acquisition process of a given system.
Theatre	The area in which military operations and activities take place.
Two-pass approval process	The process by which major capital investment proposals are developed for consideration and approval by the Government.
Unit Availability Days	A Unit Availability Day is a day when a unit is materially ready and its personnel state and level of competence enables the unit to safely perform tasks in the unit's normal operating environment, immediately.
Weighted average cost	An inventory valuation method which considers the fluctuating prices and quantities of acquired goods in computing of the cost of inventory. The weighted average method takes the prices of units at the beginning inventory and the varying prices of purchases made and are weighted by the number of units to determine the weighted average cost per unit. It may be computed as the weighted average cost of all available goods present in a given period, or as a weighted moving average cost adjusted when new goods are delivered.
Write-downs	The reduction in the value of assets.

Acronyms

A

AACAP	Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program
AAF	Army Amenities Fund
AAFCONS	Army and Air Force Canteen Service
AC	Companion of the Order of Australia
ACC	Air Combat Capability
ACMC	Australian Civil-Military Centre
ACPB	Armidale Class Patrol Boats
ACS	Aegis Combat System
ADF	Australian Defence Force
AEWC	Airborne Early Warning and Control
ADGE	Air Defence Ground Environment
AFV	Armoured Fighting Vehicle
AGSVA	Australian Government Security Vetting Agency
AHO	Australian Hydrographic Office
AM	Member of the Order of Australia
AMFRTF	Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
ANNPSR	Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Regulator
ANSTO	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation
AO	Officer of the Order of Australia
AOR	Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment
APS	Australian Public Service
ARH	Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter
ASA	Australian Submarine Agency
ASCA	Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator
ASD	Australian Signals Directorate
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASIO	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
ASMTI	Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative
ASPI	Australian Strategic Policy Institute
ATSB	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
AUKUS	An enhanced security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States
AUSMIN	Australia-US Ministerial Consultations

A

AVM	Air Vice Marshal
AWD	Air Warfare Destroyer

B

BMS	Battlefield Management Systems
BRIG	Brigadier

C

C4ISR	Command, Control, Communications, Computing, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance
CAF	Chief of Air Force
CBRND	Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Defence
CCPB	Cape Class Patrol Boat
CCSM	Collins Class Submarine
CSM	Conspicuous Service Medal
CDF	Chief of the Defence Force
CER	Combat Engineer Regiment
CERT	Computer Emergency Response Teams
CIRP	Critical Infrastructure Recovery Project
CMATS	Civil Military Air Traffic System
COMSEC	Communications Security
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CSC	Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation / Conspicuous Service Cross

D

DACC	Defence Assistance to the Civil Community
DCB	Defence Capital Budget
DCP	Defence Cooperation Program
DDG	Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyers
DFRB	Defence Force Retirement Benefits
DFRDB	Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme
DGST	Deployable Geospatial Support
DHA	Defence Housing Australia
DHOAS	Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme
DISR	Department of Industry, Science and Resources
DITC	Defence International Training Centre
DMFS	Defence Member and Family Support Branch

D

D-RAP	Defence Reconciliation Action Plan
DSAS	Data Sharing and Analytical Services
DSC	Distinguished Service Cross
DSM	Distinguished Service Medal
DSR	Defence Strategic Review
DSTG	Defence Science and Technology Group
DVA	Department of Veterans' Affairs

E

EDHFC	Enhanced Defence High-Frequency Communications
EEIP	Enterprise Estate and Infrastructure Program
ELF	Enhanced Land Force
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
EW	Electronic Warfare

F

FAICD	Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
FCA	Fellow Chartered Accountant
FFH	Fast Frigate Helicopter / Helicopter Capable Frigate - Anzac Class Frigate
FMS	Foreign Military Sales
FOC	Final Operational Capability
FTE	Full Time Equivalent

G

GA	Geoscience Australia
GBE	Government Business Enterprise
GOCO	Government Owned Contractor Operated
GST	Good and Services Tax

H

HIPP	HydroScheme Industry Partnership Program
HKM	Health Knowledge Management
HS	Hydrographic ship
HMAS	Her Majesty's Australian Ship
HR	Human Resources

I

IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAGDP	Indigenous Australian Government Development Program

I

ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
IOC	Initial Operational Capability
IPP	Indigenous Procurement Policy
ISREW	Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance and Electronic Warfare

J

JORN	Jindalee Operational Radar Network
JTA	Joint Transition Authority
JP	Joint Project

L

LHD	Landing Helicopter Dock
LSD	Landing Ship Dock
LOTE	Life of Type Extension

M

MAJGEN	Major General
METOC	Mobile Meteorological and Oceanographic
MHC	Mine Hunter Coastal – Coastal Mine Hunter / Medium Heavy Capability
MMT	Mobile Meteorological Team
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Member of Parliament
MRH	Multi-Role Helicopter
MRTT	Multi-Role Tanker Transport
MSBS	Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme
MSU	Maritime Safety Updates
MVO	Member of the Royal Victorian Order
MWD	Members with Dependents
MWOD	Members without Dependents
MWD(U)	Members with Dependents (Unaccompanied)
MYEFO	Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook

N

NACC	New Air Combat Capability
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization

O

ODIS	Office of Defence Industry Support
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OPV Offshore Patrol Vessel
OTHR Over the Horizon Radar

P

PAES Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements
PBS Portfolio Budget Statements
PEAP Partner Employment Assistance Program
PEFO Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook
PGPA Public Governance, Performance and Accountability
PMICA Protected Mobility Integrated Capability Assurance
PMSP Pacific Maritime Security Program
PMV-L Protected Mobility Vehicle
PNG Papua New Guinea
PSM Public Service Medal
PWC Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

R

RAAF Royal Australian Air Force
RADM Rear Admiral
RAN Royal Australian Navy
RANCCB Royal Australian Navy Central Canteens Board
RA Rent Allowance
REDSPICE Resilience, Effects, Defence, Space, Intelligence, Cyber, and Enablers
RMG Resource Management Guide
ROE Rate of Effort - Flying Hours
ROU Right of Use
RMC Royal Military College
RSC Recruiting Services Contract

S

SERCAT Service Category
SME Specialist Military Equipment / School of Military Engineering / Small Medium Enterprise
SML Survey Motor Launch
STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

T

TAS Trusted Autonomous Systems / Tasmania

U

UAD	Unit Availability Days
UNDOF	United Nations Disengagement Observer Force
UNSCR	United Nations Security Council Resolutions
US	United States
USFPI	United States Force Posture Initiatives