

Notes

- (a) The following definitions are used in this Budget Paper:
- ‘real’ means adjusted for the effect of inflation
 - real growth in expenses is calculated using the consumer price index (CPI) as the deflator
 - the Budget year refers to 2023–24, while the forward years refer to 2024–25, 2025–26, and 2026–27
 - one billion is equal to one thousand million.
- (b) Figures in tables and generally in the text have been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.
- estimates under \$100,000 are rounded to the nearest thousand
 - estimates \$100,000 and over are generally rounded to the nearest tenth of a million
 - estimates midway between rounding points are rounded up.
- (c) For the budget balance, a negative sign indicates a deficit while no sign indicates a surplus.
- (d) The following notations are used:
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| - | nil |
| na | not applicable |
| .. | not zero, but rounded to zero |
| \$m | millions of dollars |
| \$b | billions of dollars |
| nfp | not for publication |
| AEDT | Australian Eastern Daylight Time |
| AEST | Australian Eastern Standard Time |
| NEC/nec | not elsewhere classified |
| * | The nature of this measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided. |

- (e) The Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory are referred to as ‘the Territories’. References to the ‘States’ or ‘each State’ include the Territories. The following abbreviations are used for the names of the States, where appropriate:

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| NSW | New South Wales |
| VIC | Victoria |
| QLD | Queensland |
| WA | Western Australia |
| SA | South Australia |
| TAS | Tasmania |
| ACT | Australian Capital Territory |
| NT | Northern Territory |

- (f) In this paper, the term ‘Commonwealth’ refers to the Commonwealth of Australia. The term is used when referring to the legal entity of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The term ‘Australian Government’ is used when referring to the Government and the decisions and activities made by the Government on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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