## **Notes**

- (a) The following definitions are used in this Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO):
  - 'real' means adjusted for the effect of inflation
  - real growth in expenses and payments is calculated using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the deflator
  - the Budget year refers to 2025–26, while the forward years refer to 2026–27, 2027–28 and 2028–29
  - 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.
  - The percentage changes in statistical tables are calculated using unrounded data.
- (c) For the budget balance, a negative sign indicates a deficit while no sign indicates a surplus.
- (d) The following notations are used:
  - nil
  - na not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
  - .. not zero, but rounded to zero
  - \$m millions of dollars
  - \$b billions of dollars
  - nfp not for publication
  - (e) estimates (unless otherwise specified)
  - (p) projections (unless otherwise specified)
  - NEC/nec not elsewhere classified
  - The nature of this measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.
  - ~ allocation not yet determined

(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:

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.