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PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS**

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The purpose of the 2013-14 Portfolio Budget Statements (PB Statements) is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of resources to the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) outcome. The PBO receives resources from the annual Parliamentary Department appropriations acts and special appropriations.

A key role of the PB Statements is to facilitate the understanding of proposed annual appropriations in Appropriation Bill (Parliamentary Departments) No. 1 2013-14. In this sense the PB Statements are Budget related papers and are declared by the Appropriation Acts to be 'relevant documents' to the interpretation of the Acts according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

The PB Statements provide information, explanation and justification to enable Parliament to understand the purpose of the proposed funding for the PBO outcome.

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