

# PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE

## Section 1: Entity overview and resources

### 1.1 STRATEGIC DIRECTION STATEMENT

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO), as an independent and non-partisan institution, engages with the Parliament to help improve the integrity of the policy development process, better inform public policy debates and strengthen budget and fiscal policy transparency.

To support the 2020–21 Portfolio Budget Statements (PB Statements) and in accordance with section 64Q of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*, the Acting Parliamentary Budget Officer, in consultation with the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, has prepared a work plan for the PBO setting out:

- the priorities for the PBO for the 2020–21 financial year
- protocols for the allocation of the resources for the PBO during the financial year.

This information is incorporated into the PBO's 2020–21 Corporate plan, and was released on 16 September 2020.

## 1.2 ENTITY RESOURCE STATEMENT

Table 1.1 shows the total funding from all sources. The table summarises how resources will be applied by the PBO.

Information in this table is presented on a resourcing (that is, appropriations/cash available) basis, whilst the 'Budgeted expenses for its Outcome' table in Section 2 and the financial statements in Section 3 are presented on an accrual basis.

**Table 1.1: PBO resource statement — Budget estimates for 2020-21 as at Budget October 2020**

	<i>2019-20 Estimated actual \$'000</i>	2020-21 Estimate \$'000
<b>Departmental</b>		
Annual appropriations - ordinary annual services		
Prior year appropriations available	3,026	3,533
Departmental appropriation (a)	8,258	8,537
Total departmental annual appropriations	11,284	12,070
Total departmental special appropriations (b)	1,851	1,851
<b>Total departmental resourcing</b>	<b>13,135</b>	<b>13,921</b>
<hr/>		
	<i>2019-20</i>	2020-21
<b>Average staffing level (number)</b>	40	44

All figures shown above are GST exclusive - these may not match figures in the cash flow statement. Prepared on a resourcing (i.e. appropriations available) basis.

(a) Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2020-21.

(b) *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* section 64D.