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Section 1: Entity overview and resources

1.1 Strategic direction statement

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) is one of the country’s largest and most important cultural institutions. As the primary national public broadcaster, it reflects Australia’s national identity and cultural diversity, informs and educates, facilitates public debate and fosters the performing arts.

The ABC plays a significant role in the lives of all Australians, not only through the broadcasting and digital media services it delivers, but also through direct engagement with local communities around the country. It also underpins the creative industries and Australia’s wider economy by buying services from writers, directors, actors, production companies and the businesses that serve them. Through its international services, it projects Australia’s national values and identity to a wider world.

The ABC’s place in the Australian media environment is distinctive because of its Charter (section 6 of the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983* (the ABC Act)). The Charter and other provisions of the ABC Act give the ABC particular responsibilities, such as providing independent news and information. The ABC Act guarantees the editorial and administrative independence of the ABC from the Government. The ABC Board is charged with a number of duties, including ‘to ensure the functions of the Corporation are performed efficiently and with maximum benefit to the people of Australia’, and ‘to maintain the independence and integrity of the Corporation’.

The functions of the ABC, set out in subsection 6(1) of the ABC Act, are:

* to provide, within Australia, innovative and comprehensive broadcasting services of a high standard as part of the Australian broadcasting system, consisting of national, commercial and community sectors and to provide:
* broadcasting programs that contribute to a sense of national identity and inform and entertain, and reflect the cultural diversity of, the Australian community
* broadcasting programs of an educational nature.
* to transmit to countries outside Australia, broadcasting programs of news, current affairs, entertainment and cultural enrichment that will:
* encourage awareness of Australia and an international understanding of Australian attitudes on world affairs
* enable Australian citizens living or travelling outside Australia to obtain information about Australian affairs and Australian attitudes on world affairs.
* to provide digital media services
* to encourage and promote the musical, dramatic and other performing arts in Australia.

The ABC provides unique and critically important points of connection and support for communities throughout Australia. These include arrangements with Federal and State and Territory authorities for the provision of emergency services information when local communities are affected by natural disasters.

The ABC is guided by its Five–Year Plan, which was released in June 2023.

As part of the Plan, the ABC is undergoing a significant transition from maintaining both traditional broadcast and digital processes towards becoming an integrated digital operation. While traditional broadcasting will remain important, this Five–Year Plan is a first step to build an ABC that is prepared for a digital–majority audience.

The ABC will continue to enhance its primary digital products, ABC News, ABC iview and ABC listen, to provide a seamless, personalised service that enables audiences to more easily discover content that is relevant to them.

The Five–Year Plan sets out a vision for the ABC to be an essential part of everyday life for all Australians through news and entertainment that appeals to different ages and interests.  It is a strategy that prioritises strengthening the trust of our audiences and commits the ABC to being more local.

The Five–Year Plan also reaffirms the ABC’s commitment to a culture of inclusion and diversity, and the imperative to better reflect contemporary Australia.

Through this evolution, the ABC’s commitment to inform, educate, and entertain will be as strong as ever. It will continue to tell the stories that reflect, shape, and enrich the lives of Australians. It will serve and strengthen Australian communities with impartial and independent news. It will continue to produce specialist and children’s content that contributes to Australian culture and education. Guided by the Five–Year Plan, the ABC will continue to respond to the societal, technological and economic changes that the nation is experiencing, including the challenges confronting the media sector and the opportunities to better serve all Australians.

1.2 Entity resource statement

Table 1.1 shows the total resourcing from all sources available to the ABC for its operations and to deliver programs and services on behalf of the Government.

The table summarises how resources will be applied by outcome (government strategic policy objectives) and by Departmental (for the ABC’s operations) classification.

Information in this table is presented on a resourcing (that is, appropriations/cash available) basis, whilst the ‘Budgeted expenses by Outcome 1’ tables in Section 2 and the financial statements in Section 3 are presented on an accrual basis. Amounts presented below are consistent with amounts presented in the Appropriation Bills themselves.

Table 1.1: ABC resource statement – Budget estimates for 2025–26 as at Budget March 2025

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2024-25Estimatedactual$'000 | 2025-26Estimate$'000 |
| **Opening balance/cash reserves at 1 July** | **6,603**  | **6,603**  |
| **Funds from Government** |   |   |
| Annual appropriations - ordinary annual services |   |   |
| Outcome 1(a) | 1,196,101 | 1,229,214 |
| Total annual appropriations | 1,196,101 | 1,229,214 |
| **Total funds from Government** | **1,196,101** | **1,229,214** |
| **Funds from other sources** |   |   |
| Interest | 40,814  | 32,713  |
| Sale of goods and services | 68,074  | 68,973  |
| Other | 6,100  | 6,100  |
| **Total funds from other sources** | **114,988**  | **107,786**  |
| **Total net resourcing for ABC** | **1,317,692** | **1,343,603** |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
| **Average staffing level (number)** | 4,413 | 4,413 |

Prepared on a resourcing (that is, appropriations available) basis.

All figures shown above are GST exclusive – these may not match figures in the cash flow statement.

* + - * 1. Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2025-26 and Supply Bill (No. 1) 2025-2026.

The ABC is not directly appropriated as it is a corporate Commonwealth entity. Appropriations are made to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (a non-corporate Commonwealth entity), which are then paid to the ABC and are considered ‘Departmental’ for all purposes.

1.3 Budget measures

There are no new measures relating to the ABC for the 2025–26 Budget.

Section 2: Outcomes and planned performance

Government outcomes are the intended results, impacts or consequences of actions by the Government on the Australian community. Commonwealth programs are the primary vehicle by which government entities achieve the intended results of their outcome statements. Entities are required to identify the programs which contribute to government outcomes over the Budget and forward years.

Each outcome is described below together with its related programs. The following provides detailed information on expenses for each outcome and program, further broken down by funding source.

|  |
| --- |
| **Note:**Performance reporting requirements in the Portfolio Budget Statements are part of the Commonwealth performance framework established by the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*. It is anticipated that the performance measure described in Portfolio Budget Statements will be read with broader information provided in an entity’s corporate plans and annual performance statements – included in Annual Reports – to provide a complete picture of an entity’s planned and actual performance.The most recent corporate plan for ABC can be found at: <https://www.abc.net.au/about/corporate-plans/103532324>The most recent annual performance statement is included in the most recent annual report, which can be found at: <https://www.abc.net.au/about/plans-reports-and-submissions/annual-reports/abc-annual-report-2023-24/104533582> |

2.1 Budgeted expenses and performance for Outcome 1

|  |
| --- |
| Outcome 1: Informed, educated and entertained audiences – throughout Australia and overseas – through innovative and comprehensive media and related services |

**Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1**

This table shows how much the ABC intends to spend (on an accrual basis) on achieving the outcome, broken down by program.

Table 2.1.1: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2024-25Estimated actual$'000 | 2025-26 Budget $'000 | 2026-27Forward estimate$'000 | 2027-28Forward estimate$'000 | 2028-29Forward estimate$'000 |
| **Program 1.1: ABC General Operation Activities** |
| Revenue from Government |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bill No. 1) and Supply Bill (No. 1)) | 989,529 | 1,016,527 | 1,047,400 | 1,075,691 | 1,098,033 |
| Expenses not requiring appropriation in the budget year | 1,291 | 1,230 | 307 | - | - |
| Revenues from other independent sources  | 114,988 | 107,786 | 100,769 | 97,267 | 97,581 |
| **Total expenses for Program 1.1** | **1,105,808** | **1,125,543** | **1,148,476** | **1,172,958** | **1,195,614** |
| **Program 1.2: ABC Transmission and Distribution Services** |
| Revenue from Government |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bill No. 1) and Supply Bill (No. 1)) | 206,572 | 212,687 | 216,676 | 223,093 | 228,170 |
| Expenses not requiring appropriation in the budget year | 631 | - | - | - | - |
| **Total expenses for Program 1.2** | **207,203** | **212,687** | **216,676** | **223,093** | **228,170** |
| **Outcome 1 Totals by resource type** |
| Revenue from Government |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bill No. 1) and Supply Bill (No. 1)) | 1,196,101 | 1,229,214 | 1,264,076 | 1,298,784 | 1,326,203 |
| Expenses not requiring appropriation in the budget year | 1,922 | 1,230 | 307 | - | - |
| Revenues from other independent sources  | 114,988 | 107,786 | 100,769 | 97,267 | 97,581 |
| **Total expenses for Outcome 1** | **1,313,011** | **1,338,230** | **1,365,152** | **1,396,051** | **1,423,784** |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
| **Average staffing level (number)** | 4,413  | 4,413  |

Note: Departmental appropriation splits and totals are indicative estimates and may change in the course of the Budget year as government priorities change.

Table 2.1.2: Performance measures for Outcome 1

Table 2.1.2 details the performance measures for each program associated with Outcome 1. It is used by entities to describe the results they plan to achieve and the related key activities, as detailed in the current corporate plan, the context in which these activities are delivered, and how the performance of these activities will be measured. Where relevant, details of the 2025–26 Budget measures that have created new programs or materially changed existing programs are provided.

| Outcome 1 – Informed, educated and entertained audiences – throughout Australia and overseas – through innovative and comprehensive media and related services |
| --- |
| **Program 1.1 – ABC General Operational Activities**The ABC will provide Australian and international audiences with innovative and high-quality radio, television and digital media services. |
| Key Activity | Content creation, curation and distribution. |
| Year | Performance Measures(a) | Expected Performance Results |
| Current Year2024–25 | Value of the ABC to the Australian Community | Target: 82% Expected actual: 82% Target expected to be met |
| The ABC is more trusted by Australians than any other media | Target: =/>19% above commercial media / newspapers Expected actual: =/>19% above commercial media / newspapersTarget expected to be met |
| Combined Weekly Reach | Target: 62%Expected actual: 62%Target expected to be met |
| Year | Performance Measures(a) | Planned Performance Results |
| Budget Year 2025–26 | Value of the ABC to the Australian Community | 82% |
| The ABC is more trusted by Australians than any other media | =/>19% above commercial media/newspapers |
| Combined Weekly Reach | 62% |
| Forward Estimates 2026–29 | As per 2025–26 | As per 2025–26 |

1. Refers to performance measures/targets reflected in the 2024-25 Corporate Plan, some of which may be subsequently revised once the 2025-26 Corporate Plan is finalised.

| **Program 1.2 –** **ABC Transmission and Distribution Services**The ABC will manage the broadcast and transmission of its radio and television services within Australia to maximise availability to audiences. |
| --- |
| Key Activity | The broadcast and transmission of the ABC’s radio and television services. |
| Year | Performance Measures | Expected Performance Results |
| Current Year2024–25 | Percentage of the Australian population who are able to receive ABC analog radio transmissions | Target: At least 99%Expected actual: At least 99%Target expected to be met |
| Degree to which the eight state and territory capital cities have access to ABC digital radio transmissions | Target: 100%Expected actual: 100%Target expected to be met |
| Percentage of Australian homes able to receive ABC digital television transmissions(a) | Target: 100%Expected actual: 100%Target expected to be met |
| Year | Performance Measures | Planned Performance Results |
| Budget Year 2025–26 | Percentage of the Australian population who are able to receive ABC analog radio transmissions | At least 99% |
| Degree to which the eight state and territory capital cities have access to ABC digital radio transmissions | 100% |
| Percentage of Australian homes able to receive ABC digital television transmissions(a) | 100% |
| Forward Estimates 2026–29 | As per 2025–26 | As per 2025–26 |

(a) Reporting of actuals will include the percentage reach for ABC digital television using terrestrial services (excluding satellite).

Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

Section 3 presents budgeted financial statements which provide a comprehensive snapshot of the ABC’s finances for the 2025–26 budget year, including the impact of budget measures and resourcing on financial statements.

3.1 Budgeted financial statements

#### 3.1.1 Explanatory notes and analysis of budgeted financial statements

The ABC’s forward budgeted financial statements have been prepared to reflect the ABC’s operational business outlook as it continues to focus on achieving the goals and objectives set out in the ABC Five-Year Plan.

The ABC is budgeting for an operating deficit of $1.2 million in 2025-26 including the impact of accounting standard AASB 16 on leasing. The operating result excluding leasing transactions is a net break-even position, as reflected in the net cash appropriation arrangements note to Table 3.1.

Total revenue from Government is budgeted at $1.2 billion in 2025-26, an increase of $33.1 million from 2024-25. This mainly reflects the net impact of government indexation parameter adjustments.

Own-source budgeted revenues of $107.8 million in 2025-26 are principally comprised of revenues from ABC commercial activities, interest, as well as other minor amounts from co‑production arrangements, facilities hire, services provided, and commissions. These revenues are largely offset by related costs of sales or represent recoveries of costs incurred or are invested in content.

Total expenses are budgeted at $1.3 billion in 2025-26, a net increase of $25.2 million from 2024-25. This includes the net impact of salary and wages increases, additional operational expenditure due to contractual increases and expenditure on content, leasing transactions, savings initiatives and program amortisation costs.

The ABC’s budgeted net asset position for 2025-26 of $1.2 billion represents a decrease of $1.2 million from the estimated actual for 2024-25, reflecting the budgeted operating deficit for 2025-26, which includes the impact of leasing transactions.

3.2 Budgeted financial statements tables

Table 3.1: Comprehensive income statement (showing net cost of services) for the period ended 30 June

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2024-25Estimated actual$'000 | 2025-26 Budget $'000 | 2026-27Forward estimate$'000 | 2027-28Forward estimate$'000 | 2028-29Forward estimate$'000 |
| **EXPENSES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employee benefits | 608,346 | 632,428 | 652,894 | 670,569 | 685,296 |
| Suppliers | 534,285 | 533,198 | 538,398 | 553,143 | 567,720 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 164,046 | 167,050 | 169,095 | 168,353 | 167,576 |
| Finance costs | 6,334 | 5,554 | 4,765 | 3,986 | 3,192 |
| **Total expenses** | **1,313,011** | **1,338,230** | **1,365,152** | **1,396,051** | **1,423,784** |
| **LESS:**  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **OWN-SOURCE INCOME** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Own-source revenue** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sale of goods and rendering of services | 68,074 | 68,973 | 61,894 | 58,836 | 59,914 |
| Interest | 40,814 | 32,713 | 32,775 | 32,865 | 32,975 |
| Other | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,100 |
| **Total own-source revenue** | **114,988** | **107,786** | **100,769** | **97,801** | **98,989** |
| **Total own-source income** | **114,988** | **107,786** | **100,769** | **97,801** | **98,989** |
| **Net (cost of)/contribution by services** | **(1,198,023)** | **(1,230,444)** | **(1,264,383)** | **(1,298,250)** | **(1,324,795)** |
| Revenue from Government | 1,196,101 | 1,229,214 | 1,264,076 | 1,298,784 | 1,326,203 |
| **Surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Australian Government** | **(1,922)** | **(1,230)** | **(307)** | **534** | **1,408** |
| **Total comprehensive income/(loss)** | **(1,922)** | **(1,230)** | **(307)** | **534** | **1,408** |
| **Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to the Australian Government** | **(1,922)** | **(1,230)** | **(307)** | **534** | **1,408** |
| **Note: Impact of net cash appropriation arrangements** |
| **Total comprehensive income/(loss) - as per statement of Comprehensive Income** | **(1,922)** | **(1,230)** | **(307)** | **534**  | **1,408**  |
| plus: depreciation/amortisation expenses for ROU assets(a) | 70,946  | 70,250  | 69,695  | 68,753  | 68,286  |
| less: lease principal repayments(a) | 68,925  | 69,020  | 69,388  | 69,287  | 69,694  |
| **Net Cash Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** | **99** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

1. Applies leases under AASB 16 Leases.

Table 3.2: Budgeted Departmental balance sheet (as at 30 June)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2024-25Estimated actual$'000 | 2025-26 Budget $'000 | 2026-27Forward estimate$'000 | 2027-28Forward estimate$'000 | 2028-29Forward estimate$'000 |
| **ASSETS** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Financial assets** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 6,603 | 6,603 | 6,603 | 6,603 | 6,603 |
| Trade and other receivables | 16,641 | 16,641 | 16,641 | 16,641 | 16,641 |
| Other investments | 242,849 | 255,549 | 273,430 | 291,011 | 304,614 |
| Other financial assets | 6,756 | 6,756 | 6,756 | 6,756 | 6,756 |
| ***Total financial assets*** | ***272,849*** | ***285,549*** | ***303,430*** | ***321,011*** | ***334,614*** |
| **Non-financial assets** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Land and buildings | 747,582 | 730,800 | 712,417 | 694,851 | 677,548 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 573,560 | 498,662 | 425,420 | 353,772 | 282,718 |
| Intangibles | 148,754 | 159,984 | 163,033 | 167,913 | 172,881 |
| Inventories | 123,671 | 121,171 | 122,171 | 120,171 | 121,671 |
| Tax assets | 3,592 | 3,592 | 3,592 | 3,592 | 3,592 |
| Other non-financial assets | 27,994 | 27,994 | 27,994 | 27,994 | 27,994 |
| ***Total non-financial assets*** | ***1,625,153*** | ***1,542,203*** | ***1,454,627*** | ***1,368,293*** | ***1,286,404*** |
| **Total assets** | **1,898,002** | **1,827,752** | **1,758,057** | **1,689,304** | **1,621,018** |
| **LIABILITIES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Payables** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Suppliers | 89,755 | 89,755 | 89,755 | 89,755 | 89,755 |
| Other payables | 52,943 | 52,943 | 52,943 | 52,943 | 52,943 |
| ***Total payables*** | ***142,698*** | ***142,698*** | ***142,698*** | ***142,698*** | ***142,698*** |
| **Interest bearing liabilities** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans | 1,151 | 1,151 | 1,151 | 1,151 | 1,151 |
| Leases | 419,323 | 350,303 | 280,915 | 211,628 | 141,934 |
| ***Total interest bearing liabilities*** | ***420,474*** | ***351,454*** | ***282,066*** | ***212,779*** | ***143,085*** |
| **Provisions** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employee provisions | 162,206 | 162,206 | 162,206 | 162,206 | 162,206 |
| Other provisions | 4,830 | 4,830 | 4,830 | 4,830 | 4,830 |
| ***Total provisions*** | ***167,036*** | ***167,036*** | ***167,036*** | ***167,036*** | ***167,036*** |
| **Total liabilities** | **730,208** | **661,188** | **591,800** | **522,513** | **452,819** |
| **Net assets** | **1,167,794** | **1,166,564** | **1,166,257** | **1,166,791** | **1,168,199** |
| **EQUITY** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Parent entity interest** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Contributed equity | 93,640 | 93,640 | 93,640 | 93,640 | 93,640 |
| Reserves | 898,247 | 898,247 | 898,247 | 898,247 | 898,247 |
| Retained surplus (accumulated deficit) | 93,640 | 93,640 | 93,640 | 93,640 | 93,640 |
| ***Total parent entity interest*** | ***898,247*** | ***898,247*** | ***898,247*** | ***898,247*** | ***898,247*** |
| **Total equity** | **1,167,794** | **1,166,564** | **1,166,257** | **1,166,791** | **1,168,199** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

Table 3.3: Departmental statement of changes in equity – summary of movement (Budget year 2025–26)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Retainedearnings$'000 | Assetrevaluationreserve$'000 | Contributedequity/capital$'000 | Totalequity$'000 |
| **Opening balance as at 1 July 2025** |  |  |  |  |
| Balance carried forward from previous period | 175,907 | 898,247 | 93,640 | 1,167,794 |
| ***Adjusted opening balance*** | ***175,907*** | ***898,247*** | ***93,640*** | ***1,167,794*** |
| **Comprehensive income** |  |  |  |  |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the period | (1,230) |  |  | (1,230) |
| ***Total comprehensive income*** | ***(1,230)*** | ***-*** | ***-*** | ***(1,230)*** |
| **Estimated closing balance as at 30 June 2026** | **174,677** | **898,247** | **93,640** | **1,166,564** |
| **Closing balance attributable to the Australian Government** | **174,677** | **898,247** | **93,640** | **1,166,564** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

Table 3.4: Budgeted Departmental statement of cash flows (for the period ended 30 June)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2024-25Estimated actual$'000 | 2025-26 Budget $'000 | 2026-27Forward estimate$'000 | 2027-28Forward estimate$'000 | 2028-29Forward estimate$'000 |
| **OPERATING ACTIVITIES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cash received** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Appropriations | 1,196,101 | 1,229,214 | 1,264,076 | 1,298,784 | 1,326,203 |
| Sale of goods and rendering of services | 68,074 | 68,973 | 61,894 | 58,836 | 59,914 |
| Interest | 40,814 | 32,713 | 32,775 | 32,865 | 32,975 |
| Net GST received | 69,798 | 65,739 | 65,854 | 67,360 | 68,859 |
| Other  | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,100 |
| ***Total cash received*** | ***1,380,887*** | ***1,402,739*** | ***1,430,699*** | ***1,463,945*** | ***1,494,051*** |
| **Cash used** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees | 608,346 | 632,428 | 652,894 | 670,569 | 685,296 |
| Suppliers | 539,285 | 530,698 | 539,398 | 551,143 | 569,220 |
| Net GST paid | 69,798 | 65,739 | 65,854 | 67,360 | 68,859 |
| Interest payments on lease liability | 6,334 | 5,554 | 4,765 | 3,986 | 3,192 |
| ***Total cash used*** | ***1,223,763*** | ***1,234,419*** | ***1,262,911*** | ***1,293,058*** | ***1,326,567*** |
| **Net cash from/(used by) operating activities** | **157,124** | **168,320** | **167,788** | **170,887** | **167,484** |
| **INVESTING ACTIVITIES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cash used** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangibles | 116,900 | 86,600 | 80,519 | 84,019 | 84,187 |
| Investments | (28,701) | 12,700 | 17,881 | 17,581 | 13,603 |
| ***Total cash used*** | ***88,199*** | ***99,300*** | ***98,400*** | ***101,600*** | ***97,790*** |
| **Net cash from/(used by) investing activities** | **(88,199)** | **(99,300)** | **(98,400)** | **(101,600)** | **(97,790)** |
| **Cash used** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Principal payments on lease liability | 68,925 | 69,020 | 69,388 | 69,287 | 69,694 |
| ***Total cash used*** | ***68,925*** | ***69,020*** | ***69,388*** | ***69,287*** | ***69,694*** |
| **Net cash from/(used by) financing activities** | **(68,925)** | **(69,020)** | **(69,388)** | **(69,287)** | **(69,694)** |
| **Net increase/(decrease) in cash held** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period | 6,603 | 6,603 | 6,603 | 6,603 | 6,603 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period** | **6,603** | **6,603** | **6,603** | **6,603** | **6,603** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

Table 3.5: Departmental capital budget statement (for the period ended 30 June)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2024-25Estimated actual$'000 | 2025-26 Budget $'000 | 2026-27Forward estimate$'000 | 2027-28Forward estimate$'000 | 2028-29Forward estimate$'000 |
| **PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Funded internally from Departmental resources(a) | 116,900 | 86,600 | 80,519 | 84,019 | 84,187 |
| **TOTAL** | **116,900** | **86,600** | **80,519** | **84,019** | **84,187** |
| **RECONCILIATION OF CASH USED TO ACQUIRE ASSETS TO ASSET MOVEMENT TABLE** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total purchases | 116,900 | 86,600 | 80,519 | 84,019 | 84,187 |
| **Total cash used to acquire assets** | **116,900** | **86,600** | **80,519** | **84,019** | **84,187** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

1. Funded from annual appropriations and may include internally developed assets and proceeds from the sale of assets.

Table 3.6: Statement of Departmental asset movements (Budget year 2025–26)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Asset Category** |
|   | Land$'000 | Buildings$'000 | Otherproperty,plant andequipment$'000 | Computersoftwareandintangibles$'000 | Total$'000 |
| **As at 1 July 2025** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross book value  | 255,881 | 489,311 | 626,736 | 306,792 | 1,678,720 |
| Gross book value - ROU assets | 22,681 | 51,453 | 737,331 | - | 811,465 |
| Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment | - | (55,768) | (422,542) | (158,038) | (536,348) |
| Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment - ROU assets | (1,456) | (14,520) | (367,965) | - | (383,941) |
| **Opening net book balance** | **277,106** | **470,476** | **573,560** | **148,754** | **1,469,896** |
| **Capital asset additions** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Estimated expenditure on new or replacement assets** |  |  |  |  |  |
| By purchase - appropriation ordinary annual services(a) | - | 15,319 | 25,980 | 45,301 | 86,600 |
| **Total additions** | **-** | **15,319** | **25,980** | **45,301** | **86,600** |
| **Other movements** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation/amortisation expense | - | (29,040) | (33,689) | (34,071) | (96,800) |
| Depreciation/amortisation on ROU assets | (243) | (2,818) | (67,189) | - | (70,250) |
| **Total other movements** | **(243)** | **(31,858)** | **(100,878)** | **(34,071)** | **(167,050)** |
| **As at 30 June 2026** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross book value | 255,881 | 504,630 | 622,716 | 352,093 | 1,735,320 |
| Gross book value - ROU assets | 22,681 | 51,453 | 737,331 | - | 811,465 |
| Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment | - | (84,808) | (426,231) | (192,109) | (703,148) |
| Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment - ROU assets | (1,699) | (17,338) | (435,154) | - | (454,191) |
| **Closing net book balance** | **276,863** | **453,937** | **498,662** | **159,984** | **1,389,446** |

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1. ‘Appropriation ordinary annual services’ refers to funding provided through Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2025‑26 and Supply Bill (No. 1) 2025-26 for depreciation/amortisation expenses or other operational expenses.