

PORTFOLIO SUPPLEMENTARY ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS 2025–26

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2025-2026
AND
APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2025-2026

EDUCATION PORTFOLIO

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ESTIMATES 2025–26

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Dear President

Dear Mr Speaker

We hereby submit these Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements in support of the additional appropriations sought for the Education Portfolio.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the funding requirements being sought for the Portfolio.

We present these statements by virtue of my ministerial responsibility for accountability to the Parliament and, through it, the public.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jason Clare'. The signature is stylized, with a large, looped initial 'J'.

Jason Clare

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jess Walsh'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr Jess Walsh

Abbreviations and conventions

The following notations may be used:

NEC/nec	not elsewhere classified
-	nil
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
na	not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
nfp	not for publication
\$m	\$ million

Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Figures in text are generally rounded to one decimal place, whereas figures in tables are generally rounded to the nearest thousand. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

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**User guide
to the
Portfolio Supplementary
Additional Estimates
Statements**

User guide

The purpose of the 2025–26 *Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements* (PSAES) is to inform Senators, Members of Parliament and the public of the proposed allocation of additional resources to government outcomes by entities within the portfolio.

The PSAES facilitate understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2025-2026 and Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2025-2026. In this sense the PSAES is declared by the Appropriation Acts to be a ‘relevant document’ to the interpretation of the Acts according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2025-2026, which follows on from *Appropriation Act (No. 1)* tabled at Budget and *Appropriation Act (No. 3)* tabled at Additional Estimates, will provide additional expenditure authority for the ordinary annual services of government in respect of the 2025-26 financial year.

Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2025-2026, which follows on from *Appropriation Act (No. 2)* tabled at Budget and *Appropriation Act (No. 4)* tabled at Additional Estimates, will provide additional expenditure authority in respect of the 2025-26 financial year for capital works and services, payments to or for the states, territories and local government authorities, and new administered outcomes not authorised in specific legislation.

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Department of Education

Overview of additional appropriations

The Department of Education (the department) supports lifelong learning and equitable access to education through early years, schooling, higher education and research. The department's purpose is to create a better future for all through education. The department remains focussed on implementing the Australian Government's reform initiatives across the early childhood and care, schools and higher education sectors.

The PSAES follow on from the 2025–26 Portfolio Budget Statements and the 2025-26 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements. Additional funding is appropriated to the department at Supplementary Additional Estimates through Appropriation Bills (No. 5 and No. 6).

Details of the estimates and variations since the 2025–26 Additional Estimates are provided in Table 1.2. The PSAES complements the Education 2025–26 Portfolio Budget Statements, which include further information regarding new initiatives and the department's strategic direction.

Entity measures table

Table 1.1 summarises new Government measures taken since the 2025–26 Additional Estimates. The table is split into receipt and payment measures, with the affected program identified.

Table 1.1: Entity 2025–26 Supplementary additional estimates measures

There are no new measures for the Department of Education.

Supplementary additional estimates and variations

The following table details the changes to the resourcing for the Department of Education at Supplementary Additional Estimates, by outcome. The following table details the estimates and variations resulting from new measures and any other variations (if applicable) since the 2025–26 Additional Estimates in Appropriation Bills (No. 5 and No. 6).

Table 1.2: Supplementary additional estimates and variations to outcomes from measures and other variations

	Program	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Outcome 1					
Administered					
Annual appropriations					
Other Variations					
(net decrease)					
	1.1	(534)	-	-	-
Net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1 (administered)					
		(534)	-	-	-
Departmental					
Annual appropriations					
Other Variations					
(net increase)					
	1	534	-	-	-
Net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1 (departmental)					
		534	-	-	-
Total net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1					
		-	-	-	-

Prepared on a resourcing (i.e. appropriations available) basis.

The following tables detail the Supplementary Additional Estimates sought for the Department of Education through Appropriation Bills (No. 5 and No. 6).

Table 1.3: Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2025-2026

	<i>2024-25 Available</i>	2025-26 PAES	2025-26 Revised	Sup. Additional Estimates	Sup. Additional Estimates Reduction
	<i>\$'000</i>	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Departmental items					
Outcome 1 - Improved early learning, schooling, student educational outcomes and transitions to and from school through access to quality early childhood education and care, support, parent engagement, quality teaching and learning environments	251,922	266,514	267,048	534	-
Outcome 2 - Promote growth in economic productivity and social wellbeing through access to quality higher education, international education, and international quality research	158,411	169,282	169,282	-	-
Total departmental	410,333	435,796	436,330	534	-

Table 1.4: Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2025-2026

There is no Appropriation Bill (No. 6) for the Department of Education.

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Australian Research Council

Overview of additional appropriations

The Australian Research Council (ARC) is a non-corporate Commonwealth entity established as an independent body under the *Australian Research Council Act 2001* (ARC Act).

The ARC's outcome is the growth of knowledge and innovation through managing research funding schemes, measuring research excellence and providing research policy advice.

The PSAES follow on from the 2025–26 Portfolio Budget Statements and the 2025–26 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements. Additional funding is appropriated to the agency at Supplementary Additional Estimates through Appropriation Bills (No. 5 and No. 6).

Details of the estimates and variations since the 2025–26 Additional Estimates are provided in Table 1.2. The PSAES complements the Education 2025–26 Portfolio Budget Statements, which include further information regarding new initiatives and the agency's strategic direction.

Entity measures table

Table 1.1 summarises new Government measures taken since the 2025–26 Additional Estimates. The table is split into receipt and payment measures, with the affected program identified.

Table 1.1: Entity 2025–26 Supplementary additional estimates measures

There are no new measures for the ARC.

Supplementary additional estimates and variations

The following table details the changes to the resourcing for the ARC at Supplementary Additional Estimates, by outcome. The following table details the estimates and variations resulting from new measures and any other variations (if applicable) since the 2025–26 Additional Estimates in Appropriation Bills (No. 5 and No. 6).

Table 1.2: Supplementary additional estimates and variations to outcomes from measures and other variations

	Program	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Outcome 1					
Departmental					
Annual appropriations					
Movement of Funds					
(net increase) (a)	1.1	1,000	-	-	-
Capital appropriations					
Other Variations					
(net decrease) (a)	1.1	(1,000)	-	-	-
Net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1 (departmental)		-	-	-	-
Total net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1		-	-	-	-

Prepared on a resourcing (i.e. appropriations available) basis.

- (a) Reflects the reclassification of Departmental Capital Budget (DCB) to departmental operating expenditure following written agreement from the Department of Finance. This change is neutral on the entity's total resourcing as the DCB is simultaneously reduced by an equivalent amount.

The following tables detail the Supplementary Additional Estimates sought for the ARC through Appropriation Bills (No. 5 and No. 6).

Table 1.3: Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2025-2026

	2024-25 <i>Available</i>	2025-26 Budget	2025-26 Revised	Sup. Additional Estimates	Sup. Additional Estimates Reduction
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Departmental items (a)					
Outcome 1 Growth of knowledge and innovation through managing research funding schemes, measuring research excellence and providing advice	8,312	24,342	24,342	1,000	(1,000)
Total departmental	8,312	24,342	24,342	1,000	(1,000)

(a) Departmental and Administered Capital Budgets are appropriated through Appropriation Acts (No. 1, 3 and 5). They form part of ordinary annual services and are not separately identified in the Appropriation Acts.

Table 1.4: Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2025-2026

There is no Appropriation Bill (No. 6) for the ARC.