

PORTFOLIO SUPPLEMENTARY ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS 2025-26

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2025-26
AND
APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2025-26

**DEFENCE PORTFOLIO
(DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS)**

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ESTIMATES 2025-26

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Dear President

Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit these Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements in support of the additional appropriations sought for the Veterans' Affairs Portfolio.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the outcomes for the Portfolio.

I present these statements to provide accountability to the Parliament and, through it, the public.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Keogh".

HON MATT KEOGH MP

6 / 5 / 2026

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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nfp	not for publication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 Veterans' Affairs

Overview of additional appropriations

Funding is being provided to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the 2025-26 Appropriation Bill (No.5).

Complete details of resources and performance information can be found in the *2026-27 Portfolio Budget Statements*.

Department of Veterans' Affairs 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: Department of Veterans' Affairs 2025-26 Supplementary additional estimates measures

	Program	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Payment measures					
Continuing to Support Veterans and their Families (a)	various				
Administered payments		(840)	1,984	(160,041)	(209,996)
Departmental payments		113	6,936	3,263	849
Total		(727)	8,920	(156,778)	(209,147)
Modernising Payment of the Pension Supplement to Recipients Overseas (b) (c)	1.1				
Administered payments		—	—	—	—
Departmental payments		—	—	—	—
Total		—	—	—	—
Total Payment measures					
Administered		(840)	1,984	(160,041)	(209,996)
Departmental		113	6,936	3,263	849
Total		(727)	8,920	(156,778)	(209,147)

Prepared on a Government Financial Statistics (Underlying Cash) basis. Figures displayed as a negative (-) represent a decrease in funds and a positive (+) represent an increase in funds.

- This measure relates to a decision made following the 2025-26 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO). The full measure description and package details appear in the 2026-27 Budget Paper No. 2. This measure includes an impact of -\$249.777 million in 2029-30, comprising -\$250.638 million administered and \$0.861 million departmental funding.
- The lead entity for this measure is the Department of Social Services. The full measure description and package details appear in the 2026-27 Budget Paper No. 2 under the Social Services portfolio.
- This measure was a decision taken but not yet announced in the 2025-26 MYEFO. Amounts previously held in the Contingency Reserve have now been appropriated, with the following impacts for departmental funding (2025-26 \$0.312 million; 2026-27 \$0.395 million) and administered funding (2026-27 -\$0.179 million; 2027-28 -\$0.251 million; 2028-29 -\$0.270 million and 2029-30 -\$0.287 million).

Supplementary additional estimates and variations

The following tables detail the changes to the resourcing for entity Department of Veterans' Affairs 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).

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					
Special appropriations					
Modernising Payment of the Pension Supplement to Recipients Overseas	1.1	–	(179)	(251)	(270)
Net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1 (administered)		–	(179)	(251)	(270)
Outcome 1					
Departmental					
Annual appropriations					
Modernising Payment of the Pension Supplement to Recipients Overseas	1.1	312	395	–	–
Net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1 (departmental)		312	395	–	–
Total net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1		312	216	(251)	(270)
Outcome 2					
Administered					
Special appropriations					
Continuing to Support Veterans and their Families	2.1, 2.3, 2.6	–	2,134	(159,891)	(209,846)
Net impact on appropriations for Outcome 2 (administered)		–	2,134	(159,891)	(209,846)
Outcome 2					
Departmental					
Annual appropriations					
Continuing to Support Veterans and their Families	2.1-2.6	113	6,936	3,263	849
Net impact on appropriations for Outcome 2 (departmental)		113	6,936	3,263	849
Total net impact on appropriations for Outcome 2		113	9,070	(156,628)	(208,997)

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

	Program	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Outcome 3					
Administered					
Annual appropriation					
	Continuing to Support Veterans and their Families				
	3.1-3.2	(840)	(150)	(150)	(150)
Net impact on appropriations for Outcome 3 (administered)		(840)	(150)	(150)	(150)
Total net impact on appropriations for Outcome 3		(840)	(150)	(150)	(150)

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

The following tables detail the Supplementary Additional Estimates sought for Department of Veterans' Affairs through Appropriation Bills (No. 5).

Table 1.3: Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2025-26

	2024-25 Available \$'000	2025-26 Budget \$'000	2025-26 Revised \$'000	Additional Estimates \$'000	Reduced Estimates \$'000
Administered Items					
Outcome 1	86,481	75,932	75,932	–	–
Outcome 2	33,726	35,847	35,847	–	–
Outcome 3	46,893	50,056	50,056	–	–
Total administered	167,100	161,835	161,835	–	–
Departmental Items					
Outcome 1 ^(a)	383,014	436,471	436,783	312	–
Outcome 2	208,383	213,648	213,761	113	–
Outcome 3	15,996	19,277	19,277	–	–
Total departmental	607,393	669,396	669,821	425	–
Total administered and departmental	774,493	831,231	831,656	425	–

(a) Includes \$32.7 million that is under administrative quarantine in 2025-26 and is yet to be released.