

## **GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS**

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### **Accommodation**

Expenditure on leased or owned premises, including rent, lighting, cleaning, security and removal expenses.

### **Accounting Policy**

Specific accounting principles and practices applied in preparing and presenting financial statements.

### **Accrual Accounting**

Involves the recognition of revenue, expenses, assets, liabilities and equity when the economic transaction giving rise to the movement of resources occurs, irrespective of the timing of any related movement in cash.

### **Accruals**

Accruals adjust the cash position at period or year end to reflect the true financial position of the entity.

### **Accrued Expenses**

Expenses incurred during the accounting period but due for payment in the next accounting period.

### **Accrued Revenue**

Revenue earned during the accounting period for which the entity has not raised an invoice, or otherwise billed, by the close of the reporting period.

### **ACT Special Fiscal Needs (SFN)**

The Commonwealth Grants Commission recommends funding to the ACT for Special Fiscal Needs to take account of differences in financial arrangements between the Commonwealth and the ACT, and the Commonwealth and the States in the provision of corporate affairs, and police services.

### **Accumulated Amortisation**

This is the total, at a given point in time, of the amortisation expense generally charged for intangible and leased non-current assets.

### **Accumulated Depreciation**

This is the total, at a given point in time, of the depreciation expense charged for a particular depreciable asset or a class of assets.

## **Accumulated Funds**

Represents the capital the Government has injected into an entity, less any capital distributions to Government, plus the surpluses and deficits accumulated in an entity as a result of operations. For departments, capital injections and distributions may occur as a result of a change in administrative arrangements.

## **Acquisition**

Acquisition includes establishing control over an asset, and means undertaking the risks, and receiving the rights to future benefits, as would be conferred with ownership, usually in exchange for a cost of acquisition.

## **Administrative Expenses**

Refer to 'Supplies and Services'.

## **Amortisation**

The term "amortisation" is often used interchangeably with the term "depreciation". The terms have the same meaning. However, depreciation is generally used in relation to non-current assets that have physical substance (eg. property, plant and equipment), while amortisation is generally used in relation to intangible non-current assets (eg. intangible and leased assets).

## **Appropriation**

The maximum amount of public moneys authorised by the Assembly under the authority of a law for transfer from the Territory Bank Account to a department bank account.

## **Assets**

Future economic benefits, or service potential, controlled by an entity as a result of past transactions or other events.

## **Asset Classes**

The means by which categories of assets may be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

## **Australian Accounting Standards**

The accounting and reporting framework issued and maintained by the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The standards provide a prescription of the acceptable methods of measuring and recording specific types of accounting transactions, and of the required level of disclosure of those transactions in the financial statements.

## **Australian Business Number**

The business identifier for dealings with the Australian Taxation Office.

## **Budget Balancing Assistance (BBA)**

As part of the Commonwealth's agreement with the States and Territories that their budgetary position will be no worse off under national tax reform, the Commonwealth will provide Budget Balancing Assistance to the States and Territories. Where a State or Territory's entitlement to GST revenue falls short of its Guaranteed Minimum Amount (GMA), the Commonwealth will provide 'top up' funding, known as Budget Balancing Assistance, to the States and Territories to allow their financial position to reach their GMA.

## **Budget Papers**

These accompany the Appropriation Bill and contain detailed information on the Budget, as well as explanatory material on the broader context of the Budget.

## **Capital**

The accumulated wealth that an entity possesses resulting from government contributions as owner and a build up of retained earnings in the entity.

## **Capital Expenditure**

The cash expended in the course of adding to the future economic benefits provided by an asset as a result of physical addition, improvement or extension of the useful life of the asset beyond the length of its original life. Capital expenditure also includes the purchase or development of any new assets above the asset recording threshold.

## **Capital Grants**

Unrequited payments intended to contribute towards the cost of capital expenditure of the grant recipients.

## **Capital Injections**

Capital injections, are the means by which the Government injects funds into an entity, for purposes such as the purchase or development of assets, the payment of debt, or to increase an entity's working capital. On occasion, capital injections may be repayable, in which case the terms of these loans are outlined in an appendix to the budget papers.

## **Capital Revenue**

Capital revenue includes Commonwealth payments and gains on the sale of assets. Some income of a capital nature (for example sale of land assets) is treated as an offset to outlays in government finance statistics.

## **Capital Works**

Capital works include:

- the creation of a new Territory asset, including new construction projects, the purchase of prefabricated or demountable buildings, and additions to an asset;
- alterations to buildings, and other assets;
- demolition work;
- furniture and fittings, equipment or plant which are provided as an integral component in the construction of buildings or works;
- work which significantly increases the capacity of an asset, for example, the major reconstruction of roads and bridges;
- design fees; and
- site testing and field investigations related to an approved capital works proposal or project.

## **Cash**

Cash comprises cash on hand, cash in bank accounts and cash equivalents.

## **Cash Accounting (or Cash Basis of Accounting)**

Cash accounting involves recognising and recording transactions solely on the basis of the receipt and payment of cash, and does not recognise the timing of related resource movements or the stocks of resources (other than cash) at the end of a reporting period.

## **Cash Flows**

Cash movements resulting from transactions with parties external to the entity.

## **Commitment**

A firm intention (usually represented by a contractual obligation) at the end of the reporting period which will give rise to a future payment or sacrifice of service potential or benefits.

## **Commonwealth Grants**

Includes general revenue from the Commonwealth Government for the purpose of aiding in the financing of the current operations of the recipient; in addition to monies received for specific purposes (when the Commonwealth wishes to have some involvement in the direction of the expenditure). Grants are also received for on-passing to third parties (eg. to non government schools), where the Territory has no discretion as to their allocation.

## **Commonwealth Grants Commission**

Established by the Commonwealth Government in 1933, the Commission acts as an independent authority to make recommendations to the Commonwealth concerning the distribution of the combined pool of general purpose grants and hospital funding grants among the States and Territories.

## **Commonwealth Payments - Other**

Grant funding from Commonwealth Government agencies which the ACT can access as a service provider, on a contractual basis and cost recovery basis.

## **Commonwealth Specific Purpose Payments (SPPs)**

Specific purpose payments are current and capital payments made by the Commonwealth on the basis that the Territory meets certain conditions. The conditions attaching to SPPs vary considerably. In general, the payments are made on the condition that the Territory ensures the funds allocated are used for a specified program and are applied in accordance with the objectives of the program. Conditions include general requirements (eg. the requirement, as a condition of the hospital funding grants, that the ACT provide free public hospital treatment) and broad Commonwealth-Territory agreements covering principles and program delivery mechanisms. They may also involve detailed conditions on the operation of joint expenditure programs including program or project approval, matching arrangements and information sharing.

## **Current Assets**

Cash or other assets of the department that would in the ordinary course of operations of the department, be consumed or converted into cash within twelve months.

## **Current Grant Expenses**

Payments of a current nature to individuals or organisations for general assistance or a particular purpose that, by virtue of their payment, contribute to the achievement of the program's objectives.

## **Current Liabilities**

Liabilities of a department that would, in the ordinary course of operations of the department, be due and payable within twelve months.

## **Debt**

A legal obligation to make payments of principal and (in some cases) interest according to a predetermined schedule. Debt includes obligations arising from loans (often referred to as advances from the Commonwealth), bonds, notes and other securities on issue, the capitalised value of outstanding lease commitments under finance lease arrangements, supplier/buyer credits, bank overdrafts, and deferred contract payments.

## **Debt Servicing**

Payments of interest, and repayments of principal, associated with borrowings and Commonwealth advances.

## **Departmental**

Departmental items are those items over which the department has discretion, responsibility and authority. If the department has:

- the capacity to benefit from the use of the asset or funds in the pursuit of its objectives and to deny or regulate the access of others to those assets or funds;
- discretion and responsibility for how the funds are spent; or
- expended funds, incurred a liability, or received free services, related to the operations under its control;

then it is considered that the department controls the item.

## **Depreciation Expense**

Periodic expense of operations associated with the consumption, or loss of service potential, of non-current assets caused by the use of an asset. The consumption may occur through use, wear and tear, or obsolescence. Depreciation is the term applied to physical assets such as property, plant and equipment (amortisation is the term used to apply to leases and intangibles).

## **Employee**

An employee is a natural person who receives benefits in exchange for services provided to an employer.

## **Employee Benefits**

Benefit that employees accumulate as a result of rendering their services to an employer up to the reporting date, and may include, but are not limited to, annual leave, long service leave, superannuation benefits and other post-employment benefits.

## **Expense**

Expenses represent the consumption or loss of future economic benefits in the form of reductions in assets or increases in liabilities of the entity, that result in a decrease in capital during the reporting period.

## **Expenditure**

Cash outflows for a period, irrespective of when the consumption occurred.

## **Expenditure of Non-Financial Assets (net)**

This is a GFS term. Net Expenditure on new and second hand fixed assets, land and intangible assets excluding capitalised interest. Fixed assets are durable goods intended to be employed in the production process for longer than a year.

## **Expenses on Behalf of the Territory**

Territorial (Administered) revenues, which the Government appropriates for payment of grants, subsidies and transfer payments.

## **Extraordinary Items**

Items of revenue and expense which are attributable to transactions or other events of a type that are outside the ordinary operations of the entity, and are not of a recurring nature.

In determining whether an event is outside the ordinary activities of the entity, consideration is given to the scale and nature of the event and whether the event has previously occurred and the likelihood of the event occurring in the future.

Extraordinary expenditure excludes expenditure that results from the reprioritisation of existing resources, but includes additional expenditure incurred by the agency, beyond its existing budget. It also includes action taken to waive amounts within accounts receivable as a result of the event and expenses associated with writing-off / write-down of a destroyed / damaged asset

Extraordinary revenue includes revenue that is expected or has been received as a result of the event, for example insurance recoveries received in recognition of damaged or destroyed assets, and certain components of additional appropriations relating to the event.

## **Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs)**

Before the introduction of A New Tax System and GST Revenue Grants, Financial Assistance Grants were made by the Commonwealth to State and Territory governments for expenditure by the latter according to their own priorities. The value of FAGs forgone are an integral component of calculating each State and Territory's Guaranteed Minimum Amount.

## **Finance Lease**

A finance lease is a lease, which effectively transfers from the lessor to the lessee substantially all the risks and benefits incident to the ownership of the leased property.

## **First Home Owner Grant Scheme (FHOG)**

States and Territories are required to fund a First Home Owner Grant Scheme (FHOG) to offset the impact of the GST on the price of new homes. The additional outlays required by the FHOG are included in the determination of the Guaranteed Minimum Amount.

## **Fundamental Errors**

Fundamental error refers to material errors discovered during the current reporting period that refer to the financial reports of one or more prior reporting periods that can not now be considered to have been reliable at date of issue.

## **General Government Sector (GGS)**

This is an ABS categorisation of certain public sector agencies. It covers agencies which provide non-market goods and services (such as police or consumer protection) primarily for collective consumption of the community and/or are responsible for the transfer or redistribution of income for public policy purposes (such as pensions). The provision of such services or transfer of such benefits is funded mostly from compulsory levies on the household and business sectors (such as taxation) or from general revenue such as Commonwealth grants, rather than from specific charges paid by users.

## **Goods and Services Tax (GST) Grant**

GST revenue collected by the Commonwealth is distributed to the States and Territories on the principle of horizontal fiscal equalisation. Since 1 July 2000, GST grants replaced financial assistance grants.

## **Government Finance Statistics (GFS)**

The framework used by the ABS for presentation of data on government outlays, revenue and financing transactions through either the general government sector or the public component of the business sector (the public trading enterprise sector) in accordance with an internationally accepted set of concepts and definitions.

## **Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Cash Surplus / Deficit**

The net cash received from operating activities less net purchases of non-financial assets (ie capital works). A GFS cash surplus indicates there was sufficient cash generated from operations to more than cover the net outlay of the capital works program. This measure is located at the bottom of the GFS Cash Flow Statement.

## **Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Net Debt**

The sum of, deposits held, advances received and borrowing, minus the sum of cash and deposits, advances paid, and investments, loans and placements.

## **Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Expenses**

GFS Expenses include all transactions that decrease net worth, including dividend and tax equivalent payments.

## **Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Net Increase in Cash Held**

The sum of the net cash flows from all operating, investing and financing activities.

### **Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Net Operating Balance**

This is calculated as GFS revenue minus GFS Expenses. It is equivalent to the change in net worth arising from transactions.

### **Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Net Lending Balance/Borrowing**

This is defined as the Net Operating Balance less net acquisition of non-financial assets.

### **Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Net Operating Surplus (+)/ Deficit (-)**

The AAS31 operating result, less asset revaluations (including investments) and gains or loss on the disposal of assets, and excluding the amortisation of a superannuation gain on revaluation. The GFS net operating surplus also includes dividends payable and income tax equivalents. At the summary level, these are the only adjustments necessary to reclassify the AAS31 statement of performance into the GFS statement of performance. While at the detailed level a number of classification issues may arise, these generally do not affect the measure of GFS net operating surplus/deficit.

### **Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Net Worth**

Defined as assets less liabilities and shares/contributed capital. For the general government sector, net worth is assets less liabilities since shares and contributed capital is zero.

### **Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Revenues**

GFS Revenue includes all (mutually agreed) transactions that increase net worth. Revaluations are not considered to be mutually agreed transactions, and so are excluded from GFS revenue.

### **Government Payment for Outputs (GPO)**

Government Payment for Outputs is the revenue that departments earn from producing outputs for Government. The Legislative Assembly approves the output prices as part of the total budget.

## **Grants (non ACT Government)**

These include payments to individuals or organisations for general assistance or for a particular purpose that, by virtue of their payment, contribute to the achievement of the program's objectives. Grants may be for capital, current or recurrent purposes, and the grant name or category reflects the use of the grant. Grants are usually made subject to terms and conditions contained in legislation or contracts or stipulated in correspondence. An individual or organisation may apply for a grant based on eligibility criteria being met. Capital grants do not reflect an investment by the Government and are not included as Territory assets.

## **Growth Dividend – Remaining State Taxes**

This is the growth dividend attributable to remaining State taxes and is included in the calculation of the Guaranteed Minimum Amount (GMA) to recognise the higher tax revenues that will flow to the ACT because of the positive impact of tax reform on the Territory's economy.

## **GST Free Supply**

If a supply is GST free then GST is not charged on the supply, but the supplier is entitled to claim input tax credits for anything acquired for use by the supplier.

## **Guaranteed Minimum Amount (GMA)**

A set of estimates which reflect each State and Territory's financial position in the absence of the reforms to the taxation system, agreed by the Commonwealth, State and Territory Heads of Treasuries. This notional pre-tax reform position is called the Guaranteed Minimum Amount and equates to the amount of funding each State or Territory should receive from the Commonwealth to restore its previous position.

The GMA is designed to ensure that the ACT's financial position will be no worse off than it would have been had the arrangements for tax reform not been implemented. The calculation of the GMA incorporates the revenues forgone, including FAGs and the state taxes earmarked for abolition, plus the additional costs that will be imposed as a result of the administration of the GST and the First Home Owner Grant Scheme.

## **Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation (HFE)**

The principle that each State and Territory be provided funding to ensure they have the ability to provide an average or 'standard' level of government services to its residents assuming, they impose average taxes and charges and operate at an average level of efficiency.

GST revenues are distributed amongst States and Territories in accordance with the principles of HFE, and are distributed using the Commonwealth Grants Commission's recommendations of per capita relativities.

## **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)**

The Intergovernmental Agreement on the Reform of Commonwealth-State Financial Relations, usually referred to as the IGA, was signed by Heads of Government in June 1999.

The Commonwealth has attached the IGA as a schedule to the: '*A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements) Act 1999*', and States and Territories have attached it as a schedule to relevant State and Territory legislation.

## **Inventories**

Include goods, other property and services (but does not include depreciable assets):

- held for sale or consumption in the ordinary course of service delivery;
- in the process of production for such sale or consumption; or
- to be used up in the production of goods, other property or services for sale or consumption including consumable stores and supplies.

## **Investments**

Assets held by an entity primarily for the accumulation of wealth through receipt of distributions (such as interest, royalties, dividends and rentals) or for capital appreciation.

## **Input Taxed Supply**

If a supply is input taxed then GST is not charged on the supply and the supplier is not entitled to input tax credits for anything acquired to make the supply.

## **Input Tax Credit**

Organisations that are registered for the GST are entitled to claim as a credit, from the Australian Taxation Office, any GST paid on purchases they made for use in their operations.

## **Liabilities**

Future payments that an entity is obliged to make to other entities as a result of past transactions or other past events. Liabilities are a broader concept than debt. They also include obligations which do not have a predetermined repayment schedule, and those which do not require payments of interest - such as unfunded liabilities of superannuation funds, liabilities in respect of other employee entitlements (long service and annual leave), trade creditors, and provisions for deferred maintenance.

## **Loan Council**

Established under the Financial Agreement Act of 1927, the Australian Loan Council has the objective of managing the call on national savings by the Australian public sector as a whole. The Loan Council consists of a Commonwealth representative (usually the Treasurer) as chairman and a representative of each of the six States and the Northern Territory and the ACT (usually Treasurers).

## **Loan Council Allocation (LCA)**

The LCA is a measure of the call on national savings by a jurisdiction. The Australian Loan Council allocates, by mutual agreement, an annual target for total net financing by each jurisdiction. The Loan Council Allocation is calculated on the basis of a government's cash position, and resulting call on financial markets in any given year, required to meet its budget obligations.

## **Materiality**

Materiality is the concept of establishing the importance of financial data in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard (AAS) 5. In general an item of information is material if its omission, non-disclosure or misstatement would cause the financial statements to mislead users when making evaluations or decisions.

## **Memorandum Items**

The size of a jurisdiction's Loan Council Allocation is determined by adding the general government deficit, the public trading enterprise's net financing requirement and certain memorandum items.

These memorandum items are included because their nature is sufficiently similar to financing transactions in their economic impact to justify inclusion. These include:

- the net movement of operating leases with a net present value of payments greater than \$5m;
- private sector involvement in public sector infrastructure;
- sales of assets on a recourse basis; and
- an adjustment to exclude all superannuation payments to externally managed and controlled superannuation funds from outlays.

## **Ministerial Council for Commonwealth-State Financial Relations**

The Council comprises the Commonwealth Treasurer (Chair) and the Treasurers of the States and Territories and replaced the annual Treasurers' Conference as the annual forum for the discussion of matters relating to Commonwealth-State financial relations.

## **National Tax Equivalent Regime (NTER)**

A current agreement between the Commonwealth, States and Territories which applies income tax to State and Territory government business enterprises.

## **Operating Leases**

Leasing arrangements in which substantially all risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased property effectively remain with the lessor (the owner of the property) rather than passing to the lessee (which would make it a finance lease).

## **Operating Result**

Operating profit or loss for the period being reported.

## **Prepayments**

Payments made in one reporting period, in respect of goods or services that the entity expects to receive or consume in future periods.

## **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, Plant and Equipment are assets that:

- are held by the entity for use in the production or supply of goods and services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes, and may include items held for the maintenance, construction or repair of such assets;
- have been acquired, obtained or constructed with the intention of being used on a continuing basis; and
- are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of business or service delivery.

## **Provision**

Liabilities for which the amount or timing of the future sacrifice of economic benefits that will be made is uncertain.

## **Public Trading Enterprises (PTEs)**

This is an ABS categorisation of certain public sector agencies. It comprises Government controlled corporations and quasi-corporations mainly engaged in the production of market goods and/or non financial services.

## **Receipts**

Cash inflows for a period, irrespective of when the moneys are earned.

## **Recipient Created Tax Invoice**

A recipient created tax invoice is a tax invoice belonging to a class of tax invoices that the Commissioner has determined may be issued by the recipient of a taxable supply.

## **Reduced Costs to Government from Indirect Tax Reform**

The benefits accruing to the ACT from the reduction in embedded taxes on government purchases are included in the determination of the Guaranteed Minimum Amount.

## **Relativity**

A numerical expression of a State's disability relative to the Australian average. It indicates whether a State's needs will be positive or negative.

## **Reserves**

Reserves are recognised for the increases on revaluation of non-current assets or other intended uses of accumulated funds. Departmental and territorial reserves are accounted for separately.

## **Retained Earnings (or Earnings)**

Retained Earnings are the accumulated operating results since the 1996-97 audited Financial Statements not transferred to reserves or to Government.

## **Revenues**

Inflows or other enhancements, or savings in outflows, of future economic benefits in the form of increases in assets or reductions in liabilities of the entity, other than those relating to contributions by owners, that result in an increase in capital during the reporting period.

## **Service Purchasing**

Refers to funding arrangements by which the Territory (as purchaser) contracts with a provider for delivery of specified services. These are identified as specific outputs which contribute toward the achievement of the Government's desired outcomes, with outputs often defined in terms of quantity, quality, timeliness, price and/or a contribution toward cost. Providers are required to report against agreed indicators in order to assist the Territory to meet its accountability obligations to the community.

## **State Budget Impacts (SBIs)**

State Budget Impacts are incorporated in the calculation of the Guaranteed Minimum Amount and represent an estimate of the net impact on the ACT of changes to the Territory's sources of revenue and expenditure responsibilities resulting from the national tax reform arrangements.

## **Statements of Accounting Concepts**

Statements of Accounting Concepts are statements released by the Australian Accounting Research Foundation, with the approval of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants. They provide the conceptual framework for general purpose financial reporting.

## **Statements of Accounting Practice**

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## **Statement of Estimated Payments (SEP)**

This annual document provides an outline of the estimated total Commonwealth untied payments and Special Purpose Payments to the States and Territories in the current and next financial year.

### **Supplies and Services**

Formally called 'Administrative Expenses', this category of expenses is one of a number identified according to their nature or type for disclosure in the Operating Statement. This category includes such types of expenses as travel, office requisites, postage, computer services, consultants and telecommunications services.

### **Tax-equivalent Payments**

Payments that a government business enterprise is required to make in order to ensure it has the same taxation obligations as private sector firms, usually for competitive neutrality reasons. For example, although government business enterprises are ordinarily exempt from Commonwealth income taxes, they are required by their owner governments to make payments calculated on the same basis as income tax.

### **Tax Invoice**

A tax invoice is a document generally issued by the supplier showing the price of a supply, indicating whether it includes GST, and may show the amount of GST. It must show other information, including the Australian Business Number. A supplier must have a Tax Invoice before an input tax credit can be claimed.

### **Taxable Supply**

The term is widely defined to include most supplies (generally goods and services). A supply is not a taxable supply if it is classed by legislation as being GST free or input taxed.

### **Territorial**

Territorial (Administered) items are revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities that a department administers but does not control. These items relate to activities performed on behalf of the Territory. An item would generally be regarded as a Territorial (Administered) item if the department:

- has restricted or no discretion in relation to the item;
- has restricted or no discretion to increase or decrease the item;
- has responsibility for the item, but restricted or no authority over its use; or
- is responsible only for the collection and/or transfer of the item.

Items are Territorial (Administered) where decisions relating to their use are primarily made by government.

## **Territory Unencumbered Cash (TUC)**

A measure of excess capacity (cash and investments) at a point in time that has not been formally allocated, excluding agency balances. TUC needs to be considered in the context of its balance over the Budget and Forward Estimates period, in order to ensure cash reserves are maintained at a reasonable level.

## **Treasurer's Advance**

Funds available for expenditure in excess of specific appropriations or not specifically provided for by existing appropriations and for advances which will be recovered during the financial year.

## **Trust Money**

Money an agency holds in trust on behalf of a third party. The agency acts as administrator of funds, and is not permitted to spend these funds on the agency's controlled activities. These moneys are accounted for separately from either departmental or territory moneys.

## **User Charges**

Revenues resulting from the sale of goods and services to consumers. User charges include revenue that the reporting entity controls, and excludes territory (administered) revenue. User charges exclude government payment for outputs.

## ABBREVIATIONS

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ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
ACROD	The disability service providers' national peak body (ACT division)
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ACTBIS	ACT Business Incentive Scheme
ACTCC	ACT Community Care
ACTCOSS	ACT Council of Social Service
ACTEW	ACT Electricity and Water Corporation
ACTIA	ACT Insurance Authority
ACTIM	ACT Information Management
ACTION	ACT Internal Omnibus Network
ACTNET	ACT Voice and Data Communications Network
ACTPS	ACT Public Service
AEU	Australian Education Union
AFP	Australian Federal Police
AIHS	Australian International Hotel School
AJAC	Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee
ANTA	Australian National Training Authority
ANTS	A New Tax System
ANZECC	Australian New Zealand Environmental and Conservation Council
APLA	ACT Planning and Land Authority
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
AUV	Average Unimproved Land Value
AWAC	Animal Welfare Advisory Commission
AWE	Average Weekly Earnings
AWOTE	Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings
BBA	Budget Balancing Assistance
BCA	Building Control Application
BLIS	ACT Business Licence Information System
BRC	Belconnen Remand Centre
BSB	Business Service Bureau
CBC	Canberra Business Council
CCSERC	Conservation Council of the South-East Region and Canberra
CFC	Cultural Facilities Corporation
CFU	Central Financing Unit
CGC	Commonwealth Grants Commission
CHC	Community Housing Canberra
CIC	Criminal Injuries Compensation
CIT	Canberra Institute of Technology
CLASP	Community Liaison Advisory Safety Program
CMD	Chief Minister's Department
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
COTA	Council On The Ageing
CPA	Competition Principles agreement
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CSF	Canberran Schizophrenia Fellowship
CSHA	Commonwealth State Housing Agreement
CSS	Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme
CSO	Community Service Obligations
CSTDA	Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement

CTEC	Canberra Tourism and Events Corporation
CYTA	Children's, Youth and Family Services
DA-ACT	Diabetes Australia ACT
DDHCS	Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services
DEYFS	Department of Education Youth and Family Services
DHCC	Department of Health and Community Care
DJCS	Department of Justice and Community Safety
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions
DUS	Department of Urban Services
DT	Department of Treasury
EBA	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement
EBT	Expense(s) on Behalf of the Territory
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EPIC	Exhibition Park In Canberra
EPP	Environmental Protection Policy
ESB	Emergency Services Bureau
ESD	Electronic Service Delivery
FAGs	Financial Assistance Grants
FAP	Fisheries Action Program
FHOG	First Home Owner Grant Scheme
FMA	<i>Financial Management Act 1996</i>
FOI	Freedom of Information
GAO	Government Audit Office
GBEMU	Government Business Enterprise Monitoring Unit
GDA	Gungahlin Development Authority
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GFS	Government Finance Statistics
GGS	General Government Sector
GIS	Geographic Information System
GMA	Guaranteed Minimum Amount
GPO	Government Payment for Output
GRC	ACT Gambling and Racing Commission
GSD	Government Service Delivery
GSP	Gross State Product
GST	Goods and Services Tax
GSTAS	Goods and Services Tax Administration Sub-Committee
HFE	Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation
HRMS	Human Resource Management System
ICM	Integrated Catchment Management
ICRC	Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission
IGA	Intergovernmental Agreement on the Reform of Commonwealth-State Financial Relations
InTACT	Information Technology in the ACT
IPARC	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Commission
IR	Industrial Relations
IT&T	Information Technology and Telecommunications
KFDA	Kingston Foreshore Development Authority
KRA	Key Result Area
LAMS	Legislative Assembly Ministerial Staff
LAPAC	Local Area Planning Committee
LCA	Loan Council Allocation
LDA	Land Development Authority
MBA	Master Builders Association

MNW	Minor New Works
MTA	Motor Traders Association
MYEFO	Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook
NCA	National Capital Authority
NCC	National Competition Council
NEIS	New Enterprise Incentive Scheme
NDRA	Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements
NEPC	National Environment Protection Council
NEPM	National Environmental Protection Measures
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NHT	National Heritage Trust
NTER	National Tax Equivalent Regime
OBDT	Office of Business Development and Tourism
OGF	Oracle Government Financials
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety
OSPA	Office of Strategy and Public Administration
PALM	Planning and Land Management
PSS	Public Superannuation Scheme
PTE	Public Trading Enterprise
RBT	Revenue(s) on Behalf of the Territory
RDF	Racecourse Development Fund
RIS	Regulatory Impact Statement
RRP	Revenue Replacement Payments
SAA	Strategic Asset Allocation
SAAP	Supported Accommodation Assistance Program
SACS	Social and Community Service Award
SBI	State Budget Impacts
SEP	Statement of Estimated Payments
SFC	State Fiscal Contribution
SFD	State Final Demand
SFN	Special Fiscal Needs
SIP	Supervised Injecting Places
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SPA	Superannuation Provision Account
SPPs	Specific Purpose Payments
TCH	The Canberra Hospital
TPA	Trade Practices Act
TUC	Territory Unencumbered Cash
UPF	Uniform Presentation Framework
VETA	Vocational Education and Training Authority
WAC	Water Abstraction Charge
WST	Wholesale Sales Tax
YCACT	Youth Coalition of the ACT