

Appendix B: Key concepts and coverage

Coverage of the capital statement

Under accrual output budgeting, capital is the stock of assets including property, plant and equipment and intangible assets that an agency owns and/or controls and uses in the delivery of services, as well as capital grants made to other entities. The following definitions are applicable throughout this document:

- **capital purchases** – property, plant and equipment outlays as per the financial statements excluding asset sales, depreciation and revaluations; and
- **capital grants** – capital grants to other entities and individuals (excluding grants to other Government departments and statutory bodies).

Capital purchases and capital grants include information for all bodies defined as reporting entities for the purpose of whole-of-Government financial reporting requirements, excluding Public Financial Corporations. Projects without a recorded total estimated cost are ongoing. The entities included in scope for the Capital Statement are listed in Appendix A.

Capital contingency

Consistent with the approach adopted in previous years, a capital contingency reserve has been included. This reserve recognises that while agencies budget to fully use their capital works allocation, circumstances such as project lead-in times, project management constraints, unexpected weather conditions and capacity constraints such as the supply of labour and materials may prevent full usage. On a whole-of-Government basis, there is likely to be underspending, resulting in a carryover of capital allocations.