

Accountability is the process by which an individual or organisation reports on what actions it has taken, and accepts responsibility for those actions and their foreseeable consequences.

Appropriations are statutory approvals given by Parliament to the Crown to incur expenditure up to specific amounts for specific defined purposes.

Departmental Forecast Reports are documents prepared by government departments at the start of each financial year that set out a department's forecasts of its financial statements and expected performance for that year and the succeeding two years.

The Executive consists of the Executive Council, Ministers of the Crown, Parliamentary Under-Secretaries, and government departments.

Governance refers to the processes by which an organisation is directed, controlled and held to account.

Imprest Supply is a general statutory approval given by Parliament to the Crown to incur expenditure on any lawful purpose up to a specified total in advance of an appropriation for that expenditure.

Outcomes are the impacts on, or the consequences for, the community of the outputs or activities of the Government.

Outcome statements are the Government's expression of desired impacts on, or the consequences for, the community of the Government's outputs or activities.

Outputs are the goods or services that are produced by a government department, Crown entity, Office of Parliament, or other person or body.

Statements of Intent are documents prepared by certain Crown entities at the start of each year that set out the entity's general intentions and expected financial performance for that year.

Supply is the money voted by Parliament for use by the Crown.

Vote means a grouping of one or more appropriations which are the responsibility of one Minister of the Crown and which are administered by one government department.