



MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

Leader of the House of Representatives

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Senator the Hon M Reid  
President of the Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

The Hon Neil Andrew MP  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Madam President and Mr Speaker

I am pleased to present the *Portfolio Budget Statements 2001-02* for the Department of Defence and Defence Housing Authority, submitted as part of my accountability obligations to the Parliament.

This document provides details of the proposed appropriations to Defence and to the Defence Housing Authority in Appropriation Bills (1 and 2) for 2001-02.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Reith', written in a cursive style.

PETER REITH