

Part II: Expense measures

Table 1: Expenses measures since the 2001-02 MYEFO

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| AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY | | | | |
| <i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i> | | | | |
| A Stronger Tasmania | - | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Beef Expo 2003 and Gracemere Saleyards | 3.9 | - | - | - |
| Boosting rural veterinary services | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Enhancing animal health infrastructure | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Exceptional Circumstances in the northern wheatbelt region in WA | 9.5 | 6.3 | - | - |
| Incentives for Environmental Management Systems in agriculture | - | - | - | - |
| Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy | - | - | - | 4.7 |
| Northern Mallee Pipeline - Stage 7 South | - | - | - | - |
| Reprioritisation of funding for the Southern Bluefin Tuna Scientific Research Programme | -1.2 | -1.8 | - | - |
| Reprioritising funding for the National Food Industry Strategy | -3.5 | -5.8 | - | -10.8 |
| Southern Bluefin Tuna Scientific Research Programme | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | - |
| Portfolio total | 12.5 | 3.6 | 5.1 | -1.9 |
| ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S | | | | |
| <i>Attorney-General's Department</i> | | | | |
| Australian Law Online | 1.3 | - | - | - |
| Continue to support community legal services | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Enhanced aviation security | - | - | - | - |
| Enhancement of guarding services by the Australian Protective Service | - | - | - | - |
| Enhancement of national security coordination and counter-terrorism capabilities | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| E-security national agenda | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Expanding the capacity of Crime Stoppers | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Incident response capability | 8.4 | 8.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Increased funding for HIH Royal Commission | 9.8 | - | - | - |
| Keeping people out of the courts | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.9 |
| <i>Australian Customs Service</i> | | | | |
| Additional container x-ray machines | - | 5.2 | 8.0 | 12.8 |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - |
| Additional pallet x-ray machines | - | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| Doubling of Customs' National Marine Unit surveillance and response capacity | 14.8 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 22.2 |
| Enhanced Coastwatch communications capability | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| High frequency surface wave radar | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| Improved data access for border control agencies | 6.6 | 7.0 | 13.0 | 6.4 |
| Increased Coastwatch surveillance | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.5 | - |

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| ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued) | | | | |
| <i>Australian Federal Police</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - |
| Australian Federal Police rapid response capability | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2.2 | - |
| Double the strike team capacity of the Australian Federal Police | 5.0 | 13.6 | 12.7 | 12.7 |
| Enhanced analytical and predictive crime capability for the Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence | 1.4 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.9 |
| Enhanced aviation security | 30.5 | 30.8 | 31.2 | 31.6 |
| Enhanced technical capacity | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.0 |
| Enhancement of protective security services | 27.1 | 27.4 | 27.7 | 27.9 |
| E-security national agenda | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Expand the research and development capability of the Australian Federal Police | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Expansion of the Law Enforcement Cooperation Programme | 3.8 | 11.8 | 13.7 | 13.7 |
| Extension of Project Axiom | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 |
| Extension of the National Heroin Signature Programme (NHSP) to cocaine and amphetamines | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| Increased number of explosive detector dogs at Australian airports | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Provision of five boats to the Indonesian Police | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| <i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i> | | | | |
| Enhanced technical capacity | 9.6 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 5.3 |
| E-security national agenda | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Increased funding to intelligence agencies | 6.0 | 9.2 | 14.6 | 14.9 |
| <i>High Court of Australia</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding for the centenary celebrations of the High Court of Australia | 0.2 | 0.7 | - | - |
| <i>National Crime Authority</i> | | | | |
| Enhanced technical capacity | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.9 |
| Portfolio total | 168.7 | 189.1 | 197.9 | 187.3 |
| COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS | | | | |
| <i>Australia Council</i> | | | | |
| A national media-based youth arts festival | 1.0 | 1.0 | - | - |
| Continuation of funding for the Major Festivals Initiative | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Continuation of funding for the Young and Emerging Artists Initiative | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| <i>Australian Sports Commission</i> | | | | |
| Enhanced facilities at the Australian Institute of Sport | - | - | - | 0.7 |

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| COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS (continued) | | | | |
| <i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding for the National Institute of Dramatic Art | 0.7 | - | - | - |
| Australia Business Arts Foundation | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Better targeting of the telecommunications needs of indigenous communities | -8.3 | - | - | - |
| Commercial Radio Black Spots Programme | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | - |
| Continuation of funding for heritage collections | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Continuation of funding for the Australian Museums Online Programme | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Continuation of funding for the Contemporary Music Touring Programme | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Continuation of funding for the National Institute of Circus Arts | 0.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| E-security national agenda | - | - | - | - |
| Maintaining community broadcasting infrastructure and multicultural funding | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Reprioritisation of funding from the Online Technical Assistance Programme | -1.0 | -1.0 | - | - |
| Telecommunications Action Plan for remote indigenous communities | 2.3 | 3.8 | 2.2 | - |
| Television Black Spots - alternative technical solutions | 3.9 | 7.0 | 2.4 | - |
| <i>National Archives of Australia</i> | | | | |
| Reprioritisation of funding from the National Archives of Australia | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 |
| <i>National Museum of Australia</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding for the National Museum of Australia | 9.0 | 9.2 | 9.4 | 9.6 |
| <i>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</i> | | | | |
| Extension of SBS Television to population areas with 5,000 to 10,000 people | 0.3 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Portfolio total | 14.5 | 29.8 | 24.4 | 18.8 |
| DEFENCE | | | | |
| <i>Department of Defence</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding for increased coastal surveillance | 22.3 | - | - | - |
| Additional funding for the War Against Terrorism | 194.0 | - | - | - |
| Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Queensland | - | - | - | - |
| Counter-terrorism: improving operational capacity | 10.2 | - | - | - |
| Defence Communications Project | 26.3 | 18.5 | 25.3 | 38.5 |
| Enhanced protective security | 27.9 | - | - | - |

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| DEFENCE (continued) | | | | |
| Enhancement to Defence's tactical response capability | 32.6 | 37.8 | 28.8 | 33.4 |
| E-security national agenda | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Incident response capability | 18.0 | 21.0 | 22.0 | 24.0 |
| Increased funding to intelligence agencies | 7.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Increased munitions war-stocks | - | - | - | - |
| Reprioritisation of Defence administrative spending to operational requirements | -97.0 | - | - | - |
| Rescheduling of major capital equipment acquisitions | -150.0 | 153.8 | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 93.7 | 237.3 | 82.4 | 102.2 |
| EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING | | | | |
| <i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i> | | | | |
| Actuarial assessment of unfunded higher education superannuation | - | - | - | - |
| Australia's radioactive waste management strategy | 2.3 | 2.3 | 5.3 | - |
| Expanding School Based New Apprenticeships | 4.2 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.2 |
| Extension of the English as a Second Language - New Arrivals Programme | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| Improving information technology skills for older workers | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Increase in the permanent migrant intake | 7.2 | 13.3 | 19.7 | 27.1 |
| Innovation New Apprenticeship Incentive | 2.5 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| Maintaining funding to the Anglo-Australian Telescope Board | - | - | - | 0.4 |
| Quality Teacher Programme | - | - | - | - |
| Rationalisation of funding for State and Territory Industry Training Advisory Bodies | -5.1 | -2.5 | -5.3 | -2.5 |
| Recognising and improving the capacity of people with a disability | - | 14.4 | 10.4 | 10.9 |
| Reprioritisation of portfolio resourcing | -8.2 | - | - | - |
| Review of Australia's veterinary profession to address the shortage of rural based large livestock veterinarians | 0.1 | - | - | - |
| The General Sir John Monash Awards | - | - | - | - |
| University of Tasmania - Graduate Diploma in Environment and Planning | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - |
| Portfolio total | 12.2 | 52.6 | 55.3 | 61.3 |
| EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS | | | | |
| <i>Australian Industrial Registry</i> | | | | |
| Funding to support the appointment of additional Members to the Australian Industrial Relations Commission | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| <i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i> | | | | |
| Arrangements for the Third Employment Services Contract | - | -0.3 | -20.4 | -44.0 |
| Recognising and improving the capacity of people with a disability | - | 12.4 | 12.9 | 13.5 |
| Portfolio total | 2.2 | 14.4 | -5.1 | -28.0 |

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| ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE | | | | |
| <i>Australian Greenhouse Office</i> | | | | |
| Expansion of the market for Biofuels | - | - | - | - |
| Rationalisation of Australian Greenhouse Office Programmes | -5.7 | - | - | - |
| <i>Department of the Environment and Heritage</i> | | | | |
| Development of sewerage schemes for Boat Harbour and Sisters Beach, Tasmania | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | - |
| <i>National Oceans Office</i> | | | | |
| National Oceans Policy | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Sydney Harbour Federation Trust</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding for the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust | 10.5 | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 5.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | - |
| FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES | | | | |
| <i>Department of Family and Community Services</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding for changes to social security arrangements with New Zealand | 0.2 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| Better monitoring of preparing for Work Activity Agreements | -27.9 | -67.1 | -53.4 | -55.6 |
| Changes to the indexation provisions for Commonwealth support of the child care sector | - | - | - | - |
| Compliance Package - assurance, research and development | 0.6 | -3.2 | -3.7 | -4.1 |
| Compliance Package - prevention and detection | -62.9 | -60.6 | -74.3 | -76.1 |
| Exceptional Circumstances in the northern wheatbelt region in WA | 0.4 | 0.4 | - | - |
| Ex-gratia payments to volunteer firefighters for lost income - New South Wales bushfires 2001-02 | - | - | - | - |
| Extension of funding to support family relationships | 5.3 | - | - | - |
| Extension of the Family and Community Networks Initiative | -1.4 | - | - | - |
| Extension of waiver provision for Newstart recipients | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Four new international social security agreements | - | 3.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| Implementation of certain Australians Working Together measures | -39.2 | 16.6 | 1.7 | - |
| Index the ceiling rate of income support supplement for war widows | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| Increase in the permanent migrant intake | 16.5 | 45.1 | 79.3 | 117.4 |
| National reciprocal transport concessions for State Seniors Card holders | 7.4 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
| Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership | - | 2.5 | 2.6 | - |
| Recognising and improving the work capacity of people with a disability | 7.2 | -13.9 | -120.0 | -279.2 |
| Reduced penalties for non-attendance at interviews | 34.0 | 30.0 | 33.3 | 35.0 |
| Reprioritisation of departmental resources | -5.0 | - | - | - |

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| FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (continued) | | | | |
| Restricting activity test exemptions for Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance recipients | - | - | - | - |
| Revised funding for the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy | -10.0 | -6.5 | - | - |
| Third Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement | 105.3 | 107.3 | 109.4 | 111.6 |
| Portfolio total | 30.6 | 61.7 | -15.5 | -141.0 |
| FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION | | | | |
| <i>Department of Finance and Administration</i> | | | | |
| Continuation of resourcing for asset sales function | 12.3 | - | - | - |
| Deferral of the sale of the Commonwealth's shareholding in the Australian Submarine Corporation - sale costs | -7.9 | - | - | - |
| More efficient administration of the Australian Antarctic Southern Ocean Profiling Project | -3.0 | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 1.4 | - | - | - |
| FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE | | | | |
| <i>Australian Agency for International Development</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - |
| Australia's contribution to the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HPIC) Initiative | - | - | - | - |
| Funding under the Memorandum of Understanding with Nauru to address unauthorised arrivals | 7.0 | - | - | - |
| <i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i> | | | | |
| Increased funding to intelligence agencies | 1.7 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| <i>Australian Trade Commission</i> | | | | |
| Increase in the Export Market Development Grants minimum grant | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Integration and expansion of TradeStart and Export Access Programmes | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| <i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i> | | | | |
| Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues | - | - | - | - |
| Continuation of Australia's temporary presence on Nauru | 2.1 | - | - | - |
| Research and development of a biometric identifier for the Australian passport | 3.0 | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 19.2 | 11.7 | 12.5 | 12.6 |
| HEALTH AND AGEING | | | | |
| <i>Department of Health and Ageing</i> | | | | |
| Additional Commonwealth support for the Royal Flying Doctor Service | - | - | - | - |
| Additional support for carers of older Australians | 4.9 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 10.1 |

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| HEALTH AND AGEING (continued) | | | | |
| Adjustment of the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement with New Zealand | - | - | - | - |
| Allowing new aged care residents a 28 day period of grace from income testing | - | - | - | - |
| Asthma Management Programme - restoration of funding | 1.0 | - | - | - |
| Better arthritis care | 1.5 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Better treatment for cancer patients | 13.1 | 18.8 | 20.4 | 20.4 |
| Capital assistance for aged care in rural and remote Australia | 8.3 | 18.0 | 25.9 | 26.6 |
| Capital works at the Children's Cancer Research Institute | - | - | - | - |
| Community partnerships initiative | 2.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Croc Festivals | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Delisting of Caverject from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme | -7.4 | -7.6 | -7.0 | -6.5 |
| Enhanced assessment of concessional residential status | -5.6 | -13.2 | -13.6 | -13.9 |
| Exceptional Circumstances in the northern wheatbelt region in WA | 0.4 | 0.3 | - | - |
| Extend the Gold Card to Australian veterans over 70 years of age with post World War II qualifying service | -15.8 | -17.5 | -19.9 | -22.3 |
| Incident response capability | 10.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Increase in the permanent migrant intake | 6.9 | 20.3 | 35.0 | 50.8 |
| Increased access to Medicare claiming through pharmacies | - | - | - | - |
| Increased funding for aged care administration | 7.5 | 8.2 | 2.1 | 2.8 |
| Increased funding for drug treatment | - | - | - | - |
| Increased residential aged care subsidies | 45.1 | 45.9 | 46.9 | 47.9 |
| Investment in preventive health | - | - | - | - |
| Listing of Glivec on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme | 23.4 | 27.0 | 27.7 | 28.7 |
| Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Programme - restoration of funding | 4.0 | - | - | - |
| More aged care nurses | 3.2 | 5.9 | 8.5 | 8.7 |
| More care services in retirement villages | 1.2 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 5.8 |
| More community aged care packages | 1.6 | 6.1 | 17.1 | 44.0 |
| More doctors for outer metropolitan areas | 12.0 | 18.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| More support for ageing carers of people with disabilities | 5.4 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 10.1 |
| More support for carers of people with dementia | 2.2 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| National Illicit Drug Strategy | - | - | - | - |
| Palliative care in the community | 10.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 |
| Productive Ageing Centre | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Recognising and improving the capacity of people with a disability | - | -0.1 | -1.5 | -3.5 |

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| Reduction in funding for No or Known Gaps information programme to fund capital works at the Children's Cancer Research Institute | - | - | - | - |
| Retractable needles and syringes | 1.5 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 |
| Review of pricing arrangements for residential aged care subsidies | 3.7 | 3.4 | .. | .. |
| Staying at home - care and support for older Australians | - | - | - | - |
| Support for aged care training | 3.2 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 7.2 |
| Support for Human Pituitary Hormone recipients | - | - | - | - |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - facilitating the use of generic medicines | -17.7 | -27.2 | -28.4 | -30.4 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - improved data analysis and compliance activities | - | - | - | - |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - increased information provision to doctors by industry | -25.7 | -35.1 | -36.7 | -40.0 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - realigning patient co-payments and safety nets | -284.3 | -266.4 | -256.9 | -247.9 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - reductions in pharmacy fraud | -23.3 | -52.1 | -53.7 | -58.0 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - reinforcing the commitment to evidence based medicine | -9.5 | -61.6 | -82.2 | -91.4 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - restrictions on doctor shopping | -1.8 | -4.6 | -4.4 | -4.4 |
| Visudyne Therapy | 23.8 | 29.6 | 26.6 | 24.8 |
| Withdrawal of funding for 'GP House' | - | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | -193.7 | -227.9 | -205.5 | -163.8 |
| IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS | | | | |
| <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission</i> | | | | |
| Enhanced training of directors of indigenous organisations | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - |
| Australian Citizenship promotion | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Construction of a purpose built permanent immigration reception and processing centre on Christmas Island | 9.5 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| Continuation of the Adult Migrant English Programme special initiatives | - | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Continuation of the Living in Harmony initiative | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Extension of Safehaven allowance | - | - | - | - |
| Extension of Temporary Protection Visa allowance | - | - | - | - |
| Funding package to the Afghan Interim Authority | 10.0 | - | - | - |

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| Increase in the permanent migrant intake | 0.6 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| Location of new detention facility in South-East Queensland: offsetting reduction in costs | nfp | nfp | nfp | nfp |
| Long term strategy for immigration detention facilities in Australia | 2.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Maintain funding for the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy | - | - | - | - |
| Onshore savings flowing from the offshore processing strategy | -85.8 | -86.9 | -88.0 | -89.3 |
| Reception and administration of successful asylum seekers | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Reception and processing of asylum seekers at offshore locations (Australian external territories) | 81.9 | 122.8 | 124.4 | 126.0 |
| Reception and processing of asylum seekers at offshore locations (third countries) | 129.3 | 99.3 | 100.5 | 101.7 |
| Regional Cooperation Agreement | 18.4 | 18.7 | 19.0 | 19.3 |
| Reintegration assistance for Afghans | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.1 | - |
| Reintegration assistance for non-Afghans | 0.7 | - | - | - |
| Response to the Senate Inquiry for Child Migration | - | - | - | - |
| Settlement services for migrants and humanitarian entrants | - | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 175.4 | 180.0 | 182.2 | 183.0 |
| INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES | | | | |
| <i>Australian Tourist Commission</i> | | | | |
| Further funding for the Australian Tourist Commission | 6.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| <i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding for the See Australia Domestic Tourism Initiative | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Assistance to the Methanex Corporation | 20.0 | 65.0 | - | - |
| Assistance to Mitsubishi Motors Corporation | - | - | 35.0 | - |
| Assistance to Rio Tinto to commercialise new iron smelting technology | - | - | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre | - | - | - | - |
| Back of Bourke Exhibition Centre | - | - | - | - |
| Cairns Foreshore Promenade Development project | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| Derby Hydrogen Tidal Study | 0.7 | 0.3 | - | - |
| Development of a National Offshore Safety Authority | - | 2.5 | - | - |
| Fishing Hall of Fame and World Heritage Fraser Island Interpretive Centre Project | - | - | - | - |
| Funding for the Travel Compensation Fund | - | - | - | - |
| Increased funding for the Regional Tourism Programme | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Increased industry assistance to small and medium enterprises | 3.1 | - | - | - |
| Invest Australia - investment promotion and attraction | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 |

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| Mentor Resources | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - |
| Rationalisation of assistance to the printing industry | -10.3 | -8.9 | - | - |
| Rationalisation of assistance to the Textiles, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) industry | -11.0 | -6.9 | -4.9 | 4.6 |
| Rationalisation of assistance to the tourism industry | - | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| Rationalisation of funding for international organisations contributions | - | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Signage for Magnetic Island | - | - | - | - |
| Small Business Assistance Programme | 8.9 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| Tasmanian regional tourism infrastructure initiatives | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | - |
| Wine Industry Programme | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Geoscience Australia</i> | | | | |
| New geoscience funding for securing Australia's oil supply | 7.0 | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 40.9 | 82.0 | 111.9 | 86.9 |
| PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET | | | | |
| <i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i> | | | | |
| Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Queensland | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Office of National Assessments</i> | | | | |
| Increased funding to intelligence agencies | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| <i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i> | | | | |
| Enhanced complaint management by the Ombudsman's office | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Portfolio total | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES | | | | |
| <i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - |
| Artificial Reef Mackay | - | - | - | - |
| Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre | - | - | - | - |
| Cairns Foreshore Promenade Development project | -2.0 | -2.0 | - | - |
| Commonwealth contribution to the construction of the Lismore flood levee | - | - | - | - |
| Commonwealth contribution to the New South Wales Bushfire Relief Appeal | - | - | - | - |
| Construction of a purpose built permanent immigration reception and processing centre on Christmas Island | 11.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Construction of the Bert Hinkler Hall of Aviation Museum | 1.5 | - | - | - |
| East Coast Very High Speed Train Scoping Study | -5.0 | - | - | - |

Table 1: Expenses measures since the 2001-02 MYEFO (continued)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES (continued) | | | | |
| Enhancement of the Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Extension of the Federal Road Safety Black Spot Programme | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 |
| Feasibility study for the Gold Coast Light Rail Project | 0.7 | - | - | - |
| Further Commonwealth contribution to the New South Wales Bushfires | - | - | - | - |
| National Highway and Roads of National Importance | 13.0 | 26.2 | 27.7 | 70.7 |
| Payment scheme for Airservices Australia's enroute charges | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | - |
| Strengthening air safety | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Waterfront asbestos - related injury compensation | 20.0 | 20.0 | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 96.3 | 102.4 | 86.2 | 123.2 |
| TREASURY | | | | |
| <i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding for the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority for costs associated with the HIH Royal Commission | - | - | - | - |
| Authorised deposit-taking institutions and insurance cost recovery | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| <i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission for costs associated with the HIH Royal Commission | - | - | - | - |
| Australian Securities and Investments Commission Output Pricing Review | 19.4 | 25.8 | 22.3 | 23.3 |
| Implementation of expanded obligations under the Financial Services Reform Act | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Australian Taxation Office</i> | | | | |
| A Better Superannuation System - allow temporary residents to access their superannuation after they have departed Australia | - | - | - | - |
| A Better Superannuation System - Government superannuation co-contribution for low income earners | - | 95.0 | 100.0 | 105.0 |
| A Better Superannuation System - Government superannuation co-contributions for low income earners - implementation and administration | - | - | - | - |
| A Better Superannuation System - quarterly Superannuation Guarantee contributions | 10.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| ATO pricing review - enhanced ATO resources | 358.9 | 401.9 | 387.0 | 415.4 |
| Baby Bonus | 85.0 | 250.0 | 390.0 | 510.0 |
| Baby Bonus - implementation and administration | - | - | - | - |
| Choice of superannuation fund and portability | - | - | - | - |
| Compliance Package - prevention and detection | 2.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 |

Table 1: Expenses measures since the 2001-02 MYEFO (continued)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| TREASURY (continued) | | | | |
| Extension to the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme | 12.8 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.4 |
| Intergovernmental Agreement - enhanced resources for GST administration | 184.5 | 201.8 | 218.2 | 235.8 |
| Streamlined Company Registration | 3.0 | - | - | - |
| <i>Department of the Treasury</i> | | | | |
| Intergovernmental Agreement - enhanced resources for GST administration (BBA) | 19.5 | -15.6 | -8.4 | -3.4 |
| Establishment of the Office of the Inspector General of Taxation | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Extension of the Additional First Home Owners Scheme | 30.0 | 5.0 | - | - |
| Reduction in Budget Balancing Assistance as a result of not indexing petroleum Revenue Replacement Payments forgone | -139.0 | -165.1 | -173.3 | -266.5 |
| Reduction in Budget Balancing Assistance resulting from the National excise scheme for Low Alcohol Beer | -62.9 | -59.5 | -58.0 | -61.3 |
| Review of competition provisions of the Trade Practices Act | - | - | - | - |
| United Medical Protection (UMP)/ Australasian Medical Insurance Ltd (AMIL) insolvency adviser | 2.0 | - | - | - |
| United Medical Protection (UMP)/ Australasian Medical Insurance Ltd (AMIL) Guarantee | * | * | * | * |
| Portfolio total | 531.9 | 774.6 | 913.3 | 993.8 |
| VETERANS' AFFAIRS | | | | |
| <i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i> | | | | |
| Extend the Gold Card to Australian veterans over 70 years of age with post World War II qualifying service | 32.2 | 38.5 | 45.2 | 52.7 |
| Increased residential aged care subsidies | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| Index the ceiling rate of income support supplement for war widows | 5.8 | 15.7 | 26.9 | 38.2 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - facilitating the use of generic medicines | -1.3 | -1.9 | -2.0 | -2.0 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - increased information provision to doctors by industry | -1.9 | -2.5 | -2.6 | -2.7 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - realigning patient co-payments and safety nets | -14.3 | -14.8 | -15.2 | -15.4 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - reductions in pharmacy fraud | -1.8 | -4.0 | -4.1 | -4.2 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - reinforcing the commitment to evidence based medicine | -2.6 | -8.9 | -11.6 | -12.8 |
| Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - restrictions on doctor shopping | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Visudyne Therapy | 7.9 | 9.9 | 8.9 | 8.3 |
| Portfolio total | 30.1 | 37.9 | 51.7 | 68.3 |
| Total expense measures | 1,042.4 | 1,551.0 | 1,498.9 | 1,503.9 |

Table 2: Expenses measures up to the 2001-02 MYEFO

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY | | | | |
| <i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i> | | | | |
| Eradication of the red imported fire ant | 15.5 | 15.3 | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| Exceptional circumstances drought assistance to Western Australia and Queensland | 24.4 | 0.8 | - | - |
| Ex-gratia emergency income support to farmers in Queensland and Western Australia | - | - | - | - |
| Extension of Lamb Industry Development Programme - Levy Alleviation | - | - | - | - |
| National Food Industry Strategy - Additional Funding for the Food Market Development Programme and Australian participation in international food standard setting bodies | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| National Food Industry Strategy - Continuation and expansion of the Technical Market Access Programme | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| National Food Industry Strategy - Food Industry supply chain management and food safety and quality initiative | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| National Food Industry Strategy - Funding for Implementation | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| National Food Industry Strategy - Reprioritising funding from Farmbis | -1.9 | -5.3 | - | - |
| National Food Industry Strategy - Reprioritising funding from the New Industries Development Programme | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| National Food Industry Strategy - Reprioritising funding from the Supermarket to Asia Council Programme | -5.0 | -5.0 | -5.0 | - |
| Portfolio total | 43.4 | 16.1 | 12.7 | 17.7 |
| ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S | | | | |
| <i>Attorney General's Department</i> | | | | |
| Reform of the Marriage Celebrants Programme | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | - |
| Royal Commission witness costs | - | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | - |

Table 2: Expenses measures up to the 2001-02 MYEFO (continued)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS | | | | |
| <i>Australian Film Commission</i> | | | | |
| Film Industry Package - Additional development funding for Australian films | 3.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| Film Industry Package - innovative broadband content | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | - |
| Film Industry Package - single point of contact for foreign film producers | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| <i>Australian Film, Television and Radio School</i> | | | | |
| Film Industry Package - digital training capability | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| <i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i> | | | | |
| Film Industry Package - administration of refundable tax offset for large scale film production | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Film Industry Package - Community Service Obligations for Film Australia | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| Film Industry Package - Increased funding for television drama | 7.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 |
| Film Industry Package - Increasing access to affordable bandwidth | 0.3 | - | - | - |
| Grant to the Prospectors' and Miners' Hall of Fame - Western Australia | - | - | - | - |
| <i>National Museum of Australia</i> | | | | |
| Additional funding for the National Museum of Australia to meet higher visitor numbers | - | - | - | - |
| <i>National Office of Information Economy</i> | | | | |
| Small Business Assistance Package - Accelerating the uptake of E-Commerce by small business | 5.0 | - | - | - |
| <i>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</i> | | | | |
| Film Industry Package - Increased funding for SBS independent | 7.0 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 9.0 |
| Portfolio total | 28.8 | 30.3 | 31.0 | 30.6 |
| DEFENCE | | | | |
| <i>Department of Defence</i> | | | | |
| Extension of Peace Monitoring Group in Bougainville | - | - | - | - |
| Indexation of military superannuation | 9.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 | - |
| Proceeds of Defence Property Sales | - | - | - | - |
| Reallocation of Federation Funds for St Paul's Anglican Cathedral | - | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 9.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 | - |

Table 2: Expenses measures up to the 2001-02 MYEFO (continued)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS | | | | |
| <i>Australian Research Council</i> | | | | |
| Additional Resourcing for the Australian Research Council | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| <i>Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs</i> | | | | |
| Parents and Community Education Information Programme | - | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS | | | | |
| <i>Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business</i> | | | | |
| Enhanced Protection of Employee Entitlements - The General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme | 27.1 | 68.4 | 69.9 | 71.3 |
| Small Business Assistance Package - Development of an E-Commerce Business Authentication Framework | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.7 | - |
| Small Business Assistance Package - Extend the Business Entry Point to include a Business Resource Facility | 0.7 | 0.7 | - | - |
| Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Portfolio total | 30.2 | 71.4 | 71.6 | 72.4 |
| ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE | | | | |
| <i>Department of the Environment and Heritage</i> | | | | |
| Reallocation of Federation Funds for St Paul's Anglican Cathedral | - | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | - | - | - | - |
| FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES | | | | |
| <i>Department of Family and Community Services</i> | | | | |
| Compliance Package | -126.0 | -106.0 | -106.0 | -106.0 |
| Risk Profiling | -117.0 | -117.0 | -117.0 | -117.0 |
| Portfolio total | -243.0 | -223.0 | -223.0 | -223.0 |
| FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION | | | | |
| <i>Department of Finance and Administration</i> | | | | |
| Changes to the Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Scheme | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.5 | - |
| Royal Commission into Collapse of HIH Insurance Group | 1.0 | - | - | - |
| Royal Commission into the Building Industry | 25.0 | - | - | - |
| Sugar Industry Assistance Package - Extension of Income Support | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Office of Asset Sales and Commercial Support</i> | | | | |
| Privatisation of the Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Limited - Sale Costs | 7.9 | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 33.6 | -0.3 | -0.5 | - |

Table 2: Expenses measures up to the 2001-02 MYEFO (continued)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE | | | | |
| <i>Australian Agency for International Development</i> | | | | |
| Additional Funding to support displaced Afghans | - | - | - | - |
| Funding to manage unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i> | | | | |
| Australian Television Service to the Asia-Pacific Region | 17.4 | 17.8 | 18.2 | 18.6 |
| Extension of the International Peace Monitoring Team Deployment in the Solomon Islands | - | - | - | - |
| Sale of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Short Term Credit Facility | - | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 17.4 | 17.8 | 18.2 | 18.6 |
| HEALTH AND AGED CARE | | | | |
| <i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i> | | | | |
| Community Pharmacy - Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme dispensing costs | 23.7 | 23.9 | 24.6 | 25.3 |
| Establishment of a Trans-Tasman Therapeutic Goods Agency | 2.0 | - | - | - |
| Exceptional circumstances drought assistance to Western Australia and Queensland | 2.1 | 0.3 | - | - |
| Funding for the provision of Herceptin to patients with metastatic breast cancer | 13.2 | 14.5 | 15.9 | 17.5 |
| Increase in Schedule Fees for emergency-after hours attendances provided by other medical practitioners | 6.2 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.3 |
| Prevention of Q Fever in livestock farmers | 4.1 | 1.7 | - | - |
| Reform of the Australian Blood Banking and Plasma Product Sector | 0.8 | - | - | - |
| Review of arrangements for pharmaceutical wholesaling under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme | - | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 52.0 | 46.6 | 46.2 | 48.1 |
| IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS | | | | |
| <i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs</i> | | | | |
| Funding to manage unauthorised arrivals | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| Portfolio total | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES | | | | |
| <i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i> | | | | |
| Assistance for small business in the tourism sector - affected by the collapse of Ansett | - | - | - | - |
| Council of Australian Governments Review of Energy Market Directions | - | - | - | - |
| Funding for Asia Pacific Space Centre | 10.0 | 15.4 | - | - |
| Funding for AusIndustry Regional Office Network | 2.0 | 2.0 | - | - |
| Further Tourism Promotion | - | - | - | - |
| Small Business Assistance Package - Enhancing small business participation in major projects | - | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 12.0 | 17.4 | - | - |

Table 2: Expenses measures up to the 2001-02 MYEFO (continued)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES | | | | |
| <i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i> | | | | |
| Ansett - Rapid Route Recovery Scheme | - | - | - | - |
| Relief for stranded Ansett passengers | - | - | - | - |
| Stronger Regions Programme - Awareness raising and access to information | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | - |
| Stronger Regions Programme - Regional business development analysis | 0.4 | - | - | - |
| Stronger Regions Programme - Sustainable regions | 37.3 | 29.3 | 25.9 | - |
| Structural Adjustment Programme for the Wide Bay Burnett region in Queensland | - | - | - | - |
| Tamworth Australasian-Pacific Aeronautical College | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.3 | - |
| Portfolio total | 40.4 | 32.1 | 27.9 | - |
| TREASURY | | | | |
| <i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i> | | | | |
| Prudential Supervision of Superannuation | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| <i>Australian Taxation Office</i> | | | | |
| Fuel Sales Grant Scheme - Sales at sea by mother ships | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | - |
| Increased resourcing for the Australian Taxation Office | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Department of the Treasury</i> | | | | |
| Availability of Decreasing adjustments on insurance settlements | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | - |
| Change to GST Treatment of Motor Vehicles | - | - | - | - |
| Portfolio total | 19.3 | 19.3 | 19.3 | 3.1 |
| VETERANS' AFFAIRS | | | | |
| <i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i> | | | | |
| Community Pharmacy - Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme dispensing costs | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| Portfolio total | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| Total expense measures | 51.6 | 46.4 | 22.8 | -23.0 |

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

A Stronger Tasmania

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | - | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$3.2 million over three years to contribute to the development of agriculture in Tasmania through the development of the Warner Creek Dam and the Northern Midlands Water Project as detailed below.

When completed, the Warner Creek Dam, also known as the Meander River Dam, will provide a reliable irrigation supply to agricultural users of the region, enhancing opportunities for economic growth. Subject to a feasibility study, the Commonwealth will provide \$2.6 million for construction, on a matching basis with Tasmania, to meet the shortfall in private investment.

The Commonwealth will also provide a further \$0.6 million to the Northern Midlands Water Project, on the Macquarie River. The project will provide a more reliable source of irrigation water allowing landholders to diversify and increase the productive value of agriculture in the region.

Beef Expo 2003 and Gracemere Saleyards

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | 3.9 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$5.7 million over two years towards the staging and running of the 2003 Beef Expo and for the upgrading and construction of a livestock showcase facility at the Gracemere Saleyards in Rockhampton. Funding of \$1.8 million in 2001-02 is being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

The Beef Expo is a major regional and tourism event held every three years, which will utilise the state-of-the-art livestock showcase facility for the display and marketing of livestock.

Boosting rural veterinary services

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$2 million over five years, including \$0.2 million in 2006-07, towards five bonded scholarships per year with the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS). This will help address the decline in the number of large animal practice veterinarians in rural Australia.

This measure will boost AQIS' capability during the scholarship-holders' bond and open a new pathway for veterinarians to practice in regional areas where they have an important role in Australia's post border systems of animal disease prevention, detection and response.

See also the related expense measure titled *Review of Australia's veterinary profession to address the shortage of rural based large livestock veterinarians* in the Education, Science and Training portfolio.

Enhancing animal health infrastructure

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$10 million to enhance epidemiological resources and diagnostic capability in order to help maintain a higher level of emergency preparedness. The measure will enable the Commonwealth to better prepare for a possible major national animal disease emergency and to better deploy resources should such events ever occur.

While these improvements are primarily targeted at the animal health sector, they will also serve to improve the Commonwealth's ability to effectively respond to

emergencies in, among other agricultural industries, the plant and aquatic animal areas.

Exceptional Circumstances in the northern wheatbelt region in WA

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | 9.5 | 6.3 | - | - |
| Department of Family and Community Services | 0.4 | 0.4 | - | - |
| Department of Health and Ageing | 0.4 | 0.3 | - | - |
| Total | 10.3 | 7.0 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide up to \$24 million over three years (including \$6.7 million in 2001-02) as Exceptional Circumstances assistance to nominated shires in the northern wheatbelt of Western Australia. The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry announced the declaration of Exceptional Circumstances in this area on 7 March 2002.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Departments of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Health and Ageing and Family and Community Services, and will be administered through Centrelink. The above funding for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry includes amounts of \$0.1 million in 2001-02, \$0.3 million in 2002-03 and \$0.1 million in 2003-04 for Centrelink to administer this Exceptional Circumstances assistance.

Exceptional Circumstances assistance through interest rate subsidies provides short-term targeted support to assist viable farm businesses affected by adverse impacts of exceptional climatic events, including drought. Income support to farm families is also provided through the Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment.

Incentives for Environmental Management Systems in agriculture

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will allocate funding of up to \$25 million to support eligible primary producers in adopting Environmental Management Systems (EMS). This incentive will support improved environmental management of Australia's natural resources, encourage sustainable agricultural production systems and reinforce Australia's reputation as a supplier of quality, environmentally friendly agricultural products. Fifty per cent of the costs of eligible EMS expenditure, up to a maximum of \$3,000 per primary producer (subject to eligibility criteria) on taxable incomes up to \$30,000 per annum, will be reimbursed under the programme. The level of reimbursement applying to eligible primary producers on taxable incomes between \$30,000 and \$35,000 per annum will reduce by \$3 for every \$5 in income above \$30,000.

This measure will be funded from within the existing resources of the Natural Heritage Trust.

Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | - | - | - | 4.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide an additional \$4.7 million in 2005-06 to continue the Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy. The programme identifies quarantine risks to northern Australia and provides early warning of quarantine risks and pest incursions.

This measure will provide continued protection of Australia's animal, plant and human health and the environment through a programme of monitoring, surveillance and public awareness across northern Australia and in neighbouring areas of Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and East Timor.

The additional \$4.7 million in 2005-06 brings the total funding to \$16.9 million over four years.

Northern Mallee Pipeline — Stage 7 South

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$4 million in 2002-03 to extend the Northern Mallee Pipeline to cover the Patchewollock and Cannie Ridge Districts of the existing pipeline project area in north-western Victoria. The extended pipeline will replace the existing open channel stock and domestic water supply system and aims to provide a more secure stock and domestic water supply to a further 100,000 hectares of farmland. The Commonwealth funding is subject to a matching contribution from the Victorian Government.

This measure will be funded from within the existing resources of the Natural Heritage Trust.

Reprioritisation of funding for the Southern Bluefin Tuna Scientific Research Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | -1.2 | -1.8 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will reallocate \$3 million from the Agriculture — Advancing Australia FarmBis — Skilling Farmers for the Future and Agriculture Development Partnerships programmes to the new Southern Bluefin Tuna Scientific Research Programme.

This reallocation will come from the uncommitted Commonwealth/State component of the programmes and will not affect existing agreements with the States. The revised level of funding will more accurately reflect estimated demand under the programmes.

See also the related expense measure titled *Southern Bluefin Tuna Scientific Research Programme* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Reprioritising funding for the National Food Industry Strategy

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | -3.5 | -5.8 | - | -10.8 |

Explanation

The Government announced the \$102.4 million, five year National Food Industry Strategy on 28 September 2001, which aims to ensure that the Australian food industry will continue to be a significant global player with a sustainable and profitable role in the global food production system.

This measure will offset elements of the cost of the strategy by reprioritising \$9.3 million over 2002-03 and 2003-04 from the Agriculture — Advancing Australia FarmBis Programme. This reallocation will come from the uncommitted Commonwealth/State component of FarmBis and will not affect existing agreements with the States. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is absorbing \$22.6 million over 2005-06 and 2006-07 from within existing resources.

Southern Bluefin Tuna Scientific Research Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$3 million to contribute to a scientific research programme aimed at improving knowledge on the status of the global Southern Bluefin Tuna stock and enable appropriate decisions about resource use.

The scientific research programme is administered by the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna in which Australia is an active participant.

See also the related expense measure titled *Reprioritisation of funding for the Southern Bluefin Tuna Scientific Research Programme* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Australian Law Online

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney-General's Department | 1.3 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1.3 million to the Attorney-General's Department to allow the continuation of the Australian Law Online initiative in 2002-03. Australian Law Online is designed to make it easier for Australians to access family law information and services by using the internet and national telephone services free of charge.

Continue to support community legal services

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney-General's Department | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$5.3 million for the continuation of regional community legal outreach services in rural and regional Australia. The community legal services programme provides cost effective legal services to disadvantaged members of the Australian community.

Expanding the capacity of Crime Stoppers

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney-General's Department | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1 million for the establishment of a national coordination centre for the Crime Stoppers programme. The national centre will allow for centralised fundraising and coordination activities, currently being co-managed by seven Crime Stoppers programmes.

Increased funding for HIH Royal Commission

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney-General's Department | 9.8 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding in order to extend the HIH Royal Commission reporting date from 30 June 2002 to 28 February 2003.

Keeping people out of the courts

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney-General's Department | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.9 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$27.2 million for the continuation of funding for community-based counselling and mediation programmes. This measure will assist families in resolving their problems without going to court in order to minimise the stress and financial costs associated with separation and divorce.

Expand the research and development capability of the Australian Federal Police

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$1.6 million to expand the research, forensic science and development capabilities of the Australian Federal Police (AFP). This measure will ensure that the AFP is able to keep pace with new and emerging forensic techniques and technologies for use in areas such as information technology and electronic crime.

Extension of the National Heroin Signature Programme (NHSP) to cocaine and amphetamines

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$4.7 million to extend the profiling capabilities of the National Illicit Drug Strategy to cocaine and amphetamines, following the success of the NHSP. The NHSP carries out physical and chemical analysis of heroin seizures (including packaging) in order to construct a better intelligence picture of where the drugs are coming from facilitating improved use of police resources in targeted operations.

Additional funding for the centenary celebrations of the High Court of Australia

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| High Court of Australia | 0.2 | 0.7 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$0.9 million to the High Court of Australia to fund special sittings and a related legal conference to mark the centenary of the High Court's first sitting.

Upgrading domestic security

In response to the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001, the Government is providing funding of \$1,308 million (including \$130.4 million in 2001-02) over five years to upgrade security within Australia. The *Upgrading Domestic Security* package includes initiatives to upgrade and enhance Australia's airport security, identify possible security threats, and increase our capacity to respond to security incidents.

Funding will be provided through the Attorney-General's, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Defence, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Health and Ageing, Prime Minister and Cabinet, and Transport and Regional Services Portfolios.

Table 3: Upgrading Domestic Security: Summary of measures

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | Total |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| IMPROVED AVIATION SECURITY | | | | | |
| Attorney-General's | | | | | |
| <i>Attorney-General's Department</i> | | | | | |
| Enhanced aviation security | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Australian Customs Service</i> | | | | | |
| Improved data access for border control agencies | 6.6 | 7.0 | 13.0 | 6.4 | 33.0 |
| <i>Australian Federal Police</i> | | | | | |
| Enhanced aviation security | 30.5 | 30.8 | 31.2 | 31.6 | 124.1 |
| Increased number of explosive detector dogs at Australian airports | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 4.4 |
| Transport and Regional Services | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i> | | | | | |
| Strengthening air safety | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 8.0 |
| Sub-total | 40.2 | 40.9 | 47.3 | 41.1 | 169.5 |
| IDENTIFICATION OF SECURITY THREATS | | | | | |
| Attorney-General's | | | | | |
| <i>Attorney-General's Department</i> | | | | | |
| Enhancement of guarding services by the Australian Protective Service | - | - | - | - | - |
| Enhancement of national security coordination and counter-terrorism capabilities | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 14.4 |
| E-security national agenda | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 3.6 |
| <i>Australian Customs Service</i> | | | | | |
| Additional container x-ray machines | - | 5.2 | 8.0 | 12.8 | 26.0 |
| Additional pallet x-ray machines | - | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 4.8 |
| Enhanced Coastwatch communications capability | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 8.1 |
| High frequency surface wave radar | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 12.8 |
| <i>Australian Federal Police</i> | | | | | |
| Enhanced analytical and predictive crime capability for the Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence | 1.4 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 11.0 |
| Enhanced technical capacity | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 11.0 |

Table 3: Upgrading Domestic Security: Summary of measures (continued)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | Total |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Attorney-General's (continued) | | | | | |
| Enhancement of protective security services | 27.1 | 27.4 | 27.7 | 27.9 | 110.1 |
| E-security national agenda | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 6.8 |
| Expansion of the Law Enforcement Cooperation Programme | 3.8 | 11.8 | 13.7 | 13.7 | 43.0 |
| Extension of Project Axiom | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 18.3 |
| <i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i> | | | | | |
| Enhanced technical capacity | 9.6 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 29.0 |
| E-security national agenda | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 5.8 |
| Increased funding to intelligence agencies | 6.0 | 9.2 | 14.6 | 14.9 | 44.7 |
| <i>National Crime Authority</i> | | | | | |
| Enhanced technical capacity | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 6.9 |
| Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i> | | | | | |
| E-security national agenda | - | - | - | - | - |
| Defence | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Defence</i> | | | | | |
| Defence Communications Project | 26.3 | 18.5 | 25.3 | 38.5 | 108.6 |
| E-security national agenda | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 8.0 |
| Increased funding to intelligence agencies | 7.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 20.3 |
| Foreign Affairs and Trade | | | | | |
| <i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i> | | | | | |
| Increased funding to intelligence agencies | 1.7 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 20.8 |
| <i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i> | | | | | |
| Research and development of a biometric identifier for the Australian passport | 3.0 | - | - | - | 3.0 |
| Prime Minister and Cabinet | | | | | |
| <i>Office of National Assessments</i> | | | | | |
| Increased funding to intelligence agencies | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.4 |
| Sub-total | 110.9 | 117.7 | 136.3 | 154.5 | 519.4 |
| INCREASED CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO SECURITY INCIDENTS | | | | | |
| Attorney-General's | | | | | |
| <i>Attorney-General's Department</i> | | | | | |
| Incident response capability | 8.4 | 8.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 17.8 |
| <i>Australian Federal Police</i> | | | | | |
| Australian Federal Police rapid response capability | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2.2 | - | 4.5 |
| Double the strike team capacity of the Australian Federal Police | 5.0 | 13.6 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 44.0 |

Table 3: Upgrading Domestic Security: Summary of measures (continued)

| | 2002-03 \$m | 2003-04 \$m | 2004-05 \$m | 2005-06 \$m | Total \$m |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Defence | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Defence</i> | | | | | |
| Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Queensland | - | - | - | - | - |
| Counter-terrorism: improving operational capacity | 10.2 | - | - | - | 10.2 |
| Enhanced protective security | 27.9 | - | - | - | 27.9 |
| Enhancement to Defence's tactical response capability | 32.6 | 37.8 | 28.8 | 33.4 | 132.6 |
| Incident response capability | 18.0 | 21.0 | 22.0 | 24.0 | 85.0 |
| Health and Ageing | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Health and Ageing</i> | | | | | |
| Incident response capability | 10.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 11.3 |
| Prime Minister and Cabinet | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet</i> | | | | | |
| Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Queensland | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub-total | 113.7 | 82.4 | 66.4 | 70.8 | 333.3 |
| Total expense measures | 264.8 | 241.0 | 250.0 | 266.4 | 1022.2 |
| <i>Total capital measures</i> | <i>26.8</i> | <i>50.2</i> | <i>54.3</i> | <i>24.4</i> | <i>155.7</i> |
| Net additional expenditure (a) | 291.6 | 291.2 | 304.3 | 290.8 | 1177.9 |

(a) Total does not include net additional expenditure of \$130.4 million in 2001-02.

Improved aviation security

Enhanced aviation security

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney-General's Department | - | - | - | - |
| Australian Federal Police | 30.5 | 30.8 | 31.2 | 31.6 |
| Total | 30.5 | 30.8 | 31.2 | 31.6 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$144.8 million over five years (including \$20.7 million in 2001-02) to the Australian Protective Service. This funding will enhance aviation security arrangements by upgrading security at Australia's airports and implementing the Air Security Officer Programme. Additional APS personnel will be deployed at airports. The programme involves the placement of specially trained officers on domestic and international flights. This will provide greater deterrence against potential attacks on Australian airports and domestic flights.

The Australian Protective Services is currently within the Attorney-General's Department. From 1 July 2002 it will become part of the Australian Federal Police.

Improved data access for border control agencies

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Customs Service | 6.6 | 7.0 | 13.0 | 6.4 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$33 million to strengthen Australia's border security. This measure will provide border control authorities with access to international air computer reservation and departure control systems and facilitate data sharing between border control authorities including immigration systems. This will increase the capacity to screen arriving and departing international passengers to enable better detection and interception of illegal activities, principally directed at terrorism, but also helpful in the fight against drug trafficking and people smuggling.

See also the related capital measure titled *Improved data access for border control agencies* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Increased number of explosive detector dogs at Australian airports

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$4.4 million for additional explosive detection capability by increasing the number of explosive detector dogs at Australian airports.

Strengthening air safety

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |

Explanation

As part of the Government's commitment to strengthening air safety, the Department of Transport and Regional Services will be funded on an ongoing basis for additional aviation security surveillance and enforcement.

Identification of security threats

Enhanced technical capacity

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.0 |
| Australian Security Intelligence Organisation | 9.6 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 5.3 |
| National Crime Authority | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.9 |
| Total | 15.2 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 8.2 |

Explanation

The Government allocated additional funding of \$46.9 million to fund the further development of technical investigative capacity in the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Australian Federal Police and National Crime Authority to strengthen intelligence and detection in relation to terrorist threats.

See also the related capital measure titled *Enhanced technical capacity* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Enhancement of guarding services by the Australian Protective Service

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney-General's Department | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government provided additional funding of \$6.9 million in 2001-02 to increase protective security measures for diplomatic and consular missions.

Enhancement of national security coordination and counter-terrorism capabilities

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney-General's Department | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$16.2 million over five years (including \$1.8 million in 2001-02) to the Attorney-General's Department to meet the ongoing costs associated with upgrading the Protective Security Coordination Centre to continuous high level operation and departmental support operations.

E-security national agenda

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney-General's Department | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Australian Federal Police | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Australian Security Intelligence Organisation | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | - | - | - | - |
| Department of Defence | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Total | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$24.2 million to improve security awareness and management of the national information infrastructure. The E-security national agenda is designed to protect Australia's critical information technology infrastructure from attack.

This is a cross portfolio measure between the Attorney-General's Department, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Australian Federal Police, the National Office for the Information Economy and Defence Signals Directorate. The National Office for the Information Economy will contribute \$1 million over four years but absorb the cost within its existing resources.

See also the related capital measure titled *E-security national agenda* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Additional container x-ray machines

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Customs Service | - | 5.2 | 8.0 | 12.8 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$26 million for the ongoing operational costs associated with additional container x-ray machines in Brisbane and Fremantle. This measure expands the container x-ray procurement programme, currently being implemented in Sydney and Melbourne and will enable enhanced screening of imported goods and greater interception of illegal goods.

See also the related capital measure titled *Additional container x-ray machines* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Additional pallet x-ray machines

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Customs Service | - | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$4.8 million to the Australian Customs Service for the ongoing operational costs associated with four additional pallet x-ray machines to be located in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth. The additional machines will enable greater interception of illegal goods entering Australia by increasing the number of cargo inspections.

See also the related capital measure titled *Additional pallet x-ray machines* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Enhanced Coastwatch communications capability

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Customs Service | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$8.1 million to upgrade the communications capability of Coastwatch. These funds will enable inter-operability of communications equipment with existing air and surface assets and facilitate secure and reliable communications with surveillance command and control centres.

High frequency surface wave radar

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Customs Service | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$12.8 million to the Australian Customs Service for the provision of a high frequency surface wave radar system to be provided through contractual arrangement. This system will provide greater and more continuous coverage against air and surface targets. The radar will allow the current surveillance assets to be redeployed to other high security threat areas.

Enhanced analytical and predictive crime capability for the Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 1.4 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.9 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$11 million for the implementation and management of an automated screening and crime recognition facility within the Australian Law Enforcement and Targeting System (ALERT). This facility will allow ALERT to automatically compare intelligence data with information held in the Australian Criminal Intelligence Database (ACID).

See also the related capital measure titled *Enhanced analytical and predictive crime capability for the Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Enhancement of protective security services

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 27.1 | 27.4 | 27.7 | 27.9 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$116.1 million over five years (including \$6 million in 2001-02) to the Australian Federal Police to meet the costs associated with increased security including close personal protection services and counter-terrorism crime capacity.

See also the related capital measure titled *Enhancement of protective security services* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Expansion of the Law Enforcement Cooperation Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 3.8 | 11.8 | 13.7 | 13.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$43 million to expand the Law Enforcement Cooperation Programme. This measure will fund an additional 16 strategically placed Australian Federal Police officers overseas. The programme will enhance cooperation with overseas law enforcement agencies. This will increase the flow of intelligence information on activities that may impact adversely on Australian security.

See also the related capital measure titled *Expansion of the Law Enforcement Cooperation Programme* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Extension of Project Axiom

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 |

Explanation

The Government will provide an additional \$18.3 million to expand the Axiom undercover policing programme. This funding will enable the Australian Federal Police to conduct more effective targeted operations into a wide range of criminal activities such as money laundering, people smuggling, illicit drug trafficking and electronic crime.

See also the related capital measure titled *Extension of Project Axiom* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Increased funding to intelligence agencies

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Secret Intelligence Service | 1.7 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| Australian Security Intelligence Organisation | 6.0 | 9.2 | 14.6 | 14.9 |
| Department of Defence | 7.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Office of National Assessments | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Total | 15.7 | 19.9 | 26.1 | 26.5 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$88.2 million to enhance counter-terrorism capabilities. This is a cross portfolio measure, with funding to be provided to the Australian Secret Intelligence Service, Office of National Assessments, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and the Department of Defence.

See also the related capital measure titled *Increased funding to intelligence agencies* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Defence Communications Project

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 26.3 | 18.5 | 25.3 | 38.5 |

Explanation

The Department of Defence will receive additional funding of \$113.6 million (including \$5 million in 2001-02) to improve secure communication systems, as a result of assessments made following 11 September 2001.

Research and development of a biometric identifier for the Australian passport

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade | 3.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$3 million for research into a biometric identifier for the Australian passport. The introduction of a biometric identifier has the capacity to strengthen border protection through more robust identity verification processes and to reduce the risk of fraud.

See also the related revenue measure titled *Increase in the price of the Australian passport* in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Increased capacity to respond to security incidents

Incident response capability

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney-General's Department | 8.4 | 8.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Department of Defence | 18.0 | 21.0 | 22.0 | 24.0 |
| Department of Health and Ageing | 10.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Total | 37.1 | 29.6 | 22.7 | 24.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$114.1 million to introduce a number of measures designed to strengthen Australia's preparedness and capacity to respond to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear And Explosive (CBRNE) incidents.

The Government is establishing within the Australian Defence Force a permanent Incident Response Regiment (IRR). The IRR will complement existing Commonwealth and state and territory capabilities dealing with CBRNE threats and incidents. It builds upon earlier capabilities funded through the Defence 2000 White Paper and interim arrangements put in place to cover events of national significance, such as the recent Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

The IRR will be a group of highly trained Defence personnel able to respond to CBRNE emergencies in Australia and involving Australian interests overseas, including supporting hostage recovery operations with CBRNE dimensions, providing specialist and technical advice to Commonwealth, state and territory agencies and combating terrorist attacks involving an improvised nuclear device.

The Government is also enhancing the capacity of Emergency Management Australia (EMA) to deal with the consequences of terrorist attacks in Australia. EMA will acquire and maintain a reserve of deployable equipment and a training programme to provide assistance to States and Territories in the event of a CBRNE incident.

The Department of Health and Ageing will establish and maintain a centralised national drug stockpile of chemical antidotes and vaccines, which will be available in response to a major biological attack on the Australian public.

See also the related capital measure titled *Incident response capability* in the Defence portfolio.

Australian Federal Police rapid response capability

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2.2 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$4.5 million to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) for the ongoing costs associated with improved access to telecommunications infrastructure in remote locations. These funds will provide investigators in remote locations with real-time access to the AFP's computer infrastructure, including increased network access; radio communications; and a multi-user telephone system.

See also the related capital measure titled *Australian Federal Police rapid response capability* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Double the strike team capacity of the Australian Federal Police

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 5.0 | 13.6 | 12.7 | 12.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$44 million to double the Australian Federal Police's strike team capacity. The funds will provide for the deployment of an additional 116 Australian Federal Police officers around Australia. The strike teams respond to crimes such as people smuggling, terrorism and politically motivated violence.

See also the related capital measure titled *Double the strike team capacity of the Australian Federal Police* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Queensland

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | - | - | - | - |
| Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government provided additional funding of \$31.9 million in 2001-02 for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Coolumb, Queensland in March 2002. The change in the venue and timing of CHOGM (previously scheduled for October 2001 in Brisbane), and the events of 11 September 2001 and the threat assessments arising from them, required enhanced security arrangements to ensure a secure and safe venue.

Counter-terrorism: improving operational capacity

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 10.2 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Department of Defence will receive additional funding of \$15 million, with \$4.8 million provided in 2001-02, to improve real time communications in support of the war against terrorism.

Enhanced protective security

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 27.9 | - | - | - |

Explanation

In light of the heightened state of alert resulting from the war against terrorism, the Government has provided additional funding to protect important Defence assets including, increased guarding, patrolling and protective searches. Funding of \$27 million was also provided in 2001-02.

See also the related capital measure titled *Enhanced protective security* in the Defence portfolio.

Enhancement to Defence's tactical response capability

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 32.6 | 37.8 | 28.8 | 33.4 |

Explanation

Following the events of 11 September 2001, the Government has decided to double the tactical assault capability of the Australian Defence Force by establishing a permanent Tactical Assault Group on the east coast of Australia. This group will supplement the existing Tactical Assault Group located on the west coast. Funding of \$23.1 million was provided in 2001-02 to establish an interim east coast Tactical Assault Group.

A Tactical Assault Group is a special forces unit trained to conduct counter terrorism activities in a range of situations, including the recovery of hostages. A full strength permanent group will be drawn immediately from the existing Australian Defence Force. The funding provided allows for the purchase of specialist military equipment for the new Tactical Assault Group and for the recruitment and training of new personnel to replace those personnel drawn into the new Tactical Assault Group.

See also the related capital measure titled *Enhancement to Defence's tactical response capability* in the Defence portfolio.

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

A national media-based youth arts festival

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australia Council | 1.0 | 1.0 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$2 million to support the third national media-based youth arts festival. Like its predecessors, the festival will promote the work of thousands of young Australians in television, radio, print and online media.

Continuation of funding for the Major Festivals Initiative

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australia Council | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$3 million for continuation of the Major Festivals Initiative, which supports the development of large scale works in the performing arts for presentation at Australia's major arts festivals and for international touring.

Continuation of funding for the Young and Emerging Artists Initiative

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australia Council | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$5 million for the continuation of the Young and Emerging Artists Initiative, which assists new and younger artists with career development and exposure of their work.

Enhanced facilities at the Australian Institute of Sport

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Sports Commission | - | - | - | 0.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional depreciation funding associated with the upgrading of facilities at the Australian Institute of Sport, including \$1.7 million in 2006-07 and \$2.6 million from 2007-08 ongoing.

See also the related capital measure titled *Enhanced facilities at the Australian Institute of Sport* in the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

Additional funding for the National Institute of Dramatic Art

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | 0.7 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$0.7 million to the Cultural Development Programme for the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA). This funding will assist NIDA to meet increased expenses associated with operating its new main building.

NIDA received \$25 million from the Federation Fund to assist in the construction of this building.

Australia Business Arts Foundation

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$6.4 million to the Australia Business Arts Foundation (ABAF). ABAF encourages private sector support for the arts and culture, and Government funding will be leveraged into higher ongoing private sector support for the arts.

Better targeting of the telecommunications needs of indigenous communities

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | -8.3 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has decided to service the telecommunications needs of certain remote indigenous communities through alternative means than through the construction of mobile phone towers under the 2001-02 Budget measure *Telecommunications Service Inquiry response — extending mobile phone coverage to communities of more than 500 people*.

These alternatives include fixed line and internet connections.

See the related expense measure titled *Telecommunications Action Plan for remote indigenous communities* in the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

Commercial Radio Black Spots Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$5 million to extend the coverage of commercial radio in areas of regional and remote Australia where it is not commercially viable for licensees to provide coverage. This funding will provide one-off grants to eligible communities for equipment and site establishment costs.

Continuation of funding for heritage collections

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$1.2 million to build on the work of the Heritage Collections Council. This work is supported by the Commonwealth, States and Territories and develops strategies for the care and management of heritage items held in museums, libraries and galleries, particularly in regional Australia.

Continuation of funding for the Australian Museums Online Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$1 million to continue the Australian Museums Online initiative, which supports online links between museums and galleries across Australia, provides virtual tours of their collections, and improves access to conservation, collection management and training resources.

Continuation of funding for the Contemporary Music Touring Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$1 million for continuation of the Contemporary Music Touring Programme. This programme assists touring opportunities for Australian musicians and facilitates wider access to live Australian contemporary music.

Continuation of funding for the National Institute of Circus Arts

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | 0.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$4.8 million to the Cultural Development Programme for the National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA) to enable it to continue to provide training courses in performing arts.

Maintaining community broadcasting infrastructure and multicultural funding

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$6.6 million to continue support for community broadcasting services throughout Australia. Funding will support multicultural community broadcasting and community broadcasting infrastructure, including the community access network, the community broadcasting database and the community radio satellite service.

Reprioritisation of funding from the Online Technical Assistance Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | -1.0 | -1.0 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will reallocate \$2 million from the Online Technical Assistance Programme to support increased funding for the National Museum of Australia.

Surplus funds have been identified due to lower than expected demand under the Online Technical Assistance Programme.

See also the related expense measure titled *Additional funding for the National Museum of Australia* in the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

Telecommunications Action Plan for remote indigenous communities

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | 2.3 | 3.8 | 2.2 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$8.3 million for a package of initiatives to improve access to priority telecommunications services. The measure includes assistance for fixed telephone and internet connections, improved pay phone services and development of relevant online content.

See also the related expense measure titled *Better targeting of the telecommunications needs of indigenous communities* in the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

Television Black Spots — alternative technical solutions

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts | 3.9 | 7.0 | 2.4 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$13.3 million to further improve television reception in regional areas. Building on the Television Black Spots Programme, which supports improved reception through analog retransmission, this funding will support the development of alternative reception solutions including digital multi-channelling, direct to home satellite links and local cabling.

Reprioritisation of funding from the National Archives of Australia

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| National Archives of Australia | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 |

Explanation

Consistent with a better appreciation of ongoing funding needs, the Government will reallocate \$4 million from the National Archives of Australia to support increased funding for the National Museum of Australia.

See also the related expense measure titled *Additional funding for the National Museum of Australia* and the related capital measure titled *Reprioritisation of capital expenditure from the National Archives of Australia* in the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

Additional funding for the National Museum of Australia

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| National Museum of Australia | 9.0 | 9.2 | 9.4 | 9.6 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$37.2 million for the National Museum of Australia, following a review of the Museum's first year of operation. This additional funding will ensure that the National Museum is able to maintain its current range and level of activities.

See also the related expense measures titled *Reprioritisation of funding from the Online Technical Assistance Programme*, and *Reprioritisation of funding from the National Archives of Australia* and the related capital measure titled *Reprioritisation of capital expenditure from the National Archives of Australia* in the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

Extension of SBS Television to population areas with 5,000 to 10,000 people

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Special Broadcasting Service Corporation | 0.3 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$5.7 million to fund new SBS television extension services to towns with populations of 5,000 to 10,000 people. This funding will also meet the costs of maintaining existing SBS television services in areas where services were established through self-help arrangements (which require local community groups and Councils to meet establishment and maintenance costs).

DEFENCE

Additional funding for increased coastal surveillance

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 22.3 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has allocated additional funding for additional deployment costs for the Australian Defence Force to continue coastal surveillance of Australia's northern approaches to deter unauthorised boat arrivals. This is in addition to the \$18.7 million in additional funds provided in 2001-02.

Additional funding for the War Against Terrorism

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 194.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$523.8 million (including \$329.8 million in 2001-02) to support Australia's contribution to the War Against Terrorism in Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf. The deployment involves around 1,100 Australian Defence Force personnel and includes: an Australian special forces task group and other personnel participating in Afghanistan; a naval task group supporting the Multinational Interception Force implementing UN Security Council resolutions in the Persian Gulf and other activities in support of the War Against Terrorism.

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Queensland

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government provided additional funding of \$2.5 million in 2001-02 for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Coolumb, Queensland in March 2002. The change in the venue and timing of CHOGM (previously scheduled for October 2001 in Brisbane) and the events of 11 September 2001 and the threat assessments arising from them, required enhanced security arrangements to ensure a secure and safe venue.

Counter-terrorism: improving operational capacity

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 10.2 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Department of Defence will receive additional funding of \$15 million, with \$4.8 million provided in 2001-02, to improve real time communications in support of the War Against Terrorism.

Defence Communications Project

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 26.3 | 18.5 | 25.3 | 38.5 |

Explanation

The Department of Defence will receive additional funding of \$113.6 million (including \$5 million in 2001-02) to improve secure communication systems, as a result of assessments made following 11 September 2001.

Enhanced protective security

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 27.9 | - | - | - |

Explanation

In light of the heightened state of alert resulting from the War Against Terrorism, the Government has provided additional funding to support enhanced security measures of Defence personnel and facilities, including increased guarding, patrolling and protective searches. Funding of \$27 million was provided in 2001-02.

See also the related capital measure titled *Enhanced protective security* in the Defence portfolio.

Enhancement to Defence's tactical response capability

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 32.6 | 37.8 | 28.8 | 33.4 |

Explanation

Following the events of 11 September 2001, the Government has decided to double the tactical assault capability of the Australian Defence Force by establishing a permanent Tactical Assault Group on the east coast of Australia. This group will supplement the existing Tactical Assault Group located on the west coast. Funding of \$23.1 million was provided in 2001-02 to establish an interim east coast Tactical Assault Group.

A Tactical Assault Group is a special forces unit trained to conduct counter terrorism activities in a range of situations, including the recovery of hostages. A full strength permanent group will be drawn immediately from the existing Australian Defence Force. The funding provided allows for the purchase of specialist military equipment for the new Tactical Assault Group and for the recruitment and training of new personnel to replace those personnel drawn into the new Tactical Assault Group.

See also the related capital measure titled *Enhancement to Defence's tactical response capability* in the Defence portfolio.

E-security national agenda

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$8 million to improve security awareness and management of the national information infrastructure. The E-security national agenda is designed to protect Australia's critical information technology infrastructure from attack.

Incident response capability

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 18.0 | 21.0 | 22.0 | 24.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$85 million to introduce a number of measures designed to strengthen Australia's preparedness and consequence management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear And Explosive (CBRNE) incidents.

The Government is establishing within the Australian Defence Force a permanent Incident Response Regiment (IRR). The IRR will complement existing Commonwealth and state and territory capabilities dealing with CBRNE threats and incidents. It builds upon earlier capabilities funded through the Defence 2000 White Paper and interim arrangements put in place to cover events of national significance, such as the recent Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

The IRR will be a group of highly trained Defence personnel able to respond to CBRNE emergencies in Australia and involving Australian interests overseas, including supporting hostage recovery operations with CBRNE dimensions, providing specialist and technical advice to Commonwealth, state and territory agencies and combating terrorist attacks involving an improvised nuclear device.

See also the related capital measure titled *Incident response capability* in the Defence portfolio.

Increased funding to intelligence agencies*Expenses (\$m)*

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 7.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$20.3 million to enhance counter-terrorism capabilities.

Increased munitions war - stocks*Expenses (\$m)*

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will allocate funding of \$20.9 million in 2002-03 to purchase high priority explosive ordnance stocks to ensure an appropriate level of ordnance stocks are available for sudden contingencies consistent with scenarios identified in the Defence White Paper.

This measure will be funded from the additional resources provided to the Department of Defence as part of the Defence White Paper. The White Paper includes an additional \$1,039.4 million in 2002-03, \$1,464.7 million in 2003-04, \$2,042.1 million in 2004-05 and \$2,359.4 million in 2005-06.

Reprioritisation of Defence administrative spending to operational requirements*Expenses (\$m)*

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | -97.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Department of Defence will achieve savings of \$146 million in 2001-02 and \$97 million in 2002-03 through increased efficiencies within administrative expenses such as travel, facilities maintenance, publishing and printing, advertising, consultants

and contractors and other general services. This is out of its annual \$2.9 billion administrative budget, excluding costs associated with repairs and maintenance. Increased efficiencies will not impact on current operations or force capability. Reprioritised funding will be redirected to meet operational requirements.

Rescheduling of major capital equipment acquisitions

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | -150.0 | 153.8 | - | - |

Explanation

In the light of changed strategic circumstances, Defence is undertaking a major Strategic Review, due in October. This review may lead to variations in the Defence Capability Plan. Prior to this review the Government has agreed to rephasing of a small part of Defence’s \$3.6 billion capital equipment expenditure into 2003-04. There is no expected impact on Defence capability.

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

Actuarial assessment of unfunded higher education superannuation

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

In 2002-03, the Commonwealth will review the cost sharing arrangements with the States relating to universities’ unfunded superannuation liabilities, with a view to simplifying the arrangements for all parties. This will draw on an actuarial assessment of the total amount of unfunded superannuation, including the relative Commonwealth and State shares.

The cost of this measure will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Department of Education, Science and Training.

Australia's radioactive waste management strategy

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | 2.3 | 2.3 | 5.3 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$9.9 million to establish two national radioactive waste management facilities, a national repository for the underground disposal of low level waste, and a national store for the above-ground storage of intermediate level waste.

Purpose-built waste management facilities will improve community safety by ensuring that radioactive waste is responsibly managed and is as secure as possible from threat or misuse.

This measure will fund an existing programme that has identified possible sites for the national repository through to the construction of the facility. It will also fund the siting, assessment and construction of the national store, which will be a specially designed and constructed building for the safe storage of intermediate level waste.

Expanding School Based New Apprenticeships

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | 4.2 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.2 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to provide extra incentives to employers taking on New Apprentices who are continuing their school studies. Employers who are willing to take on a New Apprentice while they are at school will receive \$750. A retention bonus of \$750 will be provided to employers who continue to employ a young person as a New Apprentice within six months of them completing Year 12.

School Based New Apprenticeships enable students to gain a national vocational qualification while continuing school studies. Students earn a wage for the time spent in productive work, providing an attractive transition pathway for some school students. The measure will encourage a greater national take up of the School Based New Apprenticeship pathway.

Extension of the English as a Second Language — New Arrivals Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.9 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$14.3 million to extend the English as a Second Language — New Arrivals Programme to minors in the humanitarian and refugee temporary protection visa categories. From 1 July 2002 these new arrangements will provide assistance to around 750 students annually who are new arrivals under these visa categories who are undertaking primary or secondary education at a government or non-government school.

These students will receive a minimum of six months intensive English language assistance where English is not their first language or is not the language commonly spoken at home and where their proficiency has been assessed as requiring intensive assistance to enable them to fully participate in mainstream classroom activities.

Improving information technology skills for older workers

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 |

Explanation

The Government will provide up to 11,500 mature age people each year with training up to the value of \$500 to attain basic skills in computer and information technology (IT).

The measure provides accredited training to mature age people in the labour force, who are welfare dependent and have no previous post-school qualifications in IT. The training would bring them up to a level of IT literacy that would enable them to operate at a basic level in the workplace.

Innovation New Apprenticeship Incentive

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | 2.5 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 |

Explanation

The Government will provide an extra incentive of \$1,100 to employers taking on a New Apprentice in Information Technology (IT) and other highly skilled occupations.

Skill shortages in IT and innovation industries have been identified as a key constraint on the growth and competitiveness of Australian industry, and the emerging information economy. The measure encourages employers to increase structured training opportunities in IT and high skilled occupations through the New Apprenticeship arrangements.

Maintaining funding to the Anglo-Australian Telescope Board

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | - | - | - | 0.4 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funds to the Anglo-Australian Telescope Board (AATB) equal to the GST liability on the United Kingdom Government's contributions. This will ensure that the AATB's activities continue to be equally funded (in effect) by the Governments of Australia and the UK.

The measure is estimated to cost \$0.4 million per year from 2005-06.

Quality Teacher Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue for a further three years the Quality Teacher Programme (QTP), by providing \$31.9 million in 2002-03, \$32.5 million in 2003-04 and \$33.1 million in 2004-05.

The programme provides funding for professional development and the renewal of teacher skills in the priority areas of literacy, numeracy, mathematics, science, information technology and vocational education. The programme targets teachers who have completed formal training ten or more years ago, casual teachers and teachers who are re-entering the teaching force. The programme also supports national projects related to teacher quality.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Rationalisation of funding for State and Territory Industry Training Advisory Bodies

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | -5.1 | -2.5 | -5.3 | -2.5 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to rationalise funding for state and territory Industry Training Advisory Bodies (ITABs) in order to encourage rationalisation of the high number of boards. Commonwealth funding for the states and territories will be reduced in 2002-03 and ceased in 2003-04.

ITABs provide advice to the state and territory training authorities and Ministers on the allocation of vocational education and training resources. This is not an area which requires ongoing Commonwealth supervision.

Reprioritisation of portfolio resourcing

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | -8.2 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has decided to reprioritise portfolio resourcing in 2002-03 to support a range of new education and training activities and to allow for the examination of priorities.

Review of Australia's veterinary profession to address the shortage of rural based large livestock veterinarians

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | 0.1 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$100,000 towards a review of the veterinary profession. The review is to address the shortage of rural based large livestock veterinarians, with particular focus on the impediments within the education system that may contribute to the shortage.

See also the related expense measure titled *Boosting rural veterinary services* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

The General Sir John Monash Awards

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide seed funding of \$250,000 in 2001-02 to the General Sir John Monash Foundation to assist with the establishment of the General Sir John Monash Awards.

This funding will assist with the establishment of an endowment fund to provide awards to Australian postgraduate students to study abroad at the world's leading universities in North America and Europe, while at the same time promoting international exchange by inviting foreign postgraduates to study in Australia.

This measure is being fully absorbed within the existing resources of the Department of Education, Science and Training.

University of Tasmania — Graduate Diploma in Environment and Planning

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$360,000 for the establishment of a Graduate Diploma in Environment and Planning at the University of Tasmania, including six scholarships worth \$10,000 each over 2003 to 2005.

This initiative will build on the University of Tasmania's reputation in integrated social, economic and environmental planning, and to assist in meeting the growing demand for professionals in this field, particularly in Tasmania.

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Funding to support the appointment of additional Members to the Australian Industrial Relations Commission

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Industrial Registry | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$11.2 million (including \$1.8 million in 2001-02) to the Australian Industrial Registry to cover the cost of the additional four Presidential Members to the Australian Industrial Relations Commission appointed in September 2001.

Funding for 2001-02 will be provided as an equity injection in 2002-03.

Arrangements for the Third Employment Services Contract

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Employment and Workplace Relations | - | -0.3 | -20.4 | -44.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$3,339 million over three years beginning 1 July 2003 for arrangements associated with the Third Employment Services Contract. The Government has decided to make a number of improvements to the Job Network to better target and further increase the effectiveness of employment services provided to job seekers and employers. These improvements will include:

- benefits to job seekers from improved Intensive Support customised assistance with all long term unemployed job seekers being guaranteed access to these services. Service delivery will also be simplified by ensuring that eligible job seekers can, for the duration of their unemployment, access the range of services available through a single Job Network provider of their choice.

In addition, the Government will introduce a number of new initiatives as part of the Third Employment Services Contract including:

- Job Seeker Accounts averaging \$850 will be available to 165,000 eligible job seekers each year receiving Intensive Support at a cost of \$420 million over three years. The Job Seeker Accounts may be used for expenses that will help a job seeker into employment including training, wage subsidies or transport.
- the Government will require all Job Network providers to provide a guaranteed minimum level of service to all job seekers. These minimum standards will support more active job search and will include assistance with resume and job application preparation, regular contact with the provider to assist with job search activities as well as lodgement of vocational profiles on to the Australian Job Search site to allow automatic job matching.
- an additional 8,500 Work for the Dole places will be funded per year at a cost of \$81.8 million over three years.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates. However, due to the combination of better targeting, increased effectiveness of services and the move to fixed price contracts, some savings are expected in the out years under the Third Employment Services Contract.

See also the related capital measure titled *Arrangements for the Third Employment Services Contract* in the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

Expansion of the market for Biofuels

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Greenhouse Office | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will reallocate \$2.5 million in 2002-03 and 2003-04 from the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Programme to fund a study addressing market barriers to the uptake of biofuels. The study will include consideration of options for vehicle testing to determine appropriate standards for ethanol blend fuels.

Rationalisation of Australian Greenhouse Office Programmes

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Greenhouse Office | -5.7 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has identified programmes administered by the Australian Greenhouse Office for which take-up has been lower than expected. Savings can be achieved without impacting on the effectiveness of the Government's greenhouse strategy. The programmes affected include the Renewable Energy Commercialisation Programme and the Renewable Energy Showcase.

Development of sewerage schemes for Boat Harbour and Sisters Beach, Tasmania

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of the Environment and Heritage | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$3 million to the Waratah-Wynyard Council for a new environmentally sustainable sewerage system for the Sisters Beach and Boat Harbour communities.

National Oceans Policy

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| National Oceans Office | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$9.1 million in 2002-03 to the National Oceans Office. The funding will provide for the further development of Regional Marine Plans and related activities as part of Australia's Oceans Policy. It will be used to finalise the South East Regional Marine Plan and for initial development of a marine plan for the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Torres Strait region. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Additional funding for the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Sydney Harbour Federation Trust | 10.5 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding to the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust for the management of the Trust's seven harbour sites. Funding will provide for the development of the long term management plans, which will involve extensive public consultation as well as assessments and surveys for site remediation and environmental management, building works and the natural and cultural values to be considered in planning for future uses. Funding will also provide for administration of essential maintenance and repair works, safety and security of Trust properties, and services and facilities to enable public access.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Additional funding for changes to social security arrangements with New Zealand

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | 0.2 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.9 |

Explanation

The Government will provide an additional \$5.8 million for activities required to fully implement the new social security arrangements with New Zealand that were announced on 26 February 2001. These funds will be used to:

- issue certificates of residence to New Zealand citizens who require confirmation of their Australian residence on or prior to 26 February 2001. The certificates will provide these people with the same access to Australian social security payments as existed prior to the new arrangements; and
- assess the severity of the disability of claimants for the Disability Support Pension who are New Zealand citizens (or former New Zealand residents) living in Australia, in order to determine if they meet the criteria for a New Zealand Invalidity Benefit.

This will ensure that eligible people receive appropriate benefits under Australia's social security arrangements.

Better monitoring of preparing for Work Activity Agreements

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | -27.9 | -67.1 | -53.4 | -55.6 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to implement formal reviews of the activity agreements that job seekers are required to negotiate when receiving Newstart or Youth Allowances. The reviews will take place whenever a job seeker exits one of the approved activities. The agreements outline mutual obligation responsibilities and activities designed to improve a person's chance of finding work. These reviews will lead to better activity agreements, thereby increasing the part-time and full-time

employment prospects for these job seekers. It will also lead to easier identification of non-genuine job seekers.

The new arrangements will take effect from 1 July 2002 and are estimated to save \$203.9 million over four years.

The Government announced this measure on 4 March 2002 as part of a package of changes to breaching rules.

Changes to the indexation provisions for Commonwealth support of the child care sector

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

From 1 April 2002 the Government changed the indexation date for payments to child care service providers and other children's services programmes from 1 April to 1 July each year. These programmes provide support for the establishment, operation and quality improvement of various child care services, and provide assistance to children's services such as playgroups and some youth services.

The movement to a 1 July indexation date will simplify the administration of support for the sector and is consistent with the indexation arrangements for Child Care Benefit.

The delay in the application of indexation from 1 April to 1 July in 2002 will result in a slightly different payment for 2001-02 compared to current arrangements. Service providers who were relying on indexation increases being paid earlier in the year will have the opportunity to apply for bridging payments to cover them during the transition to the new arrangements.

Compliance Package — assurance, research and development

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | 0.6 | -3.2 | -3.7 | -4.1 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding for research and development into new areas of compliance activity. This will involve:

- extending the rolling programme of random sample surveys of benefit recipients. This will provide continuous data on the level and reasons for incorrect payments and the effectiveness of the overall control framework for managing payments; and
- piloting data matching techniques between Australia and the Netherlands. The pilot will identify people receiving pensions from the Netherlands that have not been declared to Centrelink (and vice versa). It will also identify any cases of pension payments continuing to deceased people.

This measure is expected to generate net savings of \$10.3 million.

Compliance Package — prevention and detection

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | -62.9 | -60.6 | -74.3 | -76.1 |
| Australian Taxation Office | 2.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Total | -60.0 | -58.6 | -72.2 | -74.0 |

Explanation

The Government will put in place additional strategies for minimising fraud and incorrect payments of benefits by:

- improving processes for updating benefit recipient information;
- increasing the number of reviews of Rent Assistance payments by 100,000;
- piloting the use of widened criteria for selecting cases for compliance reviews. The pilot will increase the number of compliance reviews conducted by 43,000;
- building on the whole-of-government approach to targeting the cash economy; and
- automating the linking of Youth Allowance records with the records of parents and siblings who are also pension or other payment recipients. This change will allow the transfer of relevant information regarding parental circumstances that may affect the Youth Allowance recipient's entitlement.

This measure is expected to generate savings of \$264.7 million over four years. It builds on the five year Strategic Framework for Minimising Incorrect Payment and Fraud announced in the 2001-02 Budget.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Family and Community Services and the Australian Taxation Office.

Ex-gratia payments to volunteer firefighters for lost income — New South Wales bushfires 2001-02

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will make ex-gratia payments, at an expected cost of \$2 million in 2001-02, to volunteer bushfire fighters who lost employment income while fighting fires during the declared NSW bushfire emergency period (24 December 2001 to 16 January 2002). The payments will be made to members of recognised firefighting organisations at a rate of \$160 per day of employment income lost.

Extension of funding to support family relationships

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | 5.3 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$5.3 million to continue the Men and Family Relationship Services and Family Relationship Education Services programmes. These programmes aim to improve outcomes for families by providing early intervention education and counselling services.

Extension of the Family and Community Networks Initiative

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | -1.4 | - | - | - |

Explanation

From 2002-03, the Government will provide \$8.5 million to continue the Family and Community Networks Initiative. The programme provides funding for projects to build community strength and community networking in disadvantaged areas. It aims to improve coordination and collaboration between government jurisdictions and encourages the involvement of local business in community development.

Funding of \$1 million will be provided in 2002-03, with funding of \$7.5 million to be provided over the three years from 2003-04 to 2005-06. Reduced funding is provided in the first year as new community-building projects require a staged implementation, which allows for consultation and planning in the initial phase.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates. Funding in 2002-03 is less than that already included in the forward estimates.

Extension of waiver provision for Newstart recipients

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to extend the activities available to Newstart recipients so that activity test breach penalties are waived for people participating in a programme of rehabilitation (under the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service) or specified vocational training in a labour market programme. The new arrangements will take effect from 1 July 2002, at a cost of \$2.8 million and will encourage Newstart recipients subject to activity test breach penalties to undertake programmes designed to improve their employment prospects.

The Government announced this measure on 4 March 2002 as part of a package of changes to breaching rules.

Four new international social security agreements

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | - | 3.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$6.5 million to extend the current network of reciprocal social security agreements to Switzerland, Norway, Croatia and Slovenia.

These agreements will improve access to income support to people whose adult lives are spent in both Australia and the agreement countries and will cover Age Pensions and Disability Support Pensions. Australia and the agreement countries will share financial responsibility for these pensions, each paying a proportion of their pension based on the length of residence or contributions that recipients have accrued in each country.

Funding for this measure covers changes to income support payments made by Australia and departmental costs associated with implementing the agreements.

The agreements are expected to commence from 1 January 2004.

Implementation of certain Australians Working Together measures

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | -39.2 | 16.6 | 1.7 | - |

Explanation

The implementation of a small number of the 2001-02 Budget measures in the Australians Working Together package has been rescheduled to allow longer lead times in preparation for the changes. Most of the Australians Working Together measures will be implemented at the times originally announced.

The rescheduling involves:

- implementing the Working Credit measure from 28 April 2003 rather than 20 September 2002;
- deferring the introduction of the Improved Information Technology measure;
- deferring new funding for the Community and Business Engagement measure from 2002-03 to 2003-04; and
- better aligning the timing of evaluation activities with the implementation of the Australians Working Together package.

Additional funding of \$1.1 million has also been provided for communication and consultation on the package.

National reciprocal transport concessions for State Seniors Card holders

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | 7.4 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.4 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$25.5 million to provide reciprocal travel concessions to enable State Government Seniors Card holders to travel at concessional rates on public transport outside their home state.

Funding is dependent upon states and territories reaching an agreement with the Commonwealth over the terms of the measure.

Provision for this funding was contained in the *Contingency Reserve* and therefore this measure has no effect on the fiscal or underlying cash balance.

Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | - | 2.5 | 2.6 | - |

Explanation

The Government has decided to continue the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership for an additional three years from 2002-03. The Partnership aims to develop and promote a culture of corporate and individual social responsibility within Australia (through advocacy, facilitation and recognition). The funding will assist in the delivery of the Business Engagement initiative announced as part of the Australians Working Together package of measures in the 2001-02 Budget.

Provision for funding in 2002-03 has already been made in the forward estimates.

Recognising and improving the work capacity of people with a disability

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | - | 14.4 | 10.4 | 10.9 |
| Department of Employment and Workplace Relations | - | 12.4 | 12.9 | 13.5 |
| Department of Family and Community Services | 7.2 | -13.9 | -120.0 | -279.2 |
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | -0.1 | -1.5 | -3.5 |
| Total | 7.2 | 12.8 | -98.2 | -258.3 |

Explanation

This package of measures will focus on developing and improving the work capacity of people with disabilities and keep those with substantial work capacity more engaged with the labour market. To achieve this, the Government will provide additional funding over three years for over 73,000 new places in disability employment services, rehabilitation, the Job Network, education and training and the Personal Support Programme.

The Government will change the eligibility criteria for the Disability Support Pension (DSP) so that it is payable to people with very restricted work capacity (less than 15 hours per week compared to 30 hours per week currently). Centrelink will be able to offer a broader range of services, including rehabilitation, disability employment services and the Personal Support Programme to assist in reskilling for employment. Those aged 55 and over will no longer have their local labour market conditions taken into account in determining their eligibility for DSP. Most people affected by the new rules who are unable to find work or undertaking work related support programmes will receive or remain on Newstart Allowance and it is expected that better employment outcomes will be achieved for people with a disability under the new arrangements.

This measure will apply to all new DSP applicants from 1 July 2003 and will reduce the number of new claims approved for DSP. Current recipients (excepting those who are severely disabled and clearly have no work capacity or who are within five years of Age Pension age) will also be assessed under the new criteria within five years of implementation.

Administration of DSP will also be improved to ensure that only those with permanent conditions are granted the DSP, and that the potential benefits of mainstream training are properly considered.

Reduced penalties for non-attendance at interviews

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | 34.0 | 30.0 | 33.3 | 35.0 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to modify arrangements for job seekers failing to attend job interviews, at a cost of \$132.3 million.

From 1 July 2002, Centrelink will not be required to immediately impose a breach penalty on job seekers who fail to attend an interview and are unable to be contacted. Under the new arrangements, payments will be suspended until these job seekers contact Centrelink to explain their non-compliance, at which time Centrelink will decide whether a breach penalty is warranted. Those job seekers incurring a breach under this measure will be subject to an administrative breach penalty, which is significantly lighter than the activity test breach penalty currently applicable.

Requiring job seekers to contact Centrelink before payment can be restored will help encourage those individuals who have found work to advise Centrelink of their change in circumstances.

The Government announced this measure on 4 March 2002 as part of a package of changes to breaching rules.

Reprioritisation of departmental resources

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | -5.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will make a one-off reduction in the 2002-03 operating costs of the Department of Family and Community Services. The reduction will be achieved through reducing or deferring work on discretionary activities.

Restricting activity test exemptions for Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance recipients

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will legislate to amend the temporarily incapacitated activity test provisions in the *Social Security Act 1991*.

The amendments will allow those temporarily incapacitated Newstart and Youth Allowance recipients who are unable to work for eight or more hours a week to still be offered some other suitable activity such as rehabilitation, disability employment services and the Personal Support Programme which will enable them to stay active and keep employment skills. Costs associated with offering this additional activity will be absorbed.

Revised funding for the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | -10.0 | -6.5 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has decided after a review of the underspending profile of the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy to revise down funding to levels more closely aligned with that currently expended. It is expected that present outcomes will be maintained under the revised funding levels.

Third Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | 105.3 | 107.3 | 109.4 | 111.6 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to provide the states and territories a total of \$2.7 billion over the five year term (from 2002-03 to 2006-07) for a third Commonwealth-State-Territory Disability Agreement, including additional funding to assist the states and territories to meet unmet need for disability services.

Under the agreement, states and territories are responsible for accommodation support, community support services and respite care.

Additional funding of \$547.5 million over five years (from 2002-03 to 2006-07) will be provided to assist the states and territories address unmet need for state government disability services under the Agreement. Provision for funding of \$2.1 billion over five years from 2002-03 to renew the Commonwealth-State-Territory Disability Agreement had already been included in budget estimates.

This increase in funding depends upon the states and territories making the same percentage increase themselves as the Commonwealth has made to all Commonwealth-State-Territory Disability Agreement services, including employment services.

The funding is conditional on the states and territories signing a new Agreement based on five new policy priorities:

- strengthening access to mainstream and generic services by people with disabilities;
- strengthening cross government linkages by improving collaboration and coordination across programmes and governments;
- focusing support on individual needs and outcomes and actively engaging service users, families and carers;
- improving accountability, quality, efficiency and effectiveness of specialist disability services; and
- improving long term strategies to respond to, and manage demand for specialist services.

The funding is also conditional upon the states and territories signing an Agreement which:

- contains a new national performance reporting framework with improved accountability to the public and greater transparency of funding arrangements;
- includes bilateral agreements which provide for collaboration with the Commonwealth on strategic initiatives, priorities and performance measures; and

- progressively reports progress against, the five new policy priorities agreed by Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Continuation of resourcing for asset sales function

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Finance and Administration | 12.3 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide the Department of Finance and Administration with additional funding of \$12.3 million in 2002-03 to enable it to continue the programme of assets sales activities, including direct costs associated with the sale of the Sydney Basin airports and scoping studies on possible future asset sales. Scoping studies will be conducted on Medibank Private, ComLand and the assets of the Defence Housing Authority.

Consistent with previous practice, departmental expenses for the asset sales function are determined in the annual budget process.

Deferral of the sale of the Commonwealth's shareholding in the Australian Submarine Corporation — sale costs

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Finance and Administration | -7.9 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has decided to indefinitely suspend the sale of the Commonwealth's interest in Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd (ASC). As a result of this measure, expenses to administer the sale process of \$5.3 million in 2001-02 and \$7.9 million in 2002-03 will no longer be incurred.

The ASC was established to develop and construct, as prime contractors, Collins Class submarines for the Australian Navy. On 9 November 2000 the Government announced that the Commonwealth had taken full direct ownership and control of the ASC. The

Government intends to restructure the ASC to implement more sustainable arrangements for the future support of the Collins Class submarines.

See also the related capital measure titled *Deferral of the sale of the Commonwealth's shareholding in the Australian Submarine Corporation* in the Finance and Administration portfolio.

More efficient administration of the Australian Antarctic Southern Ocean Profiling Project

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Finance and Administration | -3.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has identified project and risk management efficiencies in the Australian Antarctic Southern Ocean Profiling Project. This measure will result in a saving to the Commonwealth of \$3 million in 2002-03.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Australia's contribution to the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Agency for International Development | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will commit an additional \$18 million in 2001-02 to the enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative. Cash payments of \$6 million will be made over the next three years, from 2002-03 to 2004-05. The full expense is recognised as accruing in 2001-02.

The HIPC initiative is a multilateral plan to provide debt relief to the world's poorest countries who are pursuing sound adjustment and reform programmes supported by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. The Government recognises that international debt is a serious problem and supports the HIPC initiative as part of a solution to this.

Increase in the Export Market Development Grants minimum grant

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Trade Commission | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |

Explanation

The Government will increase the minimum grant under the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) scheme from \$2,500 to \$5,000 for those exporters claiming eligible export marketing expenses of between \$15,000 and \$25,000 per annum. This change to the EMDG scheme will encourage small business to invest in exporting.

The increase in the minimum grant applies to expenses incurred in the grant year 2001-02 and will be payable in 2002-03 onwards.

Integration and expansion of TradeStart and Export Access Programmes

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Trade Commission | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 |

Explanation

The Government will extend the amalgamated TradeStart and Export Access programmes for another four years and expand the network by establishing ten additional offices in outer metropolitan, regional and rural areas throughout Australia. Amalgamating the programmes will increase efficiency and improve export advisory services to small and medium enterprises seeking to export. The programmes will continue to be delivered through joint ventures with local partners, including state and territory governments, industry associations and regional development associations.

HEALTH AND AGEING

Additional Commonwealth support for the Royal Flying Doctor Service

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has decided to provide one-off additional assistance of \$1 million in 2001-02 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). This funding will help ensure additional services are available where required and enable more comprehensive reporting by the RFDS.

Additional support for carers of older Australians

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 4.9 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 10.1 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional support to carers of older Australians by expanding Commonwealth funded respite services, especially for carers in rural and remote areas, and by subsidising the cost of specialised equipment (such as special beds and lifting devices), minor modifications within the home and the cost of transport. This measure will also ensure that carers have access to emotional and psychological support, including bereavement counselling, through trained counsellors at Carer Resource Centres.

Adjustment of the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement with New Zealand

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue this three year programme, announced in the 1998-99 Budget, which maintains parity in the reciprocal health care agreement with New Zealand by removing access to Medicare Benefits for New Zealand visitors to Australia. The Agreement on Medical Treatment between Australia and New Zealand allows for visitors from New Zealand to be eligible for immediate essential care through the public hospital system, reflecting the arrangements applying to Australian visitors to New Zealand.

Provision for savings of \$15.1 million over four years has already been included in the forward estimates.

Allowing new aged care residents a 28 day period of grace from income testing

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue to allow a 28 day period of grace for new residents of aged care facilities before they start paying the income tested component of their daily fees. This period of grace allows sufficient time for an income assessment to be finalised for most residents.

This measure will involve funding of \$3 million in 2002-03, \$3.1 million in 2003-04, \$3.2 million in 2004-05 and \$3.2 million in 2005-06. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Asthma Management Programme — restoration of funding

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 1.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will restore funding of \$1 million previously transferred to 'GP House' in the 2001-02 Additional Estimates context to asthma management.

See also the related expense measures titled *Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Programme — Restoration of funding* and *Withdrawal of funding for 'GP House'* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Better arthritis care

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 1.5 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$11.5 million to improve arthritis care through access to quality treatment, diagnosis and prescribing information, and the promotion and support of self management options such as improved nutrition and physical activity. The measure allows for the development of a national action plan, development of an arthritis management toolkit and facilitating national bodies to develop medical and health professional education programmes focused on arthritis management.

Better treatment for cancer patients

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 13.1 | 18.8 | 20.4 | 20.4 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$72.7 million to improve patient access to radiation oncology services, particularly in rural and regional areas, through building up to six new facilities outside the capital cities and funding their operation. Part of the funding will also be allocated to measures designed to attract and retain appropriately trained staff to the new facilities through the provision of ongoing professional education and training designed to keep staff up to date with international best practices.

Capital assistance for aged care in rural and remote Australia

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 8.3 | 18.0 | 25.9 | 26.6 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$100 million (\$25 million per annum over four years) for grants to assist with the upgrading or replacement of small, high care homes in rural, remote and urban fringe areas; and to provide transitional capital funding for homes needing financial assistance to enable them to maintain ongoing certification. While the Government will make available \$25 million per annum, the figures in the above table reflect the expected call on the funds as the upgrading or replacement of nursing homes takes place (with some projects expected to take up to three years to complete). As a result, remaining funding provided through this measure will be expensed beyond 2005-06.

Capital works at the Children's Cancer Research Institute

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$3.3 million in 2001-02 to fund a Children's Cancer Institute Australia research facility at the Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney. The Children's Cancer Institute Australia is the only medical research institute totally devoted to the causes, prevention and treatment of childhood cancer. The New South Wales Government and the corporate sector will also contribute funding for the capital works.

The Commonwealth's contribution to the Children's Cancer Institute Australia will be funded from reduced advertising in support of private health insurance.

See also the related expense measure titled *Reduction in funding for No or Known Gaps information programme to fund Capital works at the Children's Cancer Research Institute* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Community partnerships initiative

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 2.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$14 million to community organisations to provide direct assistance to those dealing with drug abuse at a local level. The Community Partnership Initiative aims to encourage quality practice in community action to prevent illicit drug use.

Croc Festivals

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1.2 million in support of the Croc Festivals. The seven Croc Festivals are held in remote areas across Australia and are similar to the Rock Eisteddfod programme. The festivals support indigenous communities in their determination to see their children lead healthy lives without resorting to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

Delisting of Caverject from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | -7.4 | -7.6 | -7.0 | -6.5 |

Explanation

On the advice of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee and, given the increasing demands on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), the Government has decided that other priorities should replace funding for erectile dysfunction. Caverject, a drug for impotence, will therefore be delisted from the PBS from 1 August 2002.

Enhanced assessment of concessional residential status

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | -5.6 | -13.2 | -13.6 | -13.9 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to target the inappropriate payment of the Concessional Resident Supplement and to improve the practices of aged care providers in assessing the concessional status of residents. The Department of Health and Ageing will identify providers who incorrectly claim Concessional Resident Supplement payments, and will stop future incorrect claims.

Increased access to Medicare claiming through pharmacies

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue funding to ensure that the community will have continued and timely access to 200 Medicare pharmacy claiming facilities that were established under the 1998-99 Budget measure. This measure will involve funding of \$2.2 million in each of 2002-03 and 2003-04 and \$2.3 million in each of 2004-05 and 2005-06. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Increased funding for aged care administration

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 7.5 | 8.2 | 2.1 | 2.8 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding to increase the capacity of the Department of Health and Ageing to maintain existing administrative service levels for aged care in areas such as compliance investigation, community care programme management and assistance to indigenous and rural aged care services.

Increased funding for drug treatment

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue to provide grants to non-government organisation drug treatment services. Funding from this initiative has to date been allocated to 133 non-government treatment organisations offering treatment options including outreach support, counselling, and rehabilitation programmes.

This measure will involve funding of \$15.8 million in 2002-03, \$16.1 million in 2003-04, \$16.4 million in 2004-05 and \$16.8 million in 2005-06. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Increased residential aged care subsidies

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 45.1 | 45.9 | 46.9 | 47.9 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| Total | 51.2 | 52.2 | 53.3 | 54.4 |

Explanation

The Government will increase subsidies for residential aged care by \$211.1 million. The additional funding will allow providers of aged care to attract and retain more aged care nurses by offering them pay rates closer to those of nurses in the public hospital sector.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

See also the related expense measures titled *More aged care nurses* and *Support for aged care training* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Investment in preventive health

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue to provide funding to a range of nationally significant public health programmes. They include: immunisation programmes for the elderly and indigenous communities; injury prevention; the National Cancer Control Initiative; tobacco harm minimisation; men's health; environmental health; the National Public Health Information Development Plan; and the HealthInsite website.

This measure will involve funding of \$22.8 million in 2002-03, \$23.3 million in 2003-04, \$23.8 million in 2004-05 and \$24.3 million in 2005-06. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Listing of Glivec on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 23.4 | 27.0 | 27.7 | 28.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding for the listing of Glivec from 1 December 2001 on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. This will reduce the cost to eligible patients from approximately \$6,745 per month to a maximum of \$4.60 for concessional patients and \$28.60 for other patients. The cost of this measure in 2001-02 is estimated to be \$16.2 million.

Glivec, a drug used in the treatment of chronic myeloid leukemia, was listed for the advanced stages of the disease after a positive recommendation from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee, which bases its considerations on clinical effectiveness, safety and cost effectiveness.

Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Programme — restoration of funding

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 4.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will restore funding of \$4 million previously transferred to 'GP House' in the 2001-02 Additional Estimates context to the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Programme.

See also the related expense measures titled *Asthma Management Programme — restoration of funding* and *Withdrawal of funding for 'GP House'* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

More aged care nurses

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 3.2 | 5.9 | 8.5 | 8.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$26.3 million to encourage more people to take up aged care nursing. This measure provides for up to 250 aged care nursing scholarships (valued at up to \$10,000 per annum) each year at rural and regional universities. Universities will be responsible for marketing the scholarships and will be expected to make additional nursing places available.

See also the related expense measures titled *Increased residential aged care subsidies* and *Support for aged care training* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

More care services in retirement villages

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 1.2 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 5.8 |

Explanation

The Government will undertake a pilot programme to introduce care packages including nursing and other care services for retirement village residents. These services are designed to supplement (not replace) care and services already available in retirement villages. The pilot is based on providing 200 packages (100 high care and 100 low care) commencing in 2002-03 and increasing progressively to a total of 600 packages in later years.

More community aged care packages

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 1.6 | 6.1 | 17.1 | 44.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide an additional 6,000 community aged care packages over four years. These packages are tailored to meet the needs of frail older Australians who have shown a strong preference for remaining in their own homes rather than being admitted to residential care.

Services provided in the packages include home help, laundry, shopping, assistance with meals and bathing.

More doctors for outer metropolitan areas

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 12.0 | 18.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$80 million to increase the supply of doctors working in designated outer-metropolitan areas of the six state capital cities by 150. This increase will be achieved through three programmes. Firstly, the Government will allow specialist trainees (who are currently unable to access Medicare) access to Medicare provider numbers in outer metropolitan areas. Secondly, doctors in the 'general stream' of the general practice vocational training programme will undertake a supervised placement in an outer-metropolitan area. Thirdly, Other Medical Practitioners who agree to work in a designated outer metropolitan area and register

on an alternative pathway to achieve vocational registration will be eligible for higher Medicare rebates.

More support for ageing carers of people with disabilities

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 5.4 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 10.1 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional support of \$30 million for ageing carers of people with disabilities. The measure will be delivered through three main areas: developing specialist volunteer carers; targeting additional community aged care packages; and additional funding for respite services, which provide carers with transport, equipment and other services as required, to support them in their caring role.

More support for carers of people with dementia

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 2.2 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 6.3 |

Explanation

The Government will provide an additional \$20 million to support carers of people with dementia. Additional funding will be provided to Carer Respite Centres to enable them to purchase residential respite for people with dementia. This respite will be provided by facilities that offer dementia specific accommodation. The measure will also provide for the expansion of Psychogeriatric Care Units to provide quality national coverage under a Commonwealth only programme. These units provide specialist management advice and training to aged care homes and carers in the community to assist them to care for people with dementia.

National Illicit Drug Strategy

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue to fund this important programme to allow for the continued operation of the Australian National Council on Drugs, its expert committees, and the Illicit Drugs Reporting and Information Database.

This measure will involve funding of \$1.8 million in 2002-03, \$1.8 million in 2003-04, \$1.8 million in 2004-05 and \$1.9 million in 2005-06. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Palliative care in the community

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 10.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$55 million over four years to improve the standard of palliative care in the community. Funding will be provided for better coordination between hospital and community care, improved education and further support for GPs and other health professionals in palliative care, and further assistance for families of people who choose to die in their home setting.

Productive Ageing Centre

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$1 million to establish a Productive Ageing Centre within the University of the Sunshine Coast. The centre will conduct research into all aspects of productive ageing; canvass issues around policies and programme developments that would enhance productive ageing; create and organise public education programmes to promote productive ageing; and encourage the study of productive ageing programmes as part of degree courses in medicine, health and social sciences.

Reduction in funding for No or Known Gaps information programme to fund capital works at the Children's Cancer Research Institute

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will reduce funding for the Simplified Billing for No or Known Gaps information programme by \$3.3 million in 2001-02 and contribute this resourcing towards a new Children's Cancer Institute Australia research facility. The Government's 'No Gaps' campaign does not require the full allocation of funding in this, the last year of the campaign.

See also the related expense measure titled *Capital works at the Children's Cancer Research Institute* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Retractable needles and syringes

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 1.5 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$27.5 million to fund a product development and implementation strategy for the introduction of retractable needle and syringe technology into Australia. Retractable needle and syringe technology will assist in reducing the risk of acquiring blood borne viruses from needle stick injuries.

Review of pricing arrangements for residential aged care subsidies

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 3.7 | 3.4 | .. | .. |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$7.1 million for a review of the current pricing arrangements for residential aged care subsidies. The review will take into account the improved care outcomes that are now required under accreditation, underlying cost pressures including movements in nurses' and other wages, and industry views.

Staying at home — care and support for older Australians

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue to fund this programme which will provide essential care for older Australians through the provision of: community aged care packages; continence assistance to make it easier for older people to manage at home and avoid unwanted admission to residential care; Carer Respite Centres and additional respite care for people with dementia; and aged care assessment funding, indexed to growth in the older population.

This measure will involve funding of \$73.1 million in 2002-03, \$74.5 million in 2003-04, \$76.1 million in 2004-05 and \$77.7 million in 2005-06. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Support for aged care training

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 3.2 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 7.2 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$21.2 million for training in aged care for personal care staff in smaller aged care homes. The funding will provide for courses through flexible or distance up-skilling programmes. It will assist participating aged care homes to pay course fees and other education expenses such as travel and accommodation for eligible staff and provide for back-filling while staff attend training programmes. Upgrading the skills of personal care workers will enable them to free registered nurses to concentrate on clinical work rather than general personal care.

See also the related expense measures titled *Increased residential aged care subsidies* and *More aged care nurses* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Support for Human Pituitary Hormone recipients

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue to fund this programme to enable the ongoing operation of the Australian National Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Case Registry, maintained by the University of Melbourne. The register, which monitors CJD cases from all sources, will allow the Commonwealth to monitor any increase in incidences of this disease, particularly from the consumption of meat infected with Bovine Spongiform Encephalitis ('mad cow' disease).

This measure will involve funding of \$0.3 million in each year from 2002-03 to 2005-06. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — facilitating the use of generic medicines

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | -17.7 | -27.2 | -28.4 | -30.4 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs | -1.3 | -1.9 | -2.0 | -2.0 |
| Total | -19.0 | -29.1 | -30.4 | -32.4 |

Explanation

The Government will enter into an agreement with individual producers of generic drugs to facilitate the use of these medicines in return for reduced prices from manufacturers. It will regulate to ensure that prescribing software used by doctors enables the use of generic drugs unless the doctor consciously chooses a brand name alternative. The measure is expected to generate savings of \$110.9 million over four years.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — improved data analysis and compliance activities

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue a current programme that encourages the more effective and appropriate use of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) pharmaceuticals within Australia and that reduces activities involving the sending of PBS subsidised pharmaceuticals overseas. This will be achieved through liaison between the Health Insurance Commission and the Australian Customs Service, and targeted education and awareness campaigns.

This measure will generate savings of \$21.7 million in 2002-03, \$22.1 million in 2003-04, \$22.6 million in 2004-05 and \$23.1 million in 2005-06. Provision for these savings have already been included in the forward estimates.

Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — increased information provision to doctors by industry

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | -25.7 | -35.1 | -36.7 | -40.0 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs | -1.9 | -2.5 | -2.6 | -2.7 |
| Total | -27.6 | -37.6 | -39.3 | -42.7 |

Explanation

The Government has reached an agreement with the pharmaceutical industry to improve efficiency and deliver savings to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). Under the agreement, industry will ensure that information about the restrictions applying to new and existing PBS medicines is provided direct to prescribers through the network of medical representatives employed by the industry.

This measure is estimated to generate savings of \$147.1 million over four years by ensuring that inappropriate prescribing of PBS medicines is minimised.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — realigning patient co-payments and safety nets

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | -284.3 | -266.4 | -256.9 | -247.9 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs | -14.3 | -14.8 | -15.2 | -15.4 |
| Total | -298.6 | -281.2 | -272.1 | -263.4 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to increase patient co-payments for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) from 1 August 2002 to \$4.60 per script for concessional patients and \$28.60 per script for general patients. The level at which co-payment safety nets will apply will be increased from 1 January 2003 to \$239.20 (concessional) and \$874.90 (general).

This initiative will result in savings of \$1.1 billion over four years and will help restore the balance between government and patient contributions to the PBS. This is necessary to enhance the sustainability of the PBS, where the cost to government in recent years has grown much faster than patient co-payments. PBS co-payments have not been increased since 1996-97 outside of indexation. During this time, several new and expensive drugs have been listed on the PBS, benefiting a wide range of patients.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — reductions in pharmacy fraud

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | -23.3 | -52.1 | -53.7 | -58.0 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs | -1.8 | -4.0 | -4.1 | -4.2 |
| Total | -25.1 | -56.1 | -57.8 | -62.3 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to increase the capacity of the Health Insurance Commission to identify and target pharmacies suspected of fraudulent behaviour with respect to prescriptions for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, with subsequent investigation and intervention when appropriate. This is expected to generate savings of \$201.3 million over four years.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — reinforcing the commitment to evidence based medicine

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | -9.5 | -61.6 | -82.2 | -91.4 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs | -2.6 | -8.9 | -11.6 | -12.8 |
| Total | -12.1 | -70.5 | -93.8 | -104.2 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to introduce a series of programmes aimed at preventing the unnecessary use of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) subsidised medicines. The measure will generate savings of \$280.5 million.

Measures that will be introduced include: increasing the Health Insurance Commission's capacity to monitor and approve authority prescriptions; ensuring greater compliance by doctors with PBS prescribing requirements; community and medical practitioner awareness campaigns; a more detailed consideration process for new PBS listings; the enhancement of PBS restrictions and general practitioner electronic decision support. These measures will contribute to a reduction in the number of prescriptions supplied to individuals in breach of PBS conditions.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Sustaining the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — restrictions on doctor shopping

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | -1.8 | -4.6 | -4.4 | -4.4 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Total | -2.0 | -5.0 | -4.7 | -4.7 |

Explanation

The Government has decided to strengthen and broaden the existing doctor shopping surveillance conducted by the Health Insurance Commission (HIC) to reduce the incidence of patients obtaining clinically inappropriate medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. The additional resources for the HIC are expected to generate savings of \$16.4 million.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Visudyne Therapy

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | 23.8 | 29.6 | 26.6 | 24.8 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs | 7.9 | 9.9 | 8.9 | 8.3 |
| Total | 31.7 | 39.5 | 35.5 | 33.1 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding for a new medical service, photodynamic therapy with verteporfin ('Visudyne Therapy'), to treat age-related macular degeneration. This is a condition that eventually leads to blindness and primarily affects older Australians. Visudyne Therapy can halt deterioration in vision for patients with a particular type of macular degeneration, thus enabling patients to continue to live independently. The unit cost of Visudyne is \$2,100 per treatment plus the medical fee. Patients may need up to ten treatments over a two to three year period. Under this measure, patients will be able to access the therapy under Medicare and Veterans' Benefits arrangements.

The Government will contain outlays related to this therapy by providing it under a special Determination under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*. This will ensure that only those patients who may benefit will receive the therapy. The Government intends to enter into a price/volume agreement with the manufacturer of the Visudyne and will review usage of the medical service after two years.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Withdrawal of funding for 'GP House'

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has decided to reverse the decision taken in the 2001-02 Additional Estimates context to transfer \$5 million for the co-location of national general practice organisations in a new building, known as 'GP House'. This will take place in 2001-02.

Funding of \$5 million will be restored to the Asthma Management Programme and the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Programme in 2002-03.

See also the related expense measures titled *Asthma Management Programme — Restoration of funding* and *Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Programme — Restoration of funding* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Enhanced training of directors of indigenous organisations

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will enhance the training of directors in indigenous community organisations so as to improve corporate governance within these organisations. This will include the provision of training in nationally recognised competency standards;

assistance for further training with mainstream state/territory training providers; and enhancement of leadership skills, particularly for youth and for women. This will lead to improved service and programme delivery for indigenous organisations.

The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Australian Citizenship promotion

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$4 million to encourage eligible permanent residents to take out citizenship and participate fully in Australian society, and to promote Australian Citizenship. This will build on the success of the first Citizenship Day held on 17 September 2001, enabling it to become an annual event, celebrating the meaning and importance of citizenship.

Continuation of the Adult Migrant English Programme special initiatives

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | - | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |

Explanation

The Government has committed additional funding to continue to assist migrants to become full and active participants in Australia's society through the continuation of increased funding for the Adult Migrant English Programme (AMEP). This increased funding beyond 2002-03 will enable the continuation of the AMEP's special initiatives: the Special Preparatory Programme (SPP) and the Home Tutor Scheme Enhancement Programme. The SPP provides special assistance for those humanitarian and refugee clients who have special learning needs as a consequence of their pre-migration experience, including torture and trauma. The Home Tutor Scheme Enhancement Programme provides assistance to community agencies to enable them to provide English language tuition to migrants.

Continuation of the Living in Harmony initiative

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$14 million for the Living in Harmony initiative to promote the importance of community harmony and address racism. An evaluation undertaken during 2001 demonstrated that this initiative has been widely supported, and has raised awareness of the importance of community harmony. This measure includes a grants programme of \$1.5 million per annum to help local organisations address issues within their own communities.

Extension of Safehaven allowance

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue to provide protection and refuge to Ambonese through the Safehaven arrangements. These people have no means of supporting themselves and have no entitlement to welfare payments.

This measure is estimated to cost \$0.1 million in 2002-03 and is being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

Extension of Temporary Protection Visa allowance

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue to support asylum seekers who have been granted a Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) through the TPV allowance. This allowance is paid as an interim measure to those people who do not have any means of financial support in the period between when they are released into the community, and when they begin to receive special benefit payments from Centrelink. This allowance is provided to cover their immediate cost of living expenses.

The costs of \$0.4 million in 2002-03 and \$0.3 million per year thereafter will be fully absorbed from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

Increase in the permanent migrant intake

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Education, Science and Training | 7.2 | 13.3 | 19.7 | 27.1 |
| Department of Family and Community Services | 16.5 | 45.1 | 79.3 | 117.4 |
| Department of Health and Ageing | 6.9 | 20.3 | 35.0 | 50.8 |
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 0.6 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| Total | 31.2 | 84.1 | 140.2 | 201.6 |

Explanation

The Government will increase the permanent migration (non-humanitarian) programme for 2002-03 to a base level of 105,000 places, with an additional reserve of 5,000 places to facilitate effective management of the programme to meet skill shortages, regional or other demand requirements. The programme provides for an increase in both Skill and Family Streams. The Skill Stream will deliver additional economic, budgetary and employment benefits, particularly in addressing current skill shortages in Australia. The Family Stream will provide opportunities for migrant families to reunite in Australia.

Most skilled migrants are unable to access the majority of welfare benefits for two years after arriving in Australia. Expenses within the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio primarily reflect the provision of English language tuition to adult migrants. The costs associated with the Family and Community Services portfolio reflect the expected usage of Special Benefit and family assistance payable to certain skilled and family reunion migrants as well as departmental costs for the administration of the Assurance of Support Scheme. Expenses in the Health and

Education, Science and Training portfolios reflect the expected usage of health and education services, by additional permanent migrants.

See also related revenue measure titled *Increase in the permanent migrant intake* in the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio.

Location of new immigration detention facility in South-East Queensland: offsetting reduction in costs

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | nfp | nfp | nfp | nfp |

Explanation

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs will reduce expenses over three years in part for the possible purchase of land in south-east Queensland for an immigration detention centre.

See also the related capital measure titled *Location of new immigration detention facility in South-East Queensland* in the Defence portfolio.

Maintain funding for the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$15.9 million over three years from 2003-04 to maintain funding for the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy (IHSS) at current levels. This will ensure that comprehensive, well-targeted services are available to assist refugee and humanitarian entrants to begin to rebuild their lives in Australia. The IHSS is a holistic national framework, improving service delivery integration and offering a responsive approach to permanent refugee and humanitarian entrants.

This measure will provide funding of \$5.2 million in each of 2003-04 and 2004-05 and \$5.4 million in 2005-06. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Response to the Senate Inquiry for Child Migration

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will commit \$3.7 million over three years to assist former child migrants from England and Malta to reunite with family members. This will also include funding for memorials to be constructed in conjunction with state governments. Existing funding for the Child Migrants Trust will continue to provide counselling and family tracing services. This funding is part of the Government response to the Senate Inquiry for Child Migration *Lost Innocents: Righting the Record*.

This measure will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

Settlement services for migrants and humanitarian entrants

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide an additional \$1 million in 2002-03 for the community settlement services for migrants and humanitarian entrants. The additional resources will be available to the Migrant Resource Centres and Migrant Service Agencies, and grants administered under the Community Settlement Services Scheme. The additional resourcing will focus on services to rural and regional areas.

The cost of this measure is being absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

Protecting Australia's borders

As at the 2001-02 Budget the costs allowed over the forward estimates for the five years up to and including 2005-06 in relation to intercepting and processing unauthorised boat arrivals was \$1,635 million (including defence costs for patrol boats of approximately \$340 million over the period).

Since the 2001-02 Budget the Government has provided additional funding of \$1,237 million over the five years 2001-02 to 2005-06 (including \$322 million in 2001-02) to intercept and process unauthorised boat arrivals into Australia. The *Protecting Australia's Borders* package includes a series of initiatives designed to protect the integrity of Australia's borders from the endeavours of international people smugglers.

Funding will be provided through the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Attorney-General's, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Defence, and Transport and Regional Services portfolios.

Table 4: Protecting Australia's borders: Summary of measures since the 2001-02 MYEFO

| | 2002-03 \$m | 2003-04 \$m | 2004-05 \$m | 2005-06 \$m | Total \$m |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Construction of a purpose built permanent immigration reception and processing centre on Christmas Island | 9.5 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 34.4 |
| Funding package to the Afghan Interim Authority | 10.0 | - | - | - | 10.0 |
| Long term strategy for immigration detention facilities in Australia | 2.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 3.4 |
| Onshore saving flowing from the offshore processing strategy | -85.8 | -86.9 | -88.0 | -89.3 | -350.0 |
| Reception and administration of successful asylum seekers | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 5.6 |
| Reception and processing of asylum seekers at offshore locations (Australian external territories) | 81.9 | 122.8 | 124.4 | 126.0 | 455.1 |
| Reception and processing of asylum seekers at offshore locations (third countries) | 129.3 | 99.3 | 100.5 | 101.7 | 430.8 |
| Regional Cooperation Agreement | 18.4 | 18.7 | 19.0 | 19.3 | 75.4 |
| Reintegration assistance for Afghans | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.1 | - | 5.1 |
| Reintegration assistance for non-Afghans | 0.7 | - | - | - | 0.7 |
| Sub total | 170.2 | 165.6 | 167.0 | 167.7 | 670.5 |

Table 4: Protecting Australia's borders: Summary of measures since the 2001-02 MYEFO (continued)

| | 2002-03 \$m | 2003-04 \$m | 2004-05 \$m | 2005-06 \$m | Total \$m |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Attorney-General's | | | | | |
| <i>Australian Customs Service</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Doubling of Customs' National Marine Unit surveillance and response capacity | 14.8 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 22.2 | 77.4 |
| Increased Coastwatch surveillance | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.5 | - | 28.5 |
| <i>Australian Federal Police</i> | | | | | |
| Provision of five boats to the Indonesian Police | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| Sub total | 25.2 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 22.4 | 107.4 |
| Foreign Affairs and Trade | | | | | |
| <i>Australian Agency for International Development</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Funding under the Memorandum of Understanding with Nauru to address unauthorised arrivals | 7.0 | - | - | - | 7.0 |
| <i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i> | | | | | |
| Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues | - | - | - | - | - |
| Continuation of Australia's temporary presence on Nauru | 2.1 | - | - | - | 2.1 |
| Sub total | 9.1 | - | - | - | 9.1 |
| Transport and Regional Services | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Construction of a purpose built permanent immigration reception and processing centre on Christmas Island | 11.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 16.1 |
| Sub total | 11.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 16.1 |
| Defence | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Defence</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding for increased coastal surveillance | 22.3 | - | - | - | 22.3 |
| Sub total | 22.3 | - | - | - | 22.3 |
| Total expense measures | 238.4 | 197.0 | 198.4 | 191.6 | 825.4 |
| <i>Total capital measures</i> | <i>114.9</i> | <i>-10.5</i> | <i>-10.5</i> | <i>-10.5</i> | <i>83.4</i> |
| Net additional expenditure (a) | 353.3 | 186.5 | 187.9 | 181.1 | 908.8 |

(a) Total does not include net additional expenditure of \$174.8 million in 2001-02.

Table 5: Protecting Australia's borders: Summary of measures up to the 2001-02 MYEFO

| | 2002-03 (\$m) | 2003-04 (\$m) | 2004-05 (\$m) | 2005-06 (\$m) | Total \$m |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 | - | 14.8 |
| Attorney-General's | | | | | |
| <i>Australian Customs Service</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Australian Federal Police</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Foreign Affairs and Trade | | | | | |
| <i>Australian Agency for International Development</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Defence | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Defence</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transport and Regional Services | | | | | |
| <i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i> | | | | | |
| Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total expense measures | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 | - | 14.8 |
| <i>Total capital measures</i> | <i>-0.4</i> | <i>-4.4</i> | <i>-4.4</i> | - | -9.2 |
| Net additional expenditure (a) | 4.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | - | 5.6 |

(a) Total does not include net additional expenditure of \$147.6 million in 2001-02.

Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Agency for International Development | - | - | - | - |
| Australian Customs Service | - | - | - | - |
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | - | - | - | - |
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government committed an additional \$77.7 million in 2001-02 to maintain the existing arrangements for the offshore processing of unauthorised boat arrivals. This funding includes \$54.4 million to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs for operational costs on Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, for establishing and operating the Manus Island facilities, and also for a regional ministerial conference on people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related trans-national crime.

Funding in this measure also includes \$22.9 million to the Attorney-General's portfolio to increase Coastwatch's surveillance and response capability, and \$0.4 million to the Department of Transport and Regional Services for increased service delivery cost on Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands to continue action to deal with the offshore processing of unauthorised arrivals.

The Government committed an additional \$3 million in 2001-02 to fund the development of an assistance package with Nauru. This funding is covered in related expense measure titled *Funding under the Memorandum of Understanding with Nauru to address unauthorised arrivals* in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

See also the related capital measure titled *Additional funding to address unauthorised arrivals* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Construction of a purpose built permanent Immigration Reception And Processing Centre on Christmas Island

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 9.5 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | 11.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Total | 21.1 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.8 |

Explanation

The Government will facilitate continued offshore processing of unauthorised boat arrivals through the construction of a purpose built Permanent Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island. The capacity of this reception centre will be 1,200 at completion (January 2003). The design of the centre will incorporate appropriate security while taking into consideration the different accommodation and amenity needs of single men and women, families and unaccompanied minors.

This measure covers set up costs, the ongoing costs of depreciation and construction administration management. The capital costs allowed for the construction of the centre and associated works is \$195 million over 2001-02 and 2002-03.

See the related capital measure titled *Construction of a purpose built permanent immigration reception and processing centre on Christmas Island* in the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Funding package to the Afghan Interim Authority

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 10.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has allocated funding in 2002-03 to assist the Afghan Interim Authority with the return and reintegration of Afghan asylum seekers. The actual amount of assistance provided will depend on negotiations with the Afghan Interim Authority as to the number and timing of people being repatriated. The early return of Afghans to their homeland will reduce the number of Afghans in immigration detention on Nauru.

Long term strategy for immigration detention facilities in Australia

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 2.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |

Explanation

The Government has provided \$3.4 million to rationalise onshore detention capacity by mothballing the Curtin Immigration Reception and Processing Centre and downsizing the Woomera Immigration Reception and Processing Centre. These facilities will be kept in a condition of readiness if required to allow the Government to respond flexibly and efficiently to fluctuations in the number of unauthorised arrivals.

Onshore savings flowing from the offshore processing strategy

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | -85.8 | -86.9 | -88.0 | -89.3 |

Explanation

The Government has announced a policy for offshore reception and processing of unauthorised boat arrivals seeking asylum. Based on current estimated arrival numbers and offshore processing capacity, it is expected that no additional unauthorised boat arrivals seeking asylum will be processed on the mainland. The consequent reduction in funding requirements in the forward estimates for onshore reception, processing and detention will be redirected to help offset the costs of the offshore reception and processing of asylum seekers.

In the 2001-02 Budget the Government allowed for 5,500 unauthorised boat arrivals per annum to be processed onshore and this was revised to 4,500 at the 2001-02 MYEFO. No unauthorised boat arrivals have been received since December 2001 and no more are expected onshore as a result of the Government's strategy, delivering a savings of \$378 million (including \$28 million in 2001-02).

See also the related expense measures titled *Reception and processing of asylum seekers at offshore locations (third countries)* and *Reception and processing of asylum seekers at offshore locations (Australian external territories)* in the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Reception and administration of successful asylum seekers

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$5.6 million to assist in the reception and administration of those successful asylum seekers processed offshore and subsequently provided temporary protection or humanitarian visas. The Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs will manage the placement and settlement of these people in the same way as asylum seekers released on Temporary Protection

Visas from mainland detention centres. This includes transportation within Australia, and payment of an initial living allowance until they are able to secure benefits from Centrelink.

***Reception and processing of asylum seekers at offshore locations
(Australian external territories)***

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 81.9 | 122.8 | 124.4 | 126.0 |

Explanation

The Government has announced a policy for the offshore reception and processing of unauthorised boat arrivals seeking asylum, either at facilities on Australia's external territories which are excluded from the migration zone or third countries. This measure allows the strategy of offshore processing of unauthorised boat arrivals seeking asylum to continue in 2002-03 and the forward years. This measure also covers funding for the operational costs of the new facility on Christmas Island, and if necessary for the use of facilities on Cocos Island to manage the asylum seeker caseload.

This Budget allows for the processing of 4,500 asylum seekers per annum at offshore locations, in Australia's external territories and third countries. The offshore processing strategy will result in savings in the provision for onshore processing of unauthorised boat arrivals seeking asylum.

See also the related expense measure titled *Onshore savings flowing from the offshore processing strategy* in the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

***Reception and processing of asylum seekers at offshore locations
(third countries)***

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 129.3 | 99.3 | 100.5 | 101.7 |

Explanation

The Government has announced a policy for the offshore reception and processing of unauthorised boat arrivals seeking asylum. This may be at facilities on Australia's external territories or facilities provided by third countries. During 2001-02 Australia has used facilities on the Indian Ocean territories of Cocos and Christmas Islands, and in Nauru and Papua New Guinea for this purpose. This measure provides for the estimated operational cost of facilities on third countries for the offshore processing of unauthorised boat arrival asylum seekers in 2002-03 and the forward years.

This Budget allows for the processing of 4,500 asylum seekers per annum at offshore locations, in Australia's external territories and third countries. The offshore processing strategy will result in savings in the provision for onshore processing of unauthorised boat arrivals seeking asylum.

See also the related expense measure titled *Onshore savings flowing from the offshore processing strategy* in the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Regional Cooperation Agreement

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 18.4 | 18.7 | 19.0 | 19.3 |

Explanation

The Government has committed \$75.4 million to fighting people smuggling and illegal migration through the interception of illegal movements in transit countries.

This measure increases the capacity of authorities and international organisations in transit countries to detect and intercept illegal people movement. This measure also provides support to international organisations, such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organisation for Migration, for the detention, processing and subsequent removal of people in transit countries.

Reintegration assistance for Afghans

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.1 | - |

Explanation

In February 2002, the Prime Minister announced the provision of \$2.6 million over two years to assist the return home of Afghans who fled their homeland. Eligibility for this assistance would be limited to only those Afghans who were in the offshore processing centres of Nauru and Manus Island. The Government has since agreed to commit an additional \$2.5 million over two years to extend eligibility to Afghans intercepted by authorities as illegal immigrants in Indonesia and those in Australia on a Temporary Protection Visa but whose claim for permanent protection has been refused.

Strict eligibility criteria will limit potential abuse of the payment of this assistance. The payment of the assistance will aid early return of people to Afghanistan.

Reintegration assistance for non-Afghans

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs | 0.7 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has agreed to extend the reintegration assistance package to non-Afghans on Nauru and Manus Island. Strict eligibility criteria will limit potential abuse of the payment of this assistance. The payment of the assistance will aid the early return of people to their homelands.

Doubling of Customs' National Marine Unit surveillance and response capacity

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Customs Service | 14.8 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 22.2 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$77.4 million to double the National Marine Unit surveillance and response capability in order to meet increasing demand as a result of the increase in unauthorised arrivals. The funding will increase the surveillance and response capacity of the National Marine Unit from 1,200 sea days to 2,400 sea days per annum.

See also the related capital measure titled *Doubling of Customs' National Marine Unit surveillance and response capacity* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Increased Coastwatch surveillance

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Customs Service | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.5 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$28.5 million to increase Coastwatch flight surveillance time by 20 per cent or 1,600 hours per annum. The increase in capacity is in response to increased demand for aerial coastal surveillance as a result of an increase in unauthorised arrivals and forms part of the Government's commitment to protecting Australia's border security.

Provision of five boats to the Indonesian Police

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Federal Police | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

Explanation

The Government will provide a grant of \$1.5 million for the supply of five boats to the Indonesian National Police. The boats will assist Indonesian efforts to curb people smuggling activities.

Funding under the Memorandum of Understanding with Nauru to address unauthorised arrivals

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Agency for International Development | 7.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$10 million (including \$3 million in 2001-02) to fund the development assistance package covered by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

with Nauru to address unauthorised arrivals. The assistance will be directed towards health, education and infrastructure development and to assist Nauru's economic reform programme.

Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has established an Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues at a cost of \$0.5 million per annum. The Ambassador is responsible for promoting a coherent and effective international response for combating people smuggling, particularly in our region, and will assist as appropriate in the high level negotiation of return, readmission and resettlement arrangements for unauthorised arrivals.

This measure is being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Continuation of Australia's temporary presence in Nauru

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade | 2.1 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will continue to operate a temporary Consulate in Nauru to provide ongoing support for Australia's diplomatic presence in 2002-03. This is in line with the commitment made in the Memorandum of Understanding signed with Nauru.

The temporary representative office will contribute to the management of unauthorised arrivals.

Additional funding for increased coastal surveillance

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Defence | 22.3 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has allocated additional funding for additional deployment costs for the Australian Defence Force to continue coastal surveillance of Australia's northern approaches to deter unauthorised boat arrivals. This is in addition to the \$18.7 million in additional funds provided in 2001-02.

INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

Further funding for the Australian Tourist Commission

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Tourist Commission | 6.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |

Explanation

The Government has committed an extra \$24 million over five years, including \$6 million in 2001-02, in funding for the Australian Tourist Commission (ATC). Funding will be targeted at increasing visitor numbers by promoting Australia as an international tourist destination. Base funding for the Australian Tourist Commission is around \$90 million.

Additional funding for the See Australia Domestic Tourism Initiative

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |

Explanation

The Government will build on the successful See Australia Domestic Tourism Initiative by providing additional funding of \$8 million over 4 years. See Australia is a

promotional campaign that was launched in November 2000 and is designed to encourage Australians to travel domestically.

Assistance to Methanex Corporation

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | 20.0 | 65.0 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide a strategic investment of \$85 million over two years to the Methanex Corporation to develop multi-user infrastructure on the Burrup Peninsula of Western Australia and to undertake research and development into advanced syngas technology in partnership with industry and Australian research bodies.

Assistance to Mitsubishi Motors Corporation

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | - | 35.0 | - |

Explanation

Subject to certain conditions, the Government will provide Mitsubishi Motors Corporation with \$35 million in assistance in 2004-05. The assistance recognises the major new investment in its Adelaide plant and is conditional on the establishment of a global research and development centre in Adelaide. The investment and research and design centre will assist the integration of Mitsubishi's Australian operations into Mitsubishi's global operations.

Assistance to Rio Tinto to commercialise new iron smelting technology

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | - | 50.0 | 50.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$125 million over three years commencing in 2004-05 (including \$25 million in 2006-07) to Rio Tinto under the Strategic Investment Coordination process. Rio Tinto will commercialise the HIsmelt iron smelting technology at Kwinana, Western Australia.

Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | - | - | - |
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government provided \$4 million in 2001-02 to the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre for improvements to the centre and its displays. This funding will help the centre to maximise the heightened interest in remote Australia expected to flow from the Year of the Outback Promotion.

The Department of Transport and Regional Services will absorb \$2 million of the cost of this initiative within existing resources.

Back of Bourke Exhibition Centre

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government provided \$1 million in 2001-02 to the Back of Bourke Exhibition Centre to support the development of a flood river pavilion, structures and displays, a café; and marketing. The centre is intended to boost regional tourism and maximise interest in remote Australia following the Year of the Outback promotion.

Cairns Foreshore Promenade Development project

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | -2.0 | -2.0 | - | - |
| Total | - | - | 2.0 | 3.0 |

Explanation

The Government will contribute \$9 million to the development of the Cairns Foreshore. The project will provide a tourism precinct and includes the development of an Environmental Interpretive Centre, a Heritage Centre, and a Pacific Rim Forum.

This measure will be fully offset in 2002-03 and 2003-04 by reductions in existing resources in the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

Derby Hydrogen Tidal Study

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | 0.7 | 0.3 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$1 million to study the potential for a hydrogen industry derived from the tidal changes of the Derby region of Western Australia.

Development of a National Offshore Safety Authority

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | 2.5 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$6.1 million over three years from 2002-03 to establish a National Offshore Safety Authority. The authority is proposed as a joint agency

covering both Commonwealth and State/Northern Territory coastal waters. The \$3.6 million in departmental costs of the programme are being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Fishing Hall of Fame and World Heritage Fraser Island Interpretive Centre Project

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government provided \$3 million in 2001-02 to the Fishing Hall of Fame and World Heritage Fraser Island Interpretive Centre Project. This will help provide an additional major tourism focus for the Fraser Coast.

Funding is conditional on matching funding from the Queensland Government and local community.

Funding for the Travel Compensation Fund

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government provided \$5 million in 2001-02 to the Travel Compensation Fund to compensate consumers who purchased a holiday package from a licensed travel agent and lost the value of that package due to the Ansett collapse. Funding of this measure is dependent on state and territory governments providing matching funding.

Increased funding for the Regional Tourism Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$8 million to the Regional Tourism Programme. This builds on funding of \$2 million in 2002-03. The programme provides grants to business enterprises and other organisations that deliver tourism attractions, products and services in regional Australia.

Increased industry assistance to small and medium enterprises

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | 3.1 | - | - | - |

Explanation

This proposal implements part of the Government's September 2001 Small Business Package. The Government will provide \$3.1 million for a range of initiatives including funding for the Industrial Supplies Office Network (ISONET), the Supplier Access to Major Projects Program (SAMP) and other activities to enhance the range of services offered to small business when competing for major projects.

Invest Australia — investment promotion and attraction

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$44 million to support the investment attraction role of Invest Australia as part of the Government's response to the *Winning Investment — Strategy, People and Partnerships* report.

Mentor Resources

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide an additional \$150,000 to assist Mentor Resources of Tasmania to continue to match volunteer mentors to small businesses and to enable this initiative to be trialed elsewhere in Australia.

Rationalisation of assistance to the printing industry

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | -10.3 | -8.9 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will end the Printing Industry Competitiveness Scheme (PICS) and the Enhanced Printing Industry Competitiveness Scheme (EPICS), delivering \$25 million in savings (including \$5.8 million in 2001-02). All claims lodged under PICS before the announcement of the termination of this scheme for paper to be used in production runs by 30 June 2002 will be processed and paid as normal. All proposals for EPICS grants approved before the announcement of the termination of this scheme will be processed and paid as normal.

Rationalisation of assistance to the Textiles, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) industry

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | -11.0 | -6.9 | -4.9 | 4.6 |

Explanation

The Government will end funding for the TCF Market Development Programme, the National Framework for Excellence in Education and Training in TCF and the TCF Technology Development Fund with a saving of \$21.5 million over five years (including \$3.3 million in 2001-02). Funding for the TCF Strategic Investment Program Scheme will remain unaltered at \$678 million, however \$4.6 million will be reprofiled from 2002-03 to 2005-06.

Rationalisation of assistance to the tourism industry

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 |

Explanation

The Government will end the Tourism Operations Program with effect from 2003-04, delivering ongoing savings of \$0.5 million per annum. These funds will be used to support other initiatives in the Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio.

Rationalisation of funding for international organisations contributions

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 |

Explanation

The Government will end the Contributions to International Organisations — Minerals Programme from 2003-04, delivering ongoing savings of \$0.2 million per annum.

Signage for Magnetic Island

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2002-03 to fund signage for Magnetic Island. This measure is being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Small Business Assistance Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | 8.9 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide a total of \$60 million over the next four years to fund the Small Business Assistance Programme (SBAP). As part of this initiative the Government will allocate \$24 million to enable the continuation of the Small Business Assistance Officers that help facilitate small business' access to Commonwealth Government programmes and assistance. The remaining \$36 million is additional funding for Small Business Incubators (to provide advice and premises for newly formed firms) and the Small Business Enterprise Culture programmes (skills development) which now form the SBAP.

Provision for funding of \$21.1 million has already been included in the forward estimates.

Tasmanian regional tourism infrastructure initiatives

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide a total of \$2.1 million (including \$0.6 million in 2001-02) for regional tourism infrastructure initiatives in Tasmania. The initiatives funded in 2001-02 are the Low Head Tourism Precinct (\$0.5 million) and the Mersey River Foreshore Upgrade (\$0.1 million). The infrastructure projects to be undertaken from 2002-03 include Cataract Gorge Reserve, North East Tourist Information Centre, Burnie Rail Project, Kingston Pier and Ringarooma Church.

Wine Industry Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$0.5 million over three years from 2002-03 for a strategic plan for the wine industry and an independent review covering wine exports and wine tourism. This measure is being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

New geoscience funding for securing Australia's oil supply

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Geoscience Australia | 7.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$8.5 million in 2002-03 to continue Australia's Precommercial Oil Exploration Programme. A review will be held over this time to investigate options and determine the longer term future for the programme. Geoscience Australia will absorb \$1.5 million from existing resources.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Enhanced complaint management by the Ombudsman's office

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1 million to the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman to manage additional functions conferred upon the Ombudsman in relation to certain law enforcement agencies and to further investigate immigration-related complaints.

This measure will strengthen the Ombudsman's role in ensuring the accountability of Commonwealth departments and their actions.

TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

Artificial Reef Mackay

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$0.3 million in 2002-03 towards the construction of three artificial reefs on the Mackay coast. The artificial reefs will benefit the Mackay region through increased tourism and enhanced employment opportunities that will result. The contribution will be provided from existing funding for the Regional Solutions Programme.

Commonwealth contribution to the construction of the Lismore flood levee

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$4 million in 2001-02 to accelerate the construction of the Lismore flood levee and reduce the time required from six to three years. The levee will redirect flood waters to prevent the flooding of homes and businesses. The \$4 million funding will be provided from within the Flood Recovery Fund and the Flood Assistance Package Small Business Grant Programmes.

Commonwealth contribution to the New South Wales Bushfire Relief Appeal

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government contributed \$1 million in 2001-02 to the Christmas 2001 Bushfire Relief Appeal, which was established by the New South Wales Government to assist people affected by the fires during the Christmas period. The commitment made by the Commonwealth Government matches the contribution announced by the New South Wales Government.

Construction of the Bert Hinkler Hall of Aviation Museum

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | 1.5 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide \$1.5 million towards the construction of the Bert Hinkler Hall of Aviation Museum in Bundaberg. The museum will provide an economic and employment boost for the Bundaberg region through increased tourism by providing the focus for future national and local aviation related events.

East Coast Very High Speed Train scoping study

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | -5.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government previously commissioned a scoping study to assess the viability of a passenger only East Coast Very High Speed Train. The stage one preliminary study was completed in 2001-02 and found that construction of an East Coast Very High Speed Train Network would cost in the range of \$33 billion to \$59 billion. The preliminary study estimated that government would be required to fund 80 per cent of construction costs, for a low public benefit. Given these results, the study was concluded in March 2002, generating savings of \$17.7 million over two years (\$12.7 million in 2001-02 and \$5 million in 2002-03).

Enhancement of the Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide additional funding of \$15.2 million to enhance the Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme. The additional funding will replace the seasonal rebate with a flat \$150 each way rebate for passenger vehicles and introduce a rebate of \$150 each way for caravans, motor homes and the vehicles of people with disabilities who are unable to accompany their vehicle by sea.

Extension of the Federal Road Safety Black Spot Programme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$180 million to extend the Federal Road Safety Black Spot Programme. The programme reduces the number of road accidents and their social and economic costs through the identification and cost effective treatment of dangerous locations on Australia's roads. Fifty per cent of funds will be directed to projects in rural and regional Australia.

Feasibility study for the Gold Coast Light Rail Project

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | 0.7 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Commonwealth will contribute funding of \$0.7 million towards a feasibility study into the Gold Coast Light Rail Project. The study is considering a possible light rail system from Helensvale to Broadbeach. The study will be managed jointly by the

Queensland Government and the Gold Coast City Council, with the Queensland Government matching the Commonwealth's financial contribution.

Further Commonwealth contribution to the New South Wales bushfires

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government provided \$0.8 million in 2001-02 to the New South Wales Government for the costs for transporting two helitankers to Australia to assist in fighting the Christmas 2001 New South Wales bushfires. These two helitankers complement the one already contracted by the Victorian Government. The helitankers significantly bolstered aerial firefighting capability and substantially assisted efforts over a ten week period during the bushfire season.

National Highway and Roads of National Importance

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | 13.0 | 26.2 | 27.7 | 70.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide increased funding of \$137.6 million to the National Highway and Roads of National Importance Programme. The additional funding will be used to upgrade the National Highway System, and to assist the states to upgrade important freight arteries that feed into the National Highway System. Regional communities will benefit through improved road access, greater road safety and improved road transport efficiency.

Payment scheme for Airservices Australia's enroute charges

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | - |

Explanation

The Government has decided to pay air traffic control charges imposed by Airservices Australia on regional airline aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight of 15 tonnes or less. The payment of these charges by the Government will save the industry \$2.9 million in 2001-02. The scheme, which came into effect on 1 January 2002 and will continue until June 2005, will assist many regional operators who are facing financial difficulties. It also applies to aircraft used by aeromedical operators such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Waterfront asbestos – related injury compensation

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services | 20.0 | 20.0 | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$20 million per year in 2002-03 and 2003-04 to the Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee for compensation to former waterside workers who contracted asbestos related diseases through exposure to asbestos on Australian wharves between the 1940s and 1970s.

Provision for funding of \$15 million in 2002-03 and 2003-04 has already been included in the forward estimates. Therefore the effect on the fiscal and underlying cash balance will be \$5 million in 2002-03 and 2003-04.

The appropriate level of funding for 2004-05 onwards will be addressed at a later stage taking into account the number of claims likely to be lodged for consideration.

TREASURY

Additional funding for the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority for costs associated with the HIH Royal Commission

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Prudential Regulation Authority | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has provided the APRA with additional funding of \$4 million in 2001-02 to cover costs associated with their activities relating to the HIH Royal Commission inquiry.

The funding will enable APRA to meet expenses for legal support, specialist technical consultants, general administration costs and the cost of additional staff seconded full time to Royal Commission work.

Authorised deposit-taking institutions and insurance cost recovery

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Prudential Regulation Authority | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) with additional funding of \$12 million for the prudential regulation of authorised deposit-taking institutions and insurance. This funding will allow APRA to undertake additional work necessary to allow more intense supervision of conglomerate groups and to improve APRA's ability to analyse operational risk, liability valuation and insurance risk.

APRA's costs will be recovered from industry.

See also the related revenue measure titled *Authorised deposit-taking institutions and insurance cost recovery* in the Treasury portfolio.

Additional funding for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission for costs associated with the HIH Royal Commission

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Securities and Investments Commission | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has provided the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) with additional funding of \$4.6 million in 2001-02 to cover the costs of its involvement with the HIH Royal Commission.

The funding covers costs of legal counsel, legal advice and administrative support for ASIC's involvement with the Royal Commission. ASIC's need for legal advice stems from its role as the corporate regulator of HIH and as a litigant in proceedings arising out of the HIH collapse.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission Output Pricing Review

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Securities and Investments Commission | 19.4 | 25.8 | 22.3 | 23.3 |

Explanation

The Government has conducted an output pricing review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) in 2001-02. In light of the review, ASIC will be provided with additional funding to implement and administer the legislative changes introduced by the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001* (the Act), and to maintain its enforcement capability.

Additional funding for enforcement will assist ASIC's handling of an increasing case-load, including a number of high-profile cases, and improve its ability to preserve and recover assets for the benefit of investors.

The financial services reforms, which commenced on 11 March 2002, will improve the regulation of financial products, service providers and markets by introducing a single, harmonised licensing and product disclosure framework. Funding allocated in the out years for enforcement is subject to review in the light of experience in enforcing the Act.

Implementation of expanded obligations under the Financial Services Reform Act

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Securities and Investments Commission | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has provided the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) with additional funding of \$0.5 million in 2001-02 to undertake its expanded obligations under the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001*. ASIC's costs are expected to increase to meet the expected demand for licenses during the first two years of the Act's operation.

A Better Superannuation System — allow temporary residents to access their superannuation after they have departed Australia

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Taxation Office | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will allocate \$14.3 million over five years for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to implement and administer the scheme to allow temporary residents to access their superannuation after they have departed Australia.

This measure will involve expenditure of \$2.3 million in 2002-03, \$1.5 million in 2003-04, \$1.5 million in 2004-05 and \$1.5 million in 2005-06 which is being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the ATO. The Government has provided additional funding of \$7.5 million in 2001-02.

See also the related revenue measure titled *A Better Superannuation System — allow temporary residents to access their superannuation after they have departed Australia* in the Treasury portfolio.

A Better Superannuation System — Government superannuation co-contribution for low income earners

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Taxation Office | - | 95.0 | 100.0 | 105.0 |

Explanation

From 1 July 2002, a Government superannuation co-contribution will be introduced in place of the existing rebate for personal superannuation contributions made by eligible low income earners. The co-contribution will match personal undeducted contributions by low income earners made on or after 1 July 2002.

A maximum co-contribution of \$1,000 will be payable in respect of individuals whose assessable income and reportable fringe benefits do not exceed \$20,000 per annum. The maximum co-contribution will be reduced by 8 cents for each dollar of assessable income and reportable fringe benefits over \$20,000 (up to \$32,500). The co-contribution will be treated as an undeducted contribution for tax purposes.

To be eligible for the co-contribution, an individual must not be aged 71 or more and must be ineligible to claim a tax deduction for their personal contributions. Persons who receive spouse, but not employer, superannuation support will be eligible for a tax deduction for their personal contributions.

See the related expense measure titled *A Better Superannuation System — Government superannuation co-contribution for low income earners — implementation and administration* and also the related revenue measure titled *A Better Superannuation System — replacement of the rebate for personal superannuation contributions* in the Treasury portfolio.

A Better Superannuation System — Government superannuation co-contributions for low income earners — implementation and administration

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Taxation Office | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has allocated \$29.5 million over four years to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to implement and administer the co-contribution for low income earners.

This measure will involve expenditure of \$16.8 million in 2002-03, \$4.5 million in 2003-04, \$4.1 million in 2004-05 and \$4.1 million in 2005-06.

This measure is being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the ATO.

See the related expense measure titled *A Better Superannuation System – Government superannuation co-contribution for low income earners* in the Treasury portfolio.

A Better Superannuation System – quarterly Superannuation Guarantee contributions

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Taxation Office | 10.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide the Australian Taxation Office with funding of \$31.9 million to implement and administer the changes to the Superannuation Guarantee arrangements that will require all employers to make Superannuation Guarantee contributions on behalf of their employees at least on a quarterly basis instead of a yearly basis. The funding includes provision for a communication campaign. This measure will take effect from 1 July 2003.

See also related capital and revenue measures titled *A Better Superannuation System – quarterly Superannuation Guarantee contributions* in the Treasury portfolio.

ATO pricing review – enhanced ATO resources

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Base tax administration funding | 321.1 | 357.8 | 342.1 | 369.5 |
| Large business compliance | 9.5 | 15.7 | 16.0 | 16.4 |
| Small business (income tax and fringe benefits tax) field services | 28.3 | 28.4 | 28.9 | 29.5 |
| Australian Taxation Office - Total: | 358.9 | 401.9 | 387.0 | 415.4 |

Explanation

The Government accepted the recommendation of the independent pricing review of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for additional funding for base tax administration functions. The measures will improve service levels, help in achieving

further gains in voluntary compliance and lead to increased revenue over the forward estimates period and beyond.

In addition, the independent pricing review identified large business compliance and small business (income tax and fringe benefits tax) field services as areas warranting further investment. Additional funding for large business compliance activities, including research, advice, education, revenue management and active compliance, will result in increased taxation revenue. Increased funding for small business field services will improve the advisory services provided to small businesses, enhance the ATO's capacity to identify emerging risks and assist in improving compliance behaviour.

See also the related revenue measure titled *ATO pricing review – additional revenue from enhanced ATO resources* in the Treasury portfolio.

Baby Bonus

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Taxation Office | 85.0 | 250.0 | 390.0 | 510.0 |

Explanation

The Government will be providing further tax relief to families, through the introduction of the Baby Bonus. The Baby Bonus recognises that one of the hardest financial times for families is the birth of their first child, when one partner gives up or reduces their paid employment.

The Baby Bonus is to take effect on 1 July 2002 and will apply to a first child born on or after 1 July 2001. As a transitional measure, for families who already have children it will apply to a child born on or after 1 July 2001. Parents adopting or otherwise gaining legal custody of a first child will also be eligible. Every year for up to five years a parent will be able to claim up to \$2,500 of the tax payable on their income earned in the year prior to the birth of their child. A minimum annual benefit of \$500 will be available to parents with annual incomes of \$25,000 or less. Where the parent returns to work, the entitlement will be reduced in proportion to the income earned. The benefit will also be transferable between spouses.

See the related expense and capital measures titled *Baby Bonus – implementation and administration* and the revenue measure titled *A Better Superannuation System – superannuation from the Baby Bonus* in the Treasury portfolio.

Baby Bonus — implementation and administration

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Taxation Office | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will allocate \$41.7 million over five years to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to implement and administer the Baby Bonus.

This measure will involve expenditure of \$12 million in 2002-03, \$8 million in 2003-04, \$7.5 million in 2004-05 and \$7 million in 2005-06 to implement and administer the Baby Bonus which will be absorbed within the existing resources of the ATO. Funding of \$7.2 million has been provided in 2001-02.

See also the related expense measure titled *Baby Bonus*, related capital measure titled *Baby Bonus — implementation and administration* and the revenue measure titled *A Better Superannuation System — superannuation from the Baby Bonus* in the Treasury portfolio.

Choice of superannuation fund and portability

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Taxation Office | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has allocated \$28.7 million for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to administer choice of superannuation and undertake an extensive community education campaign to inform employees and employers of their rights and obligations in relation to choice of superannuation; and inform superannuation funds and their members about portability of existing superannuation balances. The Government will give employees the choice to determine the superannuation fund into which their Superannuation Guarantee contributions are paid, and allow members of accumulation funds to move existing benefits to their fund of choice.

These policies will increase competition, efficiency and performance within the superannuation industry and benefit members through lower fees and charges and increased returns.

This measure will involve expenditure of \$12.7 million in 2002-03, \$10.3 million in 2003-04, \$3.4 million in 2004-05 and \$2.3 million in 2005-06 which is being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the ATO.

Extension to the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Taxation Office | 12.8 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.4 |

Explanation

The Government will extend eligibility for the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme to all diesel used for electricity generation by retail/hospitality businesses for their own use, where there is no access to commercial supplies of electricity.

The proposal extends the current scheme that provides a rebate on diesel fuel excise for the off-road use of diesel by the farming, mining, rail and shipping industries and hospitals that generate electricity using diesel fuel where there is no access to commercial supplies of electricity. This will reduce the costs of small retail/hospitality businesses generating electricity from diesel fuel where there is no access to commercial supplies of electricity.

Intergovernmental Agreement – enhanced resources for GST administration

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Increase in base GST administration funding | 139.5 | 154.8 | 170.2 | 185.8 |
| Small business (goods and services tax) field services | 45.0 | 47.0 | 48.0 | 50.0 |
| Australian Taxation Office – Total | 184.5 | 201.8 | 218.2 | 235.8 |
| Department of the Treasury Variation in BBA | 19.5 | -15.6 | -8.4 | -3.4 |
| Total | 204.0 | 186.2 | 209.8 | 232.4 |

Explanation

Under the *Intergovernmental Agreement on the Reform of Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements*, all GST revenue is provided to the States and Territories (the States) and collected on their behalf on a fee for service basis by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

The Commonwealth and the States at the Ministerial Council meeting of 22 March 2002 agreed additional funding will be provided to the ATO to manage greater than anticipated GST workloads and to enhance small business (goods and services tax) field services and compliance capabilities (identified by the independent

pricing review as an area warranting further investment). The States pay the Commonwealth for these costs.

Under the Intergovernmental Agreement, agreed GST administration costs are included as a component of each State's Guaranteed Minimum Amount (GMA). For each State, where that State's share of GST revenue is less than the GMA, the Commonwealth pays Budget Balancing Assistance (BBA). The combined effect of the additional GST revenue available to the States from these measures, and the change in the States' GMA as a result of administration costs determines the variation in the BBA required to be paid by the Commonwealth to the States.

Further details may be found in *Budget Paper No. 3*, and the Treasurer's press release of 22 March 2002.

See also the related revenue measure titled *Additional reimbursements from the States and Territories* in the Treasury portfolio.

Streamlined Company Registration

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Australian Taxation Office | 3.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will simplify procedures for company registration by combining the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's company registration process with the Australian Business Number (ABN) application process managed by the Australian Taxation Office. This will reduce red tape and save businesses time and money by removing duplication.

Establishment of the Office of the Inspector General of Taxation

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of the Treasury | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$8 million to create an Office of the Inspector General of Taxation to provide advice to Government on tax administration and to act as an advocate for all taxpayers. This position will report to the Parliament through the Treasurer and will provide a new source of independent advice.

Extension of the Additional First Home Owners Scheme

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of the Treasury | 30.0 | 5.0 | - | - |

Explanation

The First Home Owners Scheme (FHOS), introduced on 1 July 2000, provides assistance to first home owners in the form of a \$7,000 grant. The FHOS is funded out of GST revenues and guaranteed by the Commonwealth through BBA payments to the States who administer the Scheme. On 9 March 2001, the Government announced that an additional \$7,000 grant, fully funded by the Commonwealth, would be available for first home owners building or purchasing new but previously unoccupied homes before 31 December 2001.

In December 2001, the Government announced a phase down of the additional grant making it available for a further six months, from 1 January 2002, at a reduced rate of \$3,000 per grant. The additional grant will cease on 30 June 2002, while the original scheme will continue to offer \$7,000 grants to eligible first home buyers. The Government also announced that more liberal construction commencement and completion requirements will apply to additional FHOS grants for contracts made on or after 9 October 2001.

This measure includes estimated expenditure of \$15 million in 2001-02.

Reduction in Budget Balancing Assistance as a result of not indexing petroleum Revenue Replacement Payments forgone

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of the Treasury | -139.0 | -165.1 | -173.3 | -266.5 |

Explanation

From 1 July 2002, indexation will not be included in the calculation of petroleum Revenue Replacement Payments forgone, a component of each State's Guaranteed Minimum Amount (GMA). The adjustment is consistent with the Commonwealth Government's decision of March 2001 to abolish indexation of fuel excise rates.

This adjustment will have the effect of lowering each State's GMA which reduces the amount of Budget Balancing Assistance paid by the Commonwealth to the States in 2002-03 and the forward estimates.

Further details may be found in *Budget Paper No. 3*, and the Treasurer's press release of 22 March 2002.

Reduction in Budget Balancing Assistance resulting from the National Excise Scheme for Low Alcohol Beer

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of the Treasury | -62.9 | -59.5 | -58.0 | -61.3 |

Explanation

At the meeting of the Ministerial Council for Commonwealth-State Financial Relations on 22 March 2002, the Commonwealth and the States and Territories (the States) agreed to implement a National Excise Scheme For Low Alcohol Beer from 1 July 2002. The scheme will replace a range of existing State subsidies with a nationally uniform and administratively efficient concession in the rate of excise on low alcohol beer.

The Commonwealth will deduct from each State's Budget Balancing Assistance (BBA) an amount commensurate with its current subsidies, indexed for inflation, for as long as each State continues to receive BBA. After the transition period, when all States no longer require BBA, the Commonwealth will be fully funding the Scheme.

Further details may be found in *Budget Paper No. 3*, and the Treasurer's press release of 22 March 2002. See also the related revenue measure titled *National Excise Scheme for Low Alcohol Beer* in the Treasury portfolio.

Review of competition provisions of the Trade Practices Act

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of the Treasury | - | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government has provided funding of \$0.6 million in 2001-02 to undertake an independent review of the competition provisions of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* and their administration. The terms of reference of the review will cover whether the legislation and its administration encourages an environment where businesses can grow and compete internationally, provides adequate protection for the balance of power between small and large business, supports the growth of regional Australia and deals fairly with affairs of individual companies.

***United Medical Protection (UMP)/Australasian Medical Insurance Ltd (AMIL)
insolvency adviser***

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of the Treasury | 2.0 | - | - | - |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$2 million to engage external experts (for example legal and insolvency experts and appropriate actuarial advisers) to assist the Government in relation to the issues surrounding United Medical Protection (UMP) and its wholly owned subsidiary Australasian Medical Insurance Limited (AMIL).

See related expense measure titled *United Medical Protection (UMP)/Australasian Medical Insurance Ltd (AMIL) Guarantee*.

***United Medical Protection (UMP)/Australasian Medical Insurance Ltd (AMIL)
Guarantee***

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of the Treasury | * | * | * | * |

Explanation

The Government has written to members insured by United Medical Protection/Australasian Medical Insurance Limited (UMP/AMIL) stating that the Commonwealth will guarantee to the provisional liquidator, or to any other subsequently appointed liquidator, the obligations of UMP/AMIL to pay any amount properly payable in the period 29 April to 30 June 2002 in respect of claims under a current or past policy. The Commonwealth has stated that it will also provide a guarantee to the provisional liquidator or to any subsequently appointed liquidator to enable the provision of cover in respect of valid claims that arise at any time for: holders of a current policy, for events that occur between 29 April and 30 June 2002; and holders of a policy that expires and is renewed by the provisional liquidator between 29 April and 30 June 2002, for insured events that occur before 30 June 2002. These proposed guarantees will apply to the extent that the provisional liquidator is unable to meet UMP/AMIL's obligations under these policies from UMP/AMIL's assets. The Government will ensure that these proposed guarantees are contractually binding on future governments, and will legislate to confirm the effect of the proposed guarantees.

No estimate of the expense, liability and the associated cash flow has been included in the 2002-03 Budget for this measure as the nature of this measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be produced at this time.

A disclosure of this measure has been included in the Statement of Risks in *Budget Paper No. 1* (Fiscal risks — Expenses).

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Extend the Gold Card to Australian veterans over 70 years of age with post World War II qualifying service

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Health and Ageing | -15.8 | -17.5 | -19.9 | -22.3 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs | 32.2 | 38.5 | 45.2 | 52.7 |
| Total | 16.4 | 20.9 | 25.3 | 30.4 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$93.1 million to extend the Repatriation Health Card — For All Conditions (Gold Card) to Australian veterans aged 70 and over with post World War II qualifying service. The Gold Card provides access to free treatment and care within Australia for all health conditions, whether war-related or not. It also provides access to pharmaceuticals at concessional rates under the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Health and Ageing. There will be a reduction in expenses in the Health and Ageing portfolio as veterans affected by the measure will no longer need to rely on the provision of health care services under that portfolio.

Index the ceiling rate of income support supplement for war widows

Expenses (\$m)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Department of Family and Community Services | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs | 5.8 | 15.7 | 26.9 | 38.2 |
| Total | 5.4 | 15.1 | 26.4 | 37.7 |

Explanation

The Government will provide funding of \$84.7 million to introduce twice yearly indexation of the ceiling rate of the Income Support Supplement (ISS) for war widows. Indexation will be based on increases in the Consumer Price Index and the Male Total Average Weekly Earnings, and will apply from 20 September 2002. This will result in the ISS ceiling rate of \$124.90 payable to war widows being indexed in line with service pension indexation.

ISS is subject to an income and assets test and provides income support in addition to the War Widow's Pension for Australian war widows with limited means.

War widows who are veterans in their own right and receive their income support as a service pension are subject to the same ceiling rate applying to ISS, and under this measure will also be able to access the new indexation arrangements.

This is a cross-portfolio measure between the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Family and Community Services. There will be a small reduction in income support payments in the Family and Community Services portfolio as war widows transfer to the Veterans' Affairs portfolio to access the new indexation arrangements.

