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FOREWORD

Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2005-06* ensures that the Budget Papers provide comprehensive information on all Government decisions that involve changes to its revenue, expense and investing activities since the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*.

Budget Paper No. 2 comprises three parts:

- Part 1: Revenue Measures
- Part 2: Expense Measures
- Part 3: Capital Measures

Revenue measures are defined as those measures that affect taxation or non-taxation revenues (on a Government Finance Statistics basis).

Expense measures are defined as those measures that affect expenses (on a Government Finance Statistics basis).

Capital measures are defined as those measures that affect net capital investment, defined as the change in non-financial assets. Capital measures that fall outside of this definition, such as equity injections or loans used for purposes other than investment in non-financial assets, are shown as having a zero impact on the fiscal balance.

A summary of all measures introduced since the 2004-05 Budget is included in each part. Measures introduced since the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*, including measures in this Budget, are described in detail.

Notes

- (a) The following definitions are used in this Budget Paper:
- ‘real’ means adjusted for the effect of inflation;
 - real growth in expenses is measured by the non-farm Gross Domestic Product deflator;
 - Budget year refers to 2005-06, while the forward years refer to 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09; and
 - one billion is equal to one thousand million.
- (b) Figures in tables and generally in the text have been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.
- (c) For the budget balance, a negative sign indicates a deficit while no sign indicates a surplus.

(d) The following notations are used:

*	The nature of this measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.
NEC/nec	not elsewhere classified
AEST	Australian Eastern Standard Time
-	Nil
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
na	not available
nfp	not for publication
\$m	\$ million

(e) The Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory are referred to as 'the territories'. References to the 'states' or 'each state' include the territories. The following abbreviations are used for the names of the states, where appropriate:

NSW	New South Wales
VIC/Vic	Victoria
QLD/Qld	Queensland
WA	Western Australia
SA	South Australia
TAS/Tas	Tasmania
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
NT	Northern Territory

(f) In this paper the term Commonwealth refers to the Commonwealth of Australia. The term is used when referring to the legal entity of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The term Australian Government is used when referring to the Government and the decisions and activities made by the Government on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2005-06* is one of a series of Budget Papers that provides information to supplement the Budget Speech. A full list of the series is printed on the inside cover of this paper.

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Part 1: Revenue Measures

Table 1: Revenue measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S				
	<i>Australian Customs Service</i>				
9	Asian Development Bank – customs duty concession	..	..	..	..
247	Civil Aviation Safety Authority – long-term funding strategy(b)	-	-	-	..
9	Customs accredited client programme	-	-	-	-
10	Import Processing Charges – restructure	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3
103	Imports – additional revenue compliance activities(b)	10.8	23.2	24.8	26.5
10	Tariff concessions – abolishing the three per cent tariff on business inputs	-290.0	-300.0	-320.0	-340.0
	<i>Federal Magistrates Court</i>				
101	Family law disputes – increased capacity(b)	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
	<i>Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia</i>				
11	Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia – implementation of cost recovery review	-	6.9	6.9	6.9
	Portfolio total	-272.8	-263.4	-281.7	-299.9
	COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS				
	<i>Australian Film, Television and Radio School</i>				
108	Australian Film, Television and Radio School – relocation(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
	<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>				
111	EuroHub – European training base for Australian athletes(b)	-	0.7	0.7	0.7
	Portfolio total	-	0.7	0.7	0.7
	EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING				
	<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>				
127	James Cook University – Additional Veterinary Science and Tropical Agriculture Places(b)	-	..	..	0.1
129	Our Universities – additional medical places at James Cook University(b)	..	..	..	..
	Portfolio total	..	..	..	0.1
	EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS				
	<i>Australian Communications Authority</i>				
203	Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Energy Programme – maintain funding(b)	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
	Portfolio total	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
	ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE				
	<i>Department of the Environment and Heritage</i>				
156	Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme(b)	2.0	0.4	0.5	0.4
	Portfolio total	2.0	0.4	0.5	0.4

Table 1: Revenue measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a)(continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION				
	<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>				
277	Royal Australian Mint buildings – refurbishment(b)	-	-	-	0.9
	Portfolio total	-	-	-	0.9
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE				
	<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>				
89	Providing for Australia's Security – biometrics for border control – progressive introduction of ePassports(b)	11.0	18.6	20.3	20.7
	Portfolio total	11.0	18.6	20.3	20.7
	HEALTH AND AGEING				
	<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>				
12	Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee – cost recovery arrangements	-	-	11.1	11.2
	<i>Private Health Insurance Ombudsman</i>				
202	Private Health Insurance – increased funding for the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman through an increase in the Complaints Levy(b)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
	Portfolio total	0.2	0.2	11.3	11.4
	IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS				
	<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>				
117	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2007(b)	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4
231	Migration Programme – increase of up to 20,000 skilled places(b)	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.7
232	Migration Programme – seasonal harvest workers – increased working holiday makers(b)	0.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
233	Migration Programme – Trade Skills Training Visa – arrangement for regional Australia(b)	1.0	2.9	4.0	4.1
234	Migration Programme – Two-Stage Skilled Designated Area Sponsored visa(b)	-	-	-	0.4
237	Skilled migration promotion(b)	9.5	9.7	9.9	10.2
89	Providing for Australia's Security – biometrics for border control – phased application of identification technology(b)	10.4	10.7	11.0	11.3
	Portfolio total	27.0	30.8	32.7	34.1
	INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES				
	<i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i>				
239	Industry Capability Network Limited and Supplier Access to Major Projects Programme – extension(b)	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-
	Portfolio total	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-
	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET				
	<i>Australian National Audit Office</i>				
244	Australian National Audit Office – changes to the auditing environment(b)	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
	Portfolio total	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4

Table 1: Revenue measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a)(continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES				
	<i>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</i>				
247	Civil Aviation Safety Authority – long-term funding strategy(b)	4.9	4.8	9.2	14.1
	<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>				
249	Motor vehicle standards – improved service standards and lower fees(b)	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6
	<i>Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee</i>				
145	Asbestos Claims Management(b)	-2.5	-1.9	-1.7	-1.7
	Portfolio total	0.8	1.3	5.9	10.8
	TREASURY				
	<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>				
258	Superannuation Choice – implementation(b)	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.1
	<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>				
13	Approval of Bendigo Stock Exchange for the purpose of the foreign investment fund rules	..	..	..	..
13	Asian Development Bank – income tax exemption for Australian staff	..	..	..	..
14	Australian companies' foreign branch profits – operation of ships and aircraft in international traffic	-	-	-	-
14	Capital gains tax – extending the marriage breakdown roll-over relief and related amendments	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
247	Civil Aviation Safety Authority – long-term funding strategy(b)	-	-	-	-5.0
15	Company losses – further amendments to the loss recoupment rules	*	*	*	*
15	Consolidation – changes to the loss rules	-	-5.0	-1.0	-1.0
15	Consolidation – extension of time to make irrevocable elections	*	*	*	*
16	Denial of deductions for illegal activities	*	*	*	*
16	Extension of tax-timing hedging rules	*	*	*	*
17	Film Licensed Investment Company scheme – two year extension	-	-4.0	-4.0	-
17	Forestry – extension of the 12-month prepayment rule for managed investment schemes	-	-	-30.0	-35.0
17	Franking deficit tax offset	..	..	..	..
18	Fringe benefits tax – exemption for certain payments to worker entitlement funds	-	-	-	-
19	Imputation – share capital tainting	..	..	..	..
19	Inclusion of film copyright in the effective life regime	-15.0	-35.0	-55.0	-70.0
20	Indirect tax concession scheme – concessions for diplomats and consular missions	..	..	..	..
20	Mature age worker tax offset – extended definition of net income from working	-70.0	-75.0	-75.0	-75.0
21	Medicare levy – increasing the Medicare levy low income thresholds	-38.0	-19.0	-18.0	-18.0

Table 1: Revenue measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a)(continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	TREASURY(continued)				
21	Medicare levy surcharge – lump sum payments in arrears offset	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
22	New international taxation arrangements – foreign income exemption for temporary residents	-	-	-50.0	-55.0
22	New international taxation arrangements – not proceeding to treat 'ceasing to be an Australian resident' as a taxing point for the employee share scheme rules	*	*	*	*
23	New international taxation arrangements – reforms to the capital gains tax treatment of non-residents	-50.0	-50.0	-65.0	-65.0
23	New international taxation arrangements – removal of foreign loss and foreign tax credit quarantining	-	-	-25.0	-25.0
24	Non-commercial loans – bringing forward the effect of previously announced changes	*	*	*	*
24	Not proceeding with proposed changes to the taxation of partnerships and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
25	Not proceeding with the generic regime for the taxation of rights	35.0	50.0	55.0	65.0
25	Personal income tax – closure of Operation HUSKY for taxation purposes	-	-	-	-
26	Personal income tax – exclusion of purely cosmetic procedures from the medical expenses offset	-	10.0	10.0	10.0
26	Personal income tax – foreign income exemption for Australians working in Iraq	-1.0	-	-	-
	Personal income tax cuts	-3,100.0	-5,600.0	-6,250.0	-6,700.0
28	Petroleum resource rent tax – modifications to the proposed gas transfer price regulations	-	-	-	-
29	Petroleum resource rent tax – policy modifications	-	-45.0	21.0	1.0
29	Philanthropy – establish new general deductible gift recipient categories	-	..	-11.0	-11.0
30	Philanthropy – updating the list of eligible deductible gift recipients	*	*	*	*
31	Review of International Taxation Arrangements – changes to the definition of 'commencing day'	*	*	*	*
31	Review of International Taxation Arrangements – removing inappropriate consequences that follow from the listing of a country	..	..	..	..
32	Superannuation – closure of the Superannuation Holding Accounts Special Account to new employer deposits	-	*	*	*
32	Superannuation – splitting of superannuation contributions	4.5	5.3	4.0	3.6
	Superannuation – surcharge abolition	-	-650.0	-875.0	-990.0
33	Superannuation – tax treatment of superannuation annuities on marriage breakdown	-	-	-1.0	-2.0
34	Superannuation – transitional period to comply with the choice of fund insurance requirement	-0.2	-1.1	-2.0	-2.2
34	Superannuation – use of Superannuation Holding Accounts Special Account as an eligible choice fund	-1.0	-	-	-

Table 1: Revenue measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a)(continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	TREASURY(continued)				
35	Superannuation guarantee – payments of wages received after employment ceases	-	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0
35	Superannuation guarantee – reducing incidence of double payment	-0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8
36	Tax exemption of Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships	-	-	-	-
36	Taxation treatment of business 'blackhole' expenditure	-	-35.0	-70.0	-100.0
37	Thin capitalisation – transitional period for International Financial Reporting Standards	-	-	-	-
37	Wine equalisation tax – extending the producer rebate to New Zealand wine producers	-7.0	-8.0	-8.0	-9.0
	<i>Department of the Treasury</i>				
103	Imports – additional revenue compliance activities(b)	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
	Portfolio total	-3,241.0	-6,464.4	-7,452.4	-8,085.8
	Total impact of revenue measures(c)	-3,471.9	-6,675.0	-7,661.8	-8,305.4

* The nature of the measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.

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(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in revenue, no sign before an estimate indicates a gain to revenue.

(b) Details of these measures can be found under Part 2: Expense measures.

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding.

Table 2: Revenue measures up to the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a)

	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S				
Customs duty				
Excise on imported grape-wine products with an alcohol content exceeding 22 per cent	..	..	..	..
Extension of the SPARTECA-TCF scheme	-1.1	-1.4	-1.6	-1.9
Portfolio total	-1.1	-1.4	-1.6	-1.9
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING				
Aged care - additional university places for aged care nursing	..	..	..	..
Strengthening Cancer Care - radiation therapy internships and undergraduate places	..	..	..	..
University of Notre Dame - additional places for medicine, nursing and teaching	-	..	..	..
Portfolio total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS				
Temporary Protection Visa - caseload resolution	1.4	0.1	-	-
Portfolio total	1.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES				
Christmas Island Phosphates	-0.2	-	-	-
Norfolk Island memorial for Minister Buffet - proceeds for the transfer of crown land	..	..	..	..
Portfolio total	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
TREASURY				
30 per cent child care tax rebate	-	-280.0	-305.0	-330.0
Amend the tax treatment of copyright collecting societies	..	..	..	..
Consolidation				
Ensure deferred tax liabilities do not result in capital gains or losses in the transition to consolidation	*	*	*	*
Treatment of irrevocable elections	-	-	-	-
Closure of Operation DAMASK X and Operation PALATE for taxation purposes	*	*	*	*
Deductible gift recipients				
Admissions to registers of organisations and prescribed private funds	*	*	*	*
Deductibility of certain gifts	*	*	*	*
Defence Force Income Support Allowance - linked tax exemption	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

Table 2: Revenue measures up to the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a)(continued)

	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
TREASURY (continued)				
Entrepreneur's tax discount	-	-400.0	-390.0	-370.0
Fuel tax reform - removal of excise on burner fuels(b)	-	-	-	-
Mature age worker tax offset	-335.0	-354.0	-350.0	-345.0
Response to recommendations arising from the Review of Self-Assessment for income tax returns	-11.5	-21.5	-47.5	-78.5
Simplified imputation system - consequential and other amendments	..	..	..	..
Simplified Tax System (STS) - optional cash accounting	-15.0	-125.0	-130.0	-90.5
Superannuation				
Bring forward the simplification of superannuation guarantee earnings bases to 1 July 2008	-3.0	-3.0	-6.0	-4.0
Changes to the reduction in the surcharge rate	-	-	200.0	310.0
Expansion of the definition of 'dependant'	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
Grandfathering of superannuation payment rules for people aged 75 or more at 30 June 2004	-2.7	-1.9	-1.6	-1.4
Modifications to pension and annuity integrity regulations	-	-	-	-
Removal of \$3,000 limit on child superannuation contributions	..	..	..	..
Removal of Superannuation Guarantee reporting requirement	*	*	*	*
Remove tax deductions for personal contributions by new co-contribution recipients	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Transitional relief for small funds	*	*	*	*
Taxation of financial arrangements				
Debt and equity interests	*	*	*	*
Defer the commencement of reforms to accruals/realisations framework	-45.0	60.0	-5.0	-
Foreign currency regulations - technical and compliance cost savings amendments	*	*	*	*
Foreign currency regulations - use of weighted average cost and average rates of exchange	*	*	*	*
Tax treatment of financial instruments issued by credit unions and mutual building societies	-2.0	-3.0	-4.0	-5.0
Taxation of franked dividends received by Australian branches of non-residents on net assessment basis	*	*	*	*
Tax exemption for seniors' concession allowance and utilities allowance	-	-	-	-
Uniform capital allowances - statutory effective life caps for trucks, buses, light commercial vehicles and truck trailers	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Revenue measures up to the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a)(continued)

	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
TREASURY (continued)				
Wine equalisation tax				
Amendments to mead regulations	-	-	-	-
Extension of wine producer rebate to producers of cider, perry and sake	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Wine equalisation tax compliance improvements	*	*	*	*
Portfolio total	-418.8	-1133.0	-1043.7	-919.0
Decisions taken but not yet announced	18.0	19.1	20.3	21.6
Total impact of revenue measures(c)	-400.6	-1115.1	-1025.0	-899.3

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(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in revenue, no sign before an estimate indicates a gain to revenue

(b) Measure reported as taken but not announced in the 2004-05 Budget. The impact of this measure (-\$60 million per year in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09) is already included in the forward estimates.

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S**Asian Development Bank — customs duty concession**

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service

The Government will allow Asian Development Bank (ADB) officers to import personal effects (including furniture) free of duty when first taking up a post in Australia. The measure will take effect when necessary changes to the ADB regulations come into operation.

The measure will implement an arrangement reached between the ADB and Australia for the establishment of ADB's Australian office.

The Government is also providing an income tax concession to officers of the ADB — see related item *Asian Development Bank – income tax exemption for Australian staff* in Budget Paper No. 2 under the Treasury portfolio. A GST concession is also proposed, but this is subject to the approval of the state and territory governments — see related item *Asian Development Bank – GST concession* in Appendix A of Budget Paper No. 3.

Customs accredited client programme

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	-	-	-	-

The Government will implement arrangements under the Accredited Client Programme for eligible importers to pay estimated customs duty liability for a month in the middle of that month, with a settlement process in the following month based on a periodic declaration. This measure simplifies the arrangements for reporting of imports and exports by accredited clients through the introduction of periodic declarations, as opposed to entries that have to be lodged for each and every consignment of goods. The measure does not involve any net deferral of customs duty.

Import Processing Charges — restructure

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3

The Government will restructure and increase the Import Processing Charge (IPC) to better align charges with the costs of processing imports so as to ensure the full recovery of the Australian Customs Service's import processing costs. The new charges will result in additional revenue of \$50.6 million over four years, including \$30 million over four years included in the forward estimates at the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*.

Under the new arrangements, the Government will continue to set the IPC based on the mode of entry and will not proceed with the previously announced intention to move to a fee structure based on the value of the imported goods. Importers will now pay \$49.50 per declaration for sea imports, \$30.10 per declaration for air imports and \$20.00 per declaration for pipeline imports. The Self-Assessed Clearance charge will be removed.

The \$30 million included in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05* provided full recovery for costs that had previously been partly offset by Customs, including the costs associated with the Cargo Examination Facilities programme and the Increased Quarantine Intervention programme. The additional \$20.6 million since *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05* provides for full cost recovery of additional compliance activities undertaken by Customs, including those associated with the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (see the related expense measures *Imports – additional revenue compliance activities* and *Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement* in the Attorney-General's portfolio in Budget Paper No.2).

Tariff concessions — abolishing the three per cent tariff on business inputs

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	-290.0	-300.0	-320.0	-340.0

Note: This measure has a cost to revenue of \$36 million in 2004-05.

The Government will remove the three per cent tariff applying to business inputs imported under a Tariff Concession Order. This measure will take effect from 11 May 2005.

Business inputs that do not have domestically produced substitutes attract a three per cent concessional tariff rate. The Government will remove the tariff, providing these business inputs with duty free entry. This will further reduce business input costs and increase the competitiveness of Australian industry.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: The Coalition's Policy for Australian Industry* to remove the three per cent tariff on business inputs used in the manufacture of wind turbines.

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia — implementation of cost recovery review

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	-	6.9	6.9	6.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	1.7	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will apply cost recovery arrangements from 1 July 2006 for a range of services provided by the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA). This will involve changes to ITSA's existing fees and charges, and introduction of a levy on amounts recovered in debt agreements. These new arrangements will ensure that ITSA's fees and charges better reflect the cost of the particular services.

The Government will provide \$3.7 million over four years (including \$1.7 million in capital funding in 2005-06) to implement the new arrangements.

HEALTH AND AGEING

Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee — cost recovery arrangements

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	11.1	11.2
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	0.6	1.5	0.6	0.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	-	0.4	-	-

From 1 July 2007, the Government will recover the costs of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee's review of submissions for new listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, leading to additional revenue of \$22.3 million over four years.

Cost recovery will occur by charging fees to companies making submissions to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.

The Department of Health and Ageing will be provided with \$3.7 million over four years (including \$0.4 million of capital funding) to establish and manage the cost recovery process.

TREASURY

Approval of Bendigo Stock Exchange for the purpose of the foreign investment fund rules

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office

The Government has added Bendigo Stock Exchange (BSX) to the list of approved stock exchanges for the purpose of the foreign investment fund rules.

This measure will assist BSX to compete equally with other listed exchanges to attract foreign company listings. It will also benefit taxpayers by reducing their compliance costs when they invest in BSX listed foreign companies.

The change came into effect on 12 March 2005.

Asian Development Bank — income tax exemption for Australian staff

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office

The Government will extend the income tax exemptions available to Asian Development Bank (ADB) staff to Australian citizens in the ADB office to be established in Australia. This exemption will have effect from the date of Royal Assent of changes to the enabling legislation.

Australia currently provides the ADB and its staff certain privileges and immunities, including the exemption from income tax of the salary and emoluments received by bank officials who are not Australian citizens.

The ADB is preparing to open an office in Australia. This will be one of two resident missions established to service the special needs of the Pacific Island Countries.

This measure is part of a broader arrangement with the ADB that will facilitate the day to day running of the office.

The Government is also providing a customs duty concession for ADB officers – see related item *Asian Development Bank – customs duty concession* in Budget Paper No. 2 under the Attorney-General's portfolio. A GST concession is also proposed, but this is subject to the approval of the state and territory governments – see related item *Asian Development Bank – GST concession* in Appendix A of Budget Paper No. 3.

Australian companies' foreign branch profits — operation of ships and aircraft in international traffic

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-

The Government will ensure that Australia continues to tax foreign branch income and gains of Australian companies derived from the operation of ships or aircraft in international traffic.

In 2004, the foreign branch profits exemption was expanded to all countries. The interaction between the expanded exemption and Australia's tax treaties could produce the unintended result that income and gains derived by an Australian company's foreign branch, from operations of ships or aircraft in international traffic, would not be taxed in Australia or the country in which the foreign branch operates.

The changes will take effect from 1 July 2004, the date from which the expanded foreign branch profits exemption first applied.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 January 2005 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

Capital gains tax — extending the marriage breakdown roll-over relief and related amendments

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0

The Government will extend the existing capital gains tax (CGT) roll-over relief on marriage breakdown to assets transferred under a binding financial agreement or an arbitral award entered into under the *Family Law Act 1975* or similar arrangements under state, territory or foreign legislation. The Government will ensure that the CGT roll-over interacts appropriately with the main residence exemption, and that marriage breakdown cash settlements do not give rise to CGT liabilities. The extension of the CGT roll-over relief and related amendments will apply to CGT roll-overs, and CGT events relating to cash settlements, occurring after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

Company losses — further amendments to the loss recoupment rules

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*

The Government will defer, for one year, the introduction of the \$100 million total income ceiling for the same business test. The income ceiling will now apply to tax losses incurred in income years commencing on or after 1 July 2005.

The Government will also make minor changes to the continuity of ownership test to clarify how companies test whether they have the same owners. One change will ensure that companies are not required to trace ownership through government bodies, statutory bodies, non-profit companies or charities. Another change will exempt non-profit companies from testing for continuity of dividend and capital rights. These measures will have effect from 1 July 2002.

Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2005 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

Consolidation — changes to the loss rules

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-5.0	-1.0	-1.0

The Government will modify the consolidation loss rules to allow entities that join a consolidated group with an available fraction of nil, due to rounding, to instead be able to round to the nearest significant digit, with effect from 1 July 2002.

Consolidation — extension of time to make irrevocable elections

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*

The Government will allow consolidated groups until 31 December 2005 to make or revoke certain elections under the consolidation regime. The election to form a consolidated group or multiple entry consolidated group will remain irrevocable.

The consolidation regime provides for a number of choices that the head company of the group can make in respect of setting the tax cost of the group's assets and for the utilisation of carry forward losses. Currently these choices cannot be changed or revoked after 31 December 2004.

Budget Measures 2005-06

Because of the number of legislative changes still being made to the consolidation regime, the time for head companies to make certain elections will be extended. This will allow taxpayers sufficient time to operate under the benefit of these new rules before having to make their final elections.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 December 2004 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

Denial of deductions for illegal activities

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*

The Government will amend the income tax law to ensure that taxpayers are not able to obtain tax deductions for expenditures they incur in relation to illegal activities, with effect from 30 April 2005. Deductions will be denied for losses and outgoings to the extent they are incurred in the furtherance of, or directly in relation to, activities in respect of which the taxpayer has been convicted of an indictable offence. Similarly, the capital gains tax provisions will be amended so that losses and outgoings incurred in relation to illegal activities in respect of which the taxpayer was convicted of an indictable offence do not form part of the cost base or reduced cost base for capital gains purposes. This will ensure that no capital loss or reduced capital gain can arise from such expenditure.

Where the taxpayer is undertaking a lawful business but is convicted of an illegal activity while carrying out that business, a deduction will continue to be allowed for expenditure where it would have been incurred in any case, regardless of the illegal activity.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 April 2005 issued by the Treasurer.

Extension of tax-timing hedging rules

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*

The Government will extend the proposed tax-timing hedging rules, beyond gold producers and cotton traders, to all taxpayers – in all industries – with audited financial accounts, with effect from the commencement of the final stages (Stages 3 and 4) of the taxation of financial arrangements reforms.

Film Licensed Investment Company scheme — two year extension

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-4.0	-4.0	-

The Government will extend the Film Licensed Investment Company (FLIC) scheme for two years.

The FLIC structure allows investors to spread risk by investing in a slate of film projects whilst receiving a 100 per cent income tax deduction on the funds invested. The extension will allow one licensee to raise concessional capital which will be capped at \$10 million in each of the two years.

The concessional capital raising will begin from the date of issue of the licence or 1 July 2005, whichever occurs later, and will conclude on 30 June 2007.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment in *Strengthening Australian Arts* and *A World Class Australian Film Industry*.

Forestry — extension of the 12-month prepayment rule for managed investment schemes

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-30.0	-35.0

The Government will extend the 12-month prepayment rule for forestry managed investments for a further two years until 30 June 2008. In addition, the Government will conduct a review of the taxation treatment of plantation forestry in the context of the Government's broader plantation and natural resource management policies.

The 12-month prepayment rule for forestry managed investments, which is currently due to expire on 30 June 2006, allows investors to obtain an immediate deduction for funds contributed in one financial year for seasonally dependent agronomic operations undertaken during the following year.

Franking deficit tax offset

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office

The Government will modify the franking deficit tax offset rules to remove three unintended consequences, with effect from 1 July 2002.

Budget Measures 2005-06

First, the franking deficit tax offset penalty will apply only for those income years in which a corporate tax entity franks a distribution during the income year for which the franking deficit arises.

Second, any franking debits arising as a result of the application of a penalty provision in the income tax law will be disregarded when determining the amount of an entity's tax offset arising from its franking deficit tax liability.

Third, the full franking deficit tax offset will be allowed where, broadly, events that caused excessive over franking were outside of the company's control or were unanticipated, and did not involve any broader exploitation of the imputation system.

Fringe benefits tax — exemption for certain payments to worker entitlement funds

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-

The Government will remove the condition that contributions to approved worker entitlement funds must be required under an industrial instrument in order for employers to be eligible for a fringe benefits tax (FBT) exemption, with effect from 1 April 2005.

Currently, contributions made by employers to approved worker entitlement funds are exempt from FBT only if the payments are 'required under an industrial instrument'. As a result, employers may be liable to pay FBT on their contributions to approved worker entitlement funds in cases where the contributions are optional, but not required, under the relevant industrial instrument.

The measure will provide an exemption from FBT for payments to approved worker entitlement funds, where the payment is made by an employer under an industrial instrument for the purposes of meeting obligations to make leave or redundancy payments for employees.

The measure will ensure that regardless of whether contributions to approved worker entitlement funds are required or optional, the contributions will not be taxed twice (once as a fringe benefit when paid into the fund and again as income when paid out of the fund).

Imputation — share capital tainting

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office

The Government will allow certain companies to transfer amounts into their share capital accounts without triggering the share capital tainting rules, with effect from 1 July 1998 when the Simplified Imputation System came into effect.

This measure will ensure that the share capital tainting rules are not triggered where amounts contributed to an insurance company by its members before the insurance company demutualised are transferred by the company to its share capital account.

This measure also prevents the share capital tainting rules from being triggered where an amount is transferred to a share capital account under a debt-for-equity swap if the amount transferred does not exceed the market value of the debt being extinguished.

Further information can be found in the press release of 7 February 2005 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

Inclusion of film copyright in the effective life regime

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-15.0	-35.0	-55.0	-70.0

The Government will amend the capital allowance treatment of film copyright so that the effective life depreciation regime will apply. This change will apply to expenditure on copyright a taxpayer has taken out on or after 1 July 2004.

Under this regime taxpayers may choose to self-assess the effective life of their asset or utilise the Commissioner of Taxation’s safe harbour effective life determination. Currently, films that do not qualify for the Australian film concessions must be written off under the provisions applying to copyright more generally, which provide a write off over the lesser of 25 years or the period until the copyright ends.

Indirect tax concession scheme — concessions for diplomats and consular missions

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office

The Government has extended the concessions to which diplomatic and consular missions of certain countries are entitled under the Indirect Tax Concession Scheme (ITCS). The changes have effect from the date that Australia signed an agreement with each country.

The ITCS provides refunds of luxury car tax, wine equalisation tax and fuel excise to international organisations, diplomatic and consular missions and visiting defence forces. This measure affects the level of these concessions provided to diplomatic and consular missions of: Afghanistan; Botswana; Bulgaria; the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; East Timor; Israel; Pakistan; Singapore; Spain; Tunisia; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; and Venezuela.

The Government is also providing a GST concession under the ITCS — see the related item *Indirect tax concession scheme – GST concessions for diplomats and consular missions* in Appendix A of Budget Paper No. 3.

Mature age worker tax offset — extended definition of net income from working

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-70.0	-75.0	-75.0	-75.0

The Government will extend eligibility for the Mature Age Worker Tax Offset. This is a new tax offset of up to \$500 which is available to workers 55 years of age and older, with effect from the 2004-05 income year.

Eligibility for the offset will be extended to those taxpayers who carry on a business in partnership and meet the other eligibility criteria. This is in addition to the other categories of taxpayers who are eligible for the offset, which includes wage and salary earners, taxpayers with personal services income and taxpayers who carry on a business as a sole trader.

The offset will also be calculated on the basis of net income from working, for all workers aged 55 years and over, including wage and salary earners, allowing them to subtract relevant deductions (for example work related expenses) before calculating whether they are eligible for the offset.

Mature age workers will be eligible for some offset if they derive net income from working that is less than \$63,000 from 2005-06 (or \$58,000 in the 2004-05 income year).

Amendments to give effect to the offset were introduced into Parliament on 10 February 2005 as part of Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005.

Medicare levy — increasing the Medicare levy low income thresholds

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-38.0	-19.0	-18.0	-18.0

The Government will increase the Medicare levy low income thresholds to \$15,902 for individuals and \$26,834 for families, with effect from 1 July 2004. The additional amount of threshold for each dependant child or student will also be increased to \$2,464. The increase in thresholds takes into account movements in the CPI and ensures that low income families and individuals are exempt from paying the levy.

The Medicare levy low income threshold for pensioners below age pension age will also be increased. From 1 July 2004, the threshold will rise to \$19,252. This will ensure that pensioners below age pension age do not pay the Medicare levy while they do not have an income tax liability.

Medicare levy surcharge — lump sum payments in arrears offset

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1

The Government will provide concessional Medicare levy surcharge treatment for certain taxpayers who receive lump sum payments in arrears, with effect from the 2005-06 income year.

Currently, taxpayers are liable for the Medicare levy surcharge if their income exceeds the relevant threshold and they do not have private health insurance. This is the case even where a taxpayer has exceeded the threshold only because of the receipt of a large lump sum payment in arrears.

This measure will allow certain taxpayers who are eligible for the lump sum payments in arrears tax offset and have a Medicare levy surcharge liability to receive a reduction in their surcharge liability. The reduction in Medicare levy surcharge liability will be based on calculations similar to those currently used for the lump sum payments in arrears tax offset. This will provide consistent income tax and Medicare levy surcharge treatment of lump sum payments in arrears.

New international taxation arrangements — foreign income exemption for temporary residents

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-50.0	-55.0

The Government will re-introduce legislation to provide a four-year income tax exemption for temporary residents for most foreign source income, including capital gains on foreign assets. The measure will generally have effect from the first income year after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

The measure will also remove interest withholding tax obligations for temporary residents, and make temporary residents exempt from the foreign investment fund rules regardless of the period of residence.

This measure will assist Australian companies to draw on global markets for highly skilled labour by reducing the compliance and tax burden on first-time temporary residents.

The measure was first announced by the Government on 11 November 1999. Legislation was introduced on 30 May 2002 and 23 October 2002. On both occasions, this legislation failed to pass the Senate.

New international taxation arrangements — not proceeding to treat ‘ceasing to be an Australian resident’ as a taxing point for the employee share scheme rules

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*

The Government will not proceed with a measure to treat ‘ceasing to be an Australian resident’ as a taxing point under the employee share scheme rules.

The original measure, announced as part of *A New Business Tax System*, aimed to facilitate collection of tax where individuals changed residence during the lifecycle of an employee share or right. However, as part of the *Review of International Taxation Arrangements*, the Government announced a more general approach to the taxation of cross-border employee shares and rights. The aim was to align these provisions more closely with international norms for apportioning taxing rights between countries. Ceasing residence as a taxation point was reconsidered in this context.

The review of taxation of cross-border employee shares and rights is now complete. In the course of the review, alternative options were identified for moving towards an internationally acceptable method of apportioning taxing rights. As a result, the Government will not proceed with ceasing residence as a taxation point at this stage.

New international taxation arrangements — reforms to the capital gains tax treatment of non-residents

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-50.0	-50.0	-65.0	-65.0

The Government will bring Australia's capital gains tax (CGT) rules and tax treaty practice into line with international standards by targeting the application of CGT to non-residents' real property, and the business assets of Australian branches of a non-resident rather than the current wide range of assets.

In addition, an interposed entity rule will protect the integrity of these rules by applying CGT to non-portfolio interests in interposed entities (including foreign interposed entities), where the value of such an interest is wholly or principally attributable to Australian real property. This interposed entity rule will replace that recommended by the *Review of Business Taxation*, partly reflecting the narrower base of CGT assets to be targeted.

The measure will have effect on or after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

New international taxation arrangements — removal of foreign loss and foreign tax credit quarantining

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-25.0	-25.0

The Government will simplify the foreign source income rules by removing foreign loss and foreign tax credit quarantining. The measure will allow foreign losses to be deducted from domestic income and will eliminate the need for foreign tax credits and revenue losses of controlled foreign companies to be quarantined into separate classes.

The measure will reduce compliance costs for Australian multinationals, regional headquarters, managed funds, and small businesses expanding offshore.

These changes will apply to income years beginning on or after Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

The measure also fulfils the Government's election commitment to remove foreign loss quarantining in relation to film income, announced in *Strengthening Australian Arts and A World Class Australian Film Industry*.

Non-commercial loans — bringing forward the effect of previously announced changes

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*

The Government has brought forward the effect of previously announced changes to the non-commercial loan rules to the 2004-05 income year.

In the 2004-05 Budget, the Government announced it would allow shareholders of private companies until the lodgement day of the company's tax return to repay a loan or put a loan on a commercial footing in order to avoid the operation of the non-commercial loan rules. This measure was originally announced to have effect in relation to the income year following the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

The measure will now have effect in relation to loans made in the 2004-05 year of income or a later year of income. This will allow taxpayers earlier access to the reduced compliance costs provided by the measure.

Legislation giving effect to this change was included in *Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 7) Act 2005* which received Royal Assent on 1 April 2005.

Not proceeding with proposed changes to the taxation of partnerships and joint ventures

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-

The Government will no longer proceed with a previously announced measure to develop the *Review of Business Taxation's* proposed rationalised treatment for partnerships and joint ventures.

The decision to proceed is no longer appropriate in light of changes made to the taxation laws and to the policy agenda since its announcement, in particular, the policy decision taken in 2002 not to proceed with consistent entity taxation.

In addition, benefits from implementing this measure would not have justified the significantly increased compliance costs that would have resulted, particularly for small business.

Not proceeding with the generic regime for the taxation of rights

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	35.0	50.0	55.0	65.0

The Government will no longer proceed with a previously announced measure to develop a generic regime for the taxation of rights and intangible assets.

The *Review of Business Taxation* proposed a generic rights regime to put the taxation of rights on a basis that more closely reflects the economic substance of the arrangements.

The decision to proceed is no longer appropriate in light of changes made to the taxation laws and to the policy agenda since its announcement.

In particular, the benefits of a new generic rights regime do not justify the added complexity and length of the law, or the risk to the integrity of the tax system and the revenue arising from the varying character of such rights, that would result from its implementation.

The Government will continue to consider, on a case-by-case basis, requests by taxpayers for review of the current taxation treatment of specific rights where they believe the current law is inappropriate.

Personal income tax — closure of Operation HUSKY for taxation purposes

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-

The Government will close off the ‘non-warlike’ status of Operation HUSKY for taxation purposes, with effect from 28 February 2003 (the date on which the operation ceased). This means that the related tax offset will no longer be available to Australian Defence Force members who served on this operation effective from this date.

Operation HUSKY was Australia’s contribution to the International Military Advisory and Training Team in Sierra Leone. The specified locality of Operation HUSKY was determined to be ‘non-warlike’ from 15 January 2001. ‘Non-warlike’ overseas localities are those that are deemed to be uncongenial or isolated. The ‘non-warlike’ status of Operation HUSKY entitled certain Australian Defence Force members serving on this operation to access the Overseas Forces Tax Offset under section 79B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.

Personal income tax — exclusion of purely cosmetic procedures from the medical expenses offset

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	10.0	10.0	10.0

The Government will exclude purely cosmetic procedures from the Medical Expenses Offset (MEO), with effect from the 2005-06 income year.

The Government will amend the definition of eligible medical expenses under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to restrict access to the MEO, so that taxpayers will no longer be able to claim this offset in relation to purely cosmetic procedures.

The MEO is available to resident taxpayers at a rate of 20 per cent of any net medical expenses above the \$1,500 threshold in an income year. The MEO does not apply to any proportion of expenses reimbursed by Medicare or health insurance funds.

Personal income tax — foreign income exemption for Australians working in Iraq

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-1.0	-	-	-

The Government will restore a foreign income exemption for certain Australians employed in Iraq to the extent they have lost the exemption as a result of the retrospective suspension of the Iraqi income tax system.

The Iraqi Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) retrospectively suspended the Iraqi income tax system from 1 January 2003 to 30 April 2004. As a consequence of that decision some Australians working in Iraq would no longer be exempt from Australian tax.

This measure will ensure that those Australians working in Iraq who would ordinarily have had their foreign income exempt, had the CPA not retrospectively suspended the Iraqi income tax system, are still covered by the foreign income exemption provisions.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 January 2005 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

Personal income tax cuts

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-3,100.0	-5,600.0	-6,250.0	-6,700.0

The Government will provide tax cuts worth \$21.7 billion over four years. These are in addition to the tax cuts provided in the 2004-05 Budget, which are worth \$14.7 billion over four years from 2004-05.

Changes to the personal income tax rates and thresholds are to be made as follows:

- The lowest marginal tax rate will be reduced from 17 per cent to 15 per cent from 1 July 2005.
- The 42 per cent threshold will be raised to \$63,001 from 1 July 2005 (as announced in the 2004-05 Budget). It will then be raised again to \$70,001 from 1 July 2006.
- The 47 per cent threshold will be raised to \$95,001 from 1 July 2005 (compared to \$80,001 as announced in the 2004-05 Budget). It will then be raised again to \$125,001 from 1 July 2006.

New tax scale

Current tax thresholds	Tax rate	New tax threshold from 1 July 2005	Tax rate	New tax thresholds from 1 July 2006	Tax rate
Income range (\$)	%	Income range (\$)	%	Income range (\$)	%
0 - 6,000	0	0 - 6,000	0	0 - 6,000	0
6,001 - 21,600	17	6,001 - 21,600	15	6,001 - 21,600	15
21,601 - 58,000	30	21,601 - 63,000	30	21,601 - 70,000	30
58,001 - 70,000	42	63,001 - 95,000	42	70,001 - 125,000	42
70,001 +	47	95,001 +	47	125,001 +	47

The tax cuts will boost disposable incomes and improve the incentives for all Australian taxpayers to participate in the workforce. They will ensure that more than 80 per cent of taxpayers will face a top marginal tax rate of no more than 30 per cent over the forward estimates period.

Substantially raising the thresholds for the top two marginal tax rates will more closely align Australia's top threshold with international practice in the OECD. The top marginal rate will apply to only 3 per cent of taxpayers from 2006-07.

Senior Australians

Senior Australians eligible for the Senior Australians Tax Offset and the low income tax offset currently pay no tax up to an annual income of \$20,500 for singles and \$33,612 for couples (depending on the income earned by each member of the couple). The effect of the reduction in the lowest marginal tax rate to 15 per cent is to lift these income levels up to \$21,968 for singles and \$36,494 for couples. The Government will ensure that the Senior Australians Tax Offset will phase out only once income exceeds the effective tax free threshold for each eligible single or member of a couple.

The Medicare levy threshold that applies to senior Australians will also be increased to ensure that senior Australians do not pay the Medicare levy until they begin to incur an income tax liability.

Petroleum resource rent tax — modifications to the proposed gas transfer price regulations

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-

The Government will amend the proposed Gas Transfer Price Regulations to improve taxpayer certainty and simplify the calculation of the gas transfer price for an integrated gas-to-liquids project. The regulations are necessary to ensure that a gas transfer price can be determined for the purpose of assessing a taxpayer's petroleum resource rent tax (PRRT) obligations in the case where there is no arm's length transaction.

The method to calculate the capital allowance rate in the proposed regulations will be changed from a weighted average cost of capital approach to the long-term bond rate plus seven percentage points approach. Technical changes will also be made to the proposed regulations dealing with the materiality threshold for apportioning costs and the endpoint of the downstream stage of a project. The changes are aimed at simplifying the calculation of the gas transfer price and providing taxpayers with greater certainty with regard to their future PRRT liabilities.

The implementation of the regulations will facilitate investment in Australia's natural gas resources and provide a sound basis for the development of the liquefied natural gas industry.

The changes will take effect once the regulations are made.

Petroleum resource rent tax — policy modifications

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-45.0	21.0	1.0

The Government will implement a number of changes to the petroleum resource rent tax (PRRT). The changes will enhance the efficiency of the PRRT system by reducing compliance costs, improving administration and removing inconsistencies.

The changes to the PRRT will:

- allow deductibility of transferable exploration expenditure when calculating quarterly PRRT instalment payments;
- allow deductibility of fringe benefits tax for PRRT purposes;
- include PRRT in the self-assessment regime;
- introduce roll-over relief for taxpayers undergoing internal corporate restructuring;
- allow deductibility of project closing down costs when converting a production licence to an infrastructure licence;
- extend the lodgement period for annual PRRT returns from 42 days to 60 days; and
- introduce a transfer notice requirement for vendors disposing of an interest in a petroleum project.

The changes will take effect from 1 July 2006.

Philanthropy — establish new general deductible gift recipient categories

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	..	-11.0	-11.0

The Government will establish five new general categories of deductible gift recipient (DGR) with effect from 1 July 2006, to cover war memorials, disaster relief, animal welfare, charitable services and educational scholarships.

The measure will allow taxpayers to claim an income tax deduction for certain gifts of money or property to those organisations that are endorsed as DGRs under the new categories. The measure will streamline current DGR arrangements and enable organisations seeking tax deductible status to be considered under the consistent framework provided by the general categories.

Budget Measures 2005-06

In order to be a DGR, an organisation must either be endorsed under one of the general categories set out in the income tax law or be listed by name.

Philanthropy — updating the list of eligible deductible gift recipients

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*

Since the *Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*, the Government has announced that certain gifts of \$2 or more to the following organisations have been made tax deductible:

- Crime Stoppers Northern Territory Program; and
- Vietnam War Memorial of Victoria.

In addition, since the *Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*:

- 11 organisations have been added and three have been removed from the Register of Environmental Organisations;
- four organisations have been added to the Register of Harm Prevention Charities; and
- 27 organisations have been added and seven have been removed from the Register of Cultural Organisations.

Currently, there are 247 prescribed private funds, 19 of which came into effect after the *Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*.

The Register of Cultural Organisations can be found on the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts website at www.dcita.gov.au. The Register of Environmental Organisations can be found on the Department of Environment and Heritage website at www.ea.gov.au. The Harm Prevention Charities Register can be found on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.gov.au.

Review of International Taxation Arrangements — changes to the definition of ‘commencing day’

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*

The Government will ensure that ‘commencing day assets’ that are owned by controlled foreign companies enter Australia’s capital gains tax (CGT) net at an appropriate time (the ‘commencing day’). The measure will, for most purposes, apply to ‘CGT events’ occurring on or after the 1 July that next occurs after Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

This measure will reduce compliance costs where Australian taxpayers acquire an interest in a foreign company that has not been controlled from Australia. This is because in valuing the interest it allows them to ignore capital gains and capital losses on the company’s assets that have accrued prior to the time of acquisition. Hence any future tax liabilities or benefits that may accrue from those accrued gains or losses can be ignored.

Amendments to give effect to this measure were introduced into the Parliament on 17 March 2005 in the New International Tax Arrangements (Foreign-owned Branches and Other Measures) Bill 2005.

Review of International Taxation Arrangements — removing inappropriate consequences that follow from the listing of a country

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office

The Government will ensure that a tax liability will not be triggered for a taxpayer merely because a country initially classified as being ‘unlisted’ is reclassified as ‘listed’ under the controlled foreign companies (CFC) rules. The measure will have effect from the day after Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

The CFC rules are integrity rules designed to prevent taxpayers shifting certain assets to foreign companies in low tax countries to avoid Australian tax. Countries classified as ‘listed’ are those with comparable tax systems to Australia.

The Government recently simplified the CFC rules. This measure will ensure those changes do not trigger unintended tax liabilities for taxpayers when currently ‘unlisted’ countries are designated as ‘listed’.

Amendments to give effect to this measure were introduced into the Parliament on 17 March 2005 in the New International Tax Arrangements (Foreign-owned Branches and Other Measures) Bill 2005.

Superannuation — closure of the Superannuation Holding Accounts Special Account to new employer deposits

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*

The Government will close the Superannuation Holding Accounts Special Account (SHASA) to new employer deposits from 1 July 2006. Employers will no longer be able to use SHASA to meet their superannuation guarantee (SG) obligations.

Currently, employers can make deposits to SHASA on behalf of their employees to meet their SG obligations.

This measure will ensure that contributions made by employers to reduce their SG obligations will, from 1 July 2006, have to be made to a complying superannuation fund or retirement savings account.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 March 2005 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

Superannuation — splitting of superannuation contributions

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	4.5	5.3	4.0	3.6

The Government will allow the splitting of superannuation contributions for contributions made on or after 1 July 2006. In its 2004 election policy document, *Super for All and Understanding Money*, the Government recommitted to its policy of allowing eligible couples to split their employer and personal superannuation contributions with their spouse.

The provision of splitting to fund members will be voluntary for superannuation funds. This change to the original splitting model, which proposed mandatory provision, addresses concerns expressed by the industry that some funds will be forced to provide splitting where few or no members have an interest in this being utilised.

This measure was announced on 6 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment in *Super for all and Understanding Money*.

Superannuation – surcharge abolition

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-650.0	-875.0	-990.0

The Government will abolish the surcharge payable on individuals' surchargeable contributions and termination payments, with effect from 1 July 2005.

Currently, the surcharge is payable on individuals' surchargeable contributions where their adjusted taxable incomes exceed \$99,710. The termination payments surcharge is also payable on parts of certain employment-related termination payments that are not rolled over into a superannuation fund.

The Government previously announced an intention to reduce the surcharge to 10 per cent in 2005-06 and 7.5 per cent in 2006-07. The Government has decided to abolish the surcharge rather than continue to phase it down to avoid a situation where compliance and administrative costs would become disproportionate to collections.

As a result of this measure, from 1 July 2005, the surcharge will no longer apply in respect of superannuation benefits that accrue, contributions made or termination payments received from that date.

This measure will simplify the operation of the superannuation system, boost the savings of affected individuals, and provide incentives for individuals to make additional voluntary savings through the superannuation system.

Superannuation — tax treatment of superannuation annuities on marriage breakdown

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-1.0	-2.0

The Government will amend the income tax law so that superannuation annuities that have been split upon marriage breakdown under family law arrangements will be taxed consistently with other superannuation benefits split on marriage breakdown. The measure will have effect from the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

Currently, the income tax law does not specify the taxation arrangements that will apply to superannuation annuities split on marriage breakdown.

The measure will ensure that superannuation annuities that have been split under family law will receive the same taxation treatment as a superannuation pension split upon marriage breakdown.

Further information can be found in the press release of 17 March 2005 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

Superannuation — transitional period to comply with the choice of fund insurance requirement

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-0.2	-1.1	-2.0	-2.2

The Government will allow employers to continue to contribute to their current superannuation fund for a transitional period of three years, where the fund does not meet the choice of fund insurance requirements and an employee has not chosen a fund.

The choice of fund measure allows most employees to choose the complying superannuation fund or retirement savings account into which their employer makes superannuation guarantee (SG) contributions. Where an employee does not choose a fund, an employer must make SG contributions into a complying superannuation fund that meets the minimum insurance requirements.

The measure will allow employers to continue to contribute to an existing fund until 30 June 2008, and provide these superannuation funds with an opportunity to meet the insurance requirements within this transitional period.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 March 2005 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

Superannuation — use of Superannuation Holding Accounts Special Account as an eligible choice fund

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office (a)	-1.0	-	-	-

(a) Non-tax revenue.

The Government will allow employers to use the Superannuation Holding Accounts Special Account (SHASA) to meet their choice of superannuation fund obligations from 1 July 2005, when the choice of fund policy commences, until 30 June 2006.

Currently, the choice of fund legislation does not allow employers to use SHASA to meet their choice of fund obligations for employees who do not exercise a choice.

This measure will provide employers with the opportunity to use SHASA until 30 June 2006 while they put in place alternative arrangements to contribute to a superannuation fund or retirement savings account where an employee does not choose a fund to which superannuation guarantee contributions will be made on their behalf.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 March 2005 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

Superannuation guarantee — payments of wages received after employment ceases

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0

The Government will apply the superannuation guarantee (SG) arrangements to payments of salary or wages made after the quarter in which the relevant employment relationship ceased. The arrangements will apply to back payments of salary or wages made on or after the commencement of the first full quarter following Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

Currently, for the SG arrangements to apply, salary or wages must be paid by an employer to an employee. Where payments of salary or wages are made after the quarter in which the employment relationship ceased, no SG obligation arises.

The measure will ensure that employees receive superannuation entitlements on amounts that should be subject to the SG arrangements.

Superannuation guarantee — reducing incidence of double payment

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office (a)	-0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8

(a) Includes non-tax revenue of -\$1m in 2005-06, -\$2m in 2006-07, -\$2m in 2007-08, and -\$2m in 2008-09.

The Government will allow certain superannuation contributions made for an employee by an employer to be used to offset any part of a superannuation guarantee (SG) charge liability that relates to that employee. These contributions must have been made within a period of 30 days after the due date for making contributions.

The measure will apply to late payments of contributions made on or after 1 January 2006.

Currently, these contributions cannot be used to reduce an SG charge liability for the previous quarter. Consequently, the employer may effectively pay contributions twice for an individual in respect of the same period.

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This measure will reduce the incidence of disproportionately harsh penalties being incurred by some employers who attempt to do the right thing by their employees and incorrectly pay contributions to a superannuation provider rather than paying the SG charge to the Australian Taxation Office.

Tax exemption of Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-

The Government will allow an exemption from income tax for the Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships, with effect from 1 July 2005.

The Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships help alleviate the current skill shortages in trade occupations and encourage more young people to take up trade qualifications by easing the financial burden during the early years of an apprenticeship.

The scholarship payments of \$500 will be made to eligible new apprentices on successful completion of the first and second years of a new apprenticeship in a skill shortage trade.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment in *Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships*.

See also the related expense measure titled *Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships* in the Education, Science and Training portfolio.

Taxation treatment of business 'blackhole' expenditure

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-35.0	-70.0	-100.0

The Government will broaden the range of expenditures that can be recognised under the capital gains tax regime and will allow, under a provision of last resort, deductibility over five years for business capital expenditures not elsewhere recognised within the taxation laws. In addition, where a business is already operating for taxation purposes, certain pre-business expenditures relating to a new business will also be deductible over five years. The measure will have effect from 1 July 2005.

The measure follows a *Review of Business Taxation* recommendation to provide a systematic solution to blackhole expenditures.

Thin capitalisation — transitional period for International Financial Reporting Standards

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-

The Government will allow taxpayers to use the *Australian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* as they existed at 31 December 2004 for thin capitalisation purposes for three years, with effect from 1 January 2005.

Australia adopted *International Financial Reporting Standards* (IFRS) on 1 January 2005. Their adoption may have unintended consequences for taxpayers subject to the thin capitalisation regime.

The three year deferral period will provide an opportunity for the Government to examine whether the existing thin capitalisation rules are appropriate following the adoption of IFRS.

The thin capitalisation regime seeks to ensure that multinationals do not allocate an excessive amount of debt to their Australian operations, thereby claiming excessive income tax deductions.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 January 2005 issued by the Treasurer.

Wine equalisation tax — extending the producer rebate to New Zealand wine producers

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-7.0	-8.0	-8.0	-9.0

The Government will extend the Australian wine equalisation tax producer rebate scheme to eligible New Zealand wine producers who export wine to the Australian market, with effect from 1 July 2005.

This extension demonstrates the close economic relationship shared by Australia and New Zealand.

Part 2: Expense Measures

Table 1: Expense measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY				
	<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>				
66	Australian HomeGrown Campaign	-	-	-	-
66	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services export inspection fees and charges – continuation of funding	34.3	35.4	36.5	37.7
66	Australian Seafood Industry Council	-	-	-	-
67	Avian influenza response measures	5.6	-	-	-
67	Biosecurity Australia – ongoing quarantine funding	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
67	Conservation of the Southern Bluefin Tuna Scientific Research Programme – continuation	-	-	-	-
68	Drought assistance – Exceptional Circumstances assistance	30.6	20.0	-	-
68	Drought assistance – interim income support	4.5	-	-	-
69	Eradication of red imported fire ants – additional funding	10.6	5.1	-	-
230	Illegal Foreign Fishers – improving compliance	8.8	7.7	7.9	8.1
69	Industry Partnerships Programme	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
70	International Food and Agriculture Service – exporting Australian agriculture to emerging markets	-	-	-	-
70	Ovine Johne's Disease – national approach to future management	0.6	-	-	-
70	Quarantine Border Security	63.0	67.7	67.7	67.7
71	Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
71	Regional Assistance Programme – continuation	-	-	-	-
72	Snowy and Murray Rivers' environmental flows – Joint Government Enterprise	-	-	-	-
72	Southern Ocean Surveillance – continuation	-	3.3	3.4	3.4
	Portfolio total	177.7	159.1	135.3	126.6
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S				
	<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i>				
100	Court security	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>				
	<i>Addressing Indigenous Needs</i>				
219	– Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-
220	– Native Title System – extension of funding	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.5
220	– Northern Territory Indigenous Interpreter Service – extension of funding	1.1	-	-	-
94	A new family law system – children's contact service	0.6	2.6	4.6	7.9
95	A new family law system – contact order programme	1.9	4.0	8.2	7.6
96	A new family law system – dispute resolution	0.6	4.6	4.0	4.1
96	A new family law system – dispute resolution for grandparents	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
97	A new family law system – Family Relationship Centres	5.4	32.7	62.6	91.5
98	A new family law system – Family Relationship Services	7.9	8.0	8.2	8.4
98	A new family law system – National Education Campaign	1.5	1.0	-	-

Table 1: Expense measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)				
99	Attorney-General's Department – additional funding	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.7
100	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity – establishment	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.1
174	Australian Tsunami Warning System – Indian and Pacific Oceans	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.3
100	Court security	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
102	Free trade agreements – specialist advice	-	-	-	-
102	Identity security – pilot programmes	5.4	0.5	-	-
103	International Criminal Court – contribution	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
104	National Pro Bono Resource Centre – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
177	Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.3
105	Review of criminal penalties in Commonwealth legislation	-	-	-	-
	Providing for Australia's Security				
84	– Continuity of Government Plan – implementation and maintenance	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.4
85	– diplomatic guarding	-10.4	-10.5	-10.5	-10.6
81	– National Security Hotline	6.1	6.1	-	-
91	– regional counter-terrorism assistance – legal assistance	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
	<i>Australian Customs Service</i>				
99	Arming Australian Customs Service vessels	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.2
101	Customs activities in China	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9
103	Imports – additional revenue compliance activities	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8
70	Quarantine Border Security	-	-	62.5	62.5
72	Southern Ocean Surveillance – continuation	-	41.1	41.4	41.9
	Providing for Australia's Security				
87	– biometrics for border control – automated border processing	7.3	11.6	5.8	1.5
91	– regional counter-terrorism assistance – improved border control in the Sulu and Celebes Seas region	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	<i>Australian Federal Police</i>				
177	Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands	129.7	124.6	120.3	119.7
	Providing for Australia's Security				
85	– Australian Federal Police surge capacity expansion	5.8	4.7	4.8	4.9
85	– diplomatic guarding	28.7	29.9	29.6	30.3
91	– regional counter-terrorism assistance – biometric technology	5.3	2.3	-	-
	<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>				
	Providing for Australia's Security				
272	– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building	-	-	1.2	2.4
82	– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation enhanced capability	11.2	11.3	11.7	11.6
85	– business liaison unit	-	-	-	-
82	– counter-proliferation intelligence enhancement	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
92	– counter-terrorism intelligence cooperation and joint training centre	4.3	4.9	5.0	5.0

Table 1: Expense measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)				
88	– enhanced border control systems	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0
83	– linguistic capability	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
	<i>Family Court of Australia</i>				
100	Court security	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>				
220	Addressing Indigenous Needs – Native Title System – extension of funding	-	-	-	-
259	Trade Practices Act 1974 – implementation of the Dawson Amendments	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1
	<i>Federal Magistrates Court</i>				
101	Family law disputes – increased capacity	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.4
	<i>High Court of Australia</i>				
100	Court security	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
102	High Court of Australia – additional resourcing	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
	<i>Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia</i>				
11	Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia – implementation of cost recovery review	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
105	Proceeds of Crime legislation – continuation of funding for implementation	-	-	-	-
	<i>National Native Title Tribunal</i>				
220	Addressing Indigenous Needs – Native Title System – extension of funding	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.5
	<i>Office of Parliamentary Counsel</i>				
101	Drafting of legislation – increased capacity	1.2	1.7	2.5	2.6
	<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>				
105	Proceeds of Crime legislation – continuation of funding for implementation	-	-	-	-
84	Providing for Australia's Security – counter-terrorism prosecutions	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
	<i>Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner</i>				
88	Providing for Australia's Security – biometrics for border control – privacy advice and audit for biometrics	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
	<i>Office of the Film and Literature Classification</i>				
104	Operation Auxin – additional funding	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	259.8	326.2	407.0	436.4
	COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS				
	<i>Australia Council</i>				
106	Australia Council – additional funding for major performing arts bodies	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.7
116	Symphony Orchestras – assistance for financial viability	11.1	4.4	3.8	4.3
116	Young and Emerging Artists Initiative – extension of funding	-	1.3	1.3	-
	<i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i>				
107	Australian Broadcasting Corporation – improving ABC local radio coverage of Dubbo, Geelong and Wagga Wagga and their surrounding areas	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
	<i>Australian Film Commission</i>				
107	Australian Film Commission – Screen Culture	2.3	2.3	2.3	-

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Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS (continued)				
	<i>Australian Film, Television and Radio School</i>				
107	Australian Film, Television and Radio School – multi-platform courses and a Screen Business Skills Centre	3.0	3.0	3.0	-
108	Australian Film, Television and Radio School – relocation	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
	<i>Australian National Maritime Museum</i>				
109	Bark Endeavour	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
	<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>				
108	Backing Australia's Sporting Ability – a More Active Australia – continuation	-	-	-	-
110	Elite sport – additional funding	5.0	11.3	12.4	12.6
111	EuroHub – European training base for Australian athletes	0.7	3.0	3.1	3.1
	<i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>				
219	Addressing Indigenous Needs – Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-
106	Ausfilm – additional funding	0.3	0.3	0.3	-
106	Ausfilm – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
108	Backing Australia's Sporting Ability – a More Active Australia – continuation	-	-	-	-
109	Books Alive – extension of funding	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
110	Community heritage grants	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
111	Festivals Australia – Australian Stories	0.5	0.5	0.5	-
112	Film Australia – Australian Stories	2.5	2.5	2.5	-
112	Kogarah Oval upgrade	2.8	2.9	-	-
112	Metro Broadband Blackspots Programme	10.0	20.0	20.0	-
113	National Recreation Safety Programme – continuation and extension of funding	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
114	Slim Dusty Heritage Centre	0.5	-	-	-
114	Sporting and recreational organisations and facilities – contribution	-	-	-	-
116	Symphony Orchestras – assistance for financial viability	1.8	-	-	-
	<i>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</i>				
113	SBS Independent – continuation of funding for the Special Production Fund	-	-	-	-
114	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation – broadcasting rights to sporting events	4.7	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	49.0	55.6	53.8	25.3
	CROSS PORTFOLIO				
	<i>Various Agencies</i>				
117	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2007	47.9	87.3	71.0	0.1
117	Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement	27.7	26.5	26.2	26.5
118	Connection to FedLink	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.9
118	Efficiency dividend – increase in the rate from 1 per cent to 1.25 per cent	-38.9	-93.5	-149.8	-163.2
179	Tsunami – financial assistance	15.9	2.5	1.5	1.4
273	Providing for Australia's Security – Australian overseas diplomatic missions – improved security	8.5	12.0	8.1	9.5
	Portfolio total	62.4	35.7	-42.2	-124.8

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Page	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
DEFENCE				
<i>Department of Defence</i>				
120	-	-	-	-
120	-	-	-	-
121	13.0	-	-	-
121	-	-70.0	-60.0	-12.0
121	-	-	-	-
122	-	-	-	-
122	-	-	-	-
122	-	-	-	-
123	177.0	7.2	2.0	-
123	173.8	16.6	-	-
236	-	-	-	-
<i>Providing for Australia's Security</i>				
84	-	-	-	-
82	2.7	4.0	4.0	4.1
86	32.9	33.6	-	-
83	-	-	-	-
86	-	52.4	27.3	13.1
83	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total				
	399.5	43.7	-26.7	5.2
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING				
<i>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</i>				
221	2.5	3.2	3.2	-
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>				
<i>Addressing Indigenous Needs</i>				
219	-	-	-	-
221	1.8	2.9	2.9	1.1
124	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9
124	-2.7	-3.1	-3.1	-3.1
125	27.5	37.7	38.7	39.4
125	3.4	7.1	2.6	-
125	-13.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
162	-0.1	-0.4	-	-
68	0.7	0.3	-	-
126	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.6

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Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING (continued)					
147	Income support payments – maintain funding for compliance checks	-	-	-	-
126	Institute for Trade Skill Excellence	4.3	6.8	6.8	4.8
127	James Cook University – Additional Veterinary Science and Tropical Agriculture Places	1.7	3.1	4.2	5.0
231	Migration Programme – increase of up to 20,000 skilled places	15.3	20.6	30.5	35.9
233	Migration Programme – Trade Skills Training Visa – arrangement for regional Australia	0.3	1.1	2.2	2.7
127	New Apprentice poaching – adjusting incentive payments	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
128	New Apprentices – increased residential support	0.5	1.7	1.8	1.8
128	New Apprenticeship incentives – broadening eligibility	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.9
128	New Apprenticeship Sporting Operations Incentive – withdrawal	-0.3	-0.9	-1.1	-1.1
129	Our Universities – additional medical places at James Cook University	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
129	Our Universities – additional funding for the Australian National University	5.5	8.4	-	-
130	Pre-vocational training in trades	4.4	4.4	5.5	5.6
130	School-based New Apprentices in the trades – increased opportunities	1.4	4.4	8.9	11.3
130	Student Financial Supplement Scheme – simplification of administrative arrangements	-12.7	-15.1	-6.0	0.3
131	Transition (School to Work) Programmes	-	-	-	-
131	University of Western Sydney – infrastructure projects	8.0	8.0	9.0	-
150	Working Age Payments – extension of waiting periods Welfare to Work	0.2	-3.4	-5.2	-5.3
138	– expansion of vocational education and training to support participation	-	25.5	13.2	3.9
137	– increasing participation of parents	-	10.9	27.5	39.3
135	– increasing participation of people with a disability	-1.5	2.5	6.0	10.4
139	– increasing participation of the mature age	-	0.5	0.2	0.2
134	– more generous Newstart Allowance Income test	-	48.2	55.0	54.7
Portfolio total		53.0	180.9	209.8	214.4
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Comcare</i>					
145	Asbestos Claims Management	-	22.8	23.6	23.3
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
<i>Addressing Indigenous Needs</i>					
222	– Aboriginal Employment Strategy – continuation of funding	5.2	4.3	4.4	3.1
222	– Community Development Employment Projects – reform	-	-	-	-
219	– Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-
223	– Indigenous Economic Development Strategy	-	-	-	-
145	Asbestos Claims Management	20.8	0.9	1.1	1.0
146	Centrelink Personal Adviser services – rationalisation	-2.6	-5.3	-5.3	-5.3

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Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
162	Debt Prevention Research and Development	-0.7	-2.5	-	-
275	Development of a Migrant Vocational Profile Capacity in Australian Job Search	0.2	-	-	-
146	Employment Service Purchasing Arrangements	-62.1	-100.8	-129.8	-166.7
147	Income support payments – maintain funding for compliance checks	-	-	-	-
148	Migration Occupations in Demand List	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
231	Migration Programme – increase of up to 20,000 skilled places	0.5	0.5	12.5	32.8
234	Migration Programme – Two-Stage Skilled Designated Area Sponsored visa	-	..	..	..
148	Occupational Health and Safety Advisers for small business	3.5	3.5	-	-
148	Personal Support Programme – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
149	Targeted assistance programmes – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
149	Transition to Work – renewal of lapsing programme	-	-	-	-
150	Working Age Payments – extension of waiting periods	1.5	-30.6	-44.9	-46.2
	Welfare to Work				
140	– an improved compliance regime	21.1	65.0	78.9	76.2
142	– assistance for employers	7.0	14.7	15.3	13.0
141	– communication strategy	8.7	11.1	8.9	0.2
142	– Employment Preparation	-	16.7	20.8	10.3
140	– evaluation and monitoring	2.2	3.0	3.2	2.8
141	– improved information technology to support participation	32.8	33.4	27.3	21.1
143	– increase in the Mobility Allowance for certain recipients	-	11.6	14.2	16.8
137	– increasing participation of parents	26.5	90.7	163.0	2.2
135	– increasing participation of people with a disability	32.6	140.2	135.9	173.2
139	– increasing participation of the mature age	7.2	2.1	1.9	-5.5
143	– increasing participation of the very long term unemployed	4.7	100.0	117.1	138.1
134	– more generous Newstart Allowance Income test	2.3	187.3	290.4	305.1
	Portfolio total	112.6	569.6	739.6	596.4
ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE					
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>					
174	Australian Tsunami Warning System – Indian and Pacific Oceans	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
174	Australian Tsunami Warning System – Indian and Pacific Oceans	2.9	4.2	6.5	7.6
152	Field Meteorological Offices – replacement	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
<i>Department of the Environment and Heritage</i>					
151	Australia-Antarctic Airlink	6.8	10.7	10.9	11.0
151	Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities	4.8	22.1	22.6	25.2
152	Department of the Environment and Heritage – integration of the Australian Greenhouse Office	-1.0	-1.0	-	-
152	Green Stamp Programme	-0.2	-	0.2	-
153	Hydrogen Fuel Depots and Buses – scoping study	-	-	-	-

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Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE (continued)				
153	Launceston's air quality	0.4	0.3	0.2	-
154	National Heritage Investment initiative	2.5	3.8	3.8	0.5
154	National Pollutant Inventory – continuation	-	-	-	-
154	National Recycling Telephone Hotline	-	-	-	-
155	Photovoltaic Rebate Programme – extension	-	-	-	-
155	Regional marine planning – extension	9.4	-	-	-
155	St Mary's Cathedral and the Church of St Mary's Star of the Sea – restoration	5.0	-	-	-
156	Used oil recycling – uptake of technologies	-	-	-	-
156	Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.9
157	Wildlife programme and biodiversity conservation responsibilities	-	-	-	-
	<i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</i>				
156	Townsville Aquarium Reef Headquarters – continuation	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	32.0	41.5	46.0	46.6
	FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES				
	<i>Department of Family and Community Services</i>				
	Addressing Indigenous Needs				
219	– Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-
224	– Healthy Indigenous Housing – continuation	24.9	25.4	26.0	26.6
94	A new family law system – children's contact service	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
95	A new family law system – contact order programme	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
97	A new family law system – Family Relationship Centres	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6
98	A new family law system – Family Relationship Services	12.2	23.3	31.4	37.7
98	A new family law system – National Education Campaign	1.9	1.2	-	-
158	Accommodation bonds – exemption from assets tests	9.9	10.8	12.9	15.1
159	Age Pension – detection and prevention of incorrect payments arising from overseas income	1.0	-26.8	-23.1	-13.2
159	Age Pension and Service Pension Registers – improved integrity	-27.0	-2.3	-2.4	-2.5
159	Bush-fires – ex gratia payments to victims on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia	-	-	-	-
160	Carer Allowance – backdating provisions	0.8	-34.7	-36.4	-37.3
160	Carer Allowance (child) – changes to the Lists of Recognised Disabilities	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
160	Carers – payment of one-off carer bonus	3.2	-	-	-
161	Commonwealth Seniors Health Card concessions – withdraw offer to state and territory governments	-83.7	-83.7	-83.7	-83.7
161	Community organisations – one-off grants	-	-	-	-
162	Debt Prevention Research and Development	5.0	0.6	-	-
163	Family Assistance – a negotiated payment option to reduce overpayments	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5
163	Family Assistance – assistance to families at risk of overpayment	5.2	3.2	-	-
163	Family Assistance – automatically updating income estimates	3.8	10.2	2.9	1.7
164	Family Assistance – improving debt recovery	2.8	5.0	1.7	1.8
165	Family Assistance – maintenance income credit	4.8	16.2	15.3	15.7

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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (continued)					
166	Family Assistance – using reconciliation top-up payments and tax refunds to offset outstanding family assistance debts	2.8	1.1	0.4	0.4
166	Family Tax Benefit Part B Supplement	253.5	265.8	271.5	277.8
167	Great Southern Rail – reimbursement of concessionary fares	-	-	-	-
147	Income support payments – maintain funding for compliance checks	-	-	-	-
165	Increase in maximum rate Family Tax Benefit Part A income threshold	0.9	249.6	249.2	249.4
167	Maternity Payment – extending the age limit on adopted children	2.2	1.2	1.2	1.5
167	Mentor Marketplace Programme – extension	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.3
231	Migration Programme – increase of up to 20,000 skilled places	12.6	38.8	67.2	98.2
234	Migration Programme – Two-Stage Skilled Designated Area Sponsored visa	-	-1.3	-7.7	-17.9
168	More Help for Families – departmental funding	31.1	28.8	28.2	28.2
168	National Homelessness Strategy – extension	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.7
169	National Research Strategy to help prevent problem gambling – continuation	-	-	-	-
169	State Seniors Card Holders – withdraw the National Reciprocal Transport Concessions offer	-6.2	-6.4	-6.4	-6.4
149	Targeted assistance programmes – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
169	Transition to Independent Living Allowance – continuation	-	-	-	-
170	Visa holders – ex gratia payments to Return Pending Visa applicants	-	-	-	-
170	Women's Leadership and Development Programme	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.6
171	Women's Safety Agenda	15.2	15.9	15.5	16.1
150	Working Age Payments – extension of waiting periods	0.2	-9.0	-12.0	-12.3
143	Welfare to Work – enhance child care arrangements to support work participation	25.7	41.6	80.5	118.7
137	– increasing participation of parents	-	2.5	7.1	11.3
135	– increasing participation of people with a disability	-	11.0	18.3	26.0
Portfolio total		316.2	601.6	671.2	767.1
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION					
<i>Australian Electoral Commission</i>					
276	Australian Electoral Commission's electoral and election management systems – replacement	1.7	0.6	-1.2	-1.3
<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>					
145	Asbestos Claims Management	-1.0	-0.5	-	-
172	ASC Pty Limited – scoping study into possible sale	2.2	-	-	-
172	Asset sales function – continuation of resourcing	1.0	-	-	-
172	Australian Government Information Management Office – incorporation into the Department of Finance and Administration	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2
173	Department of Finance and Administration – additional funding	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (continued)				
<i>Future Fund Management Agency</i>				
173	6.3	7.9	7.9	8.1
	9.4	7.3	6.0	6.2
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE				
<i>Australian Agency for International Development</i>				
174	-	-	-	-
175	-	-	-	-
175	-	-	-	-
176	22.5	22.5	-	-
177	72.2	73.8	69.8	66.4
178	115.0	125.0	125.0	125.0
179	5.6	-	-	-
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>				
236	..	0.5	0.6	0.6
Providing for Australia's Security				
84	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4
82	2.2	4.4	6.3	6.5
92	..	-0.4	4.2	4.9
<i>Australian Trade Commission</i>				
178	3.0	3.0	-	-
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>				
176	*	*	*	*
177	0.8	-	-	-
177	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.4
178	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
89	11.2	16.1	17.4	19.0
	236.7	249.4	227.9	226.4
HEALTH AND AGEING				
<i>Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency</i>				
203	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>				
Addressing Indigenous Needs				
227	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5
219	-	-	-	-
226	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.8
225	11.2	21.3	30.4	39.4

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)				
225	– National Illicit Drugs Strategy – capacity building in Indigenous communities	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
226	– Primary Health Care Access Programme – additional funding	7.0	9.0	11.0	13.0
158	Accommodation bonds – exemption from assets tests	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.1
181	Additional Practice Nurses for Rural Australia and other areas of need – continue funding	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
181	Aged care – consultation on longer-term reform	1.3	-	-	-
182	Aged care homes' funding claims – maintain funding for greater scrutiny	-	-	-	-
182	Asthma Management Programme – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
183	Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Initiative – continue funding	-	-	-	-
183	Brain and Mind Research Institute – grant of assistance	-	-	-	-
183	Carer Information and Support Programme – continue funding	-	-	-	-
184	Centre for Medical Bionics and Hearing Science – further contribution	-	-	-	-
184	Cervical screening incentives for general practitioners – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
185	Community Pharmacy Agreement	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
185	Dementia – Extended Aged Care at Home places	15.6	44.0	74.4	91.1
186	Dementia – training for carers	4.1	6.8	7.0	7.2
186	Dementia Education and Support Programme – continue funding	-	-	-	-
68	Drought assistance – Exceptional Circumstances assistance	1.0	0.4	-	-
187	Ensuring Quality Care for Older Australians – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
187	Fernlea House palliative care hospice	-	-	-	-
188	Gippsland Lakes Community Health – contribution	0.3	0.3	-	-
	GST-free accommodation charges for residents of serviced apartments in retirement villages — assessments	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.2
189	Home Medicine Reviews – maintain funding of Medicare item for general practitioner participation	-	-	-	-
189	Hospital Safety Initiative – maintain funding	-5.5	-	-	-
189	Human Genetics Advisory Committee – establishment	1.2	1.9	2.5	2.0
165	Increase in maximum rate Family Tax Benefit Part A income threshold	-	101.3	109.4	116.4
190	Increasing Care and Diversity for Older Australians – continue funding	-	-	-	-
190	Independent National Influenza Centre	13.7	3.0	3.3	3.2
191	Macular Degeneration Foundation – grant	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
191	Medicare – increase in thresholds for Medicare Safety Net	-50.6	-135.3	-149.8	-160.8
231	Migration Programme – increase of up to 20,000 skilled places	2.8	8.7	28.5	62.9
234	Migration Programme – Two-Stage Skilled Designated Area Sponsored visa	-	-2.8	-11.4	-21.3

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)				
192	National Illicit Drugs Strategy – additional funding for the National Illicit Drugs Campaign	0.9	-	-	-
192	National Illicit Drugs Strategy – Australian National Council on Drugs – additional funding	0.3	0.3	0.3	-
193	National Illicit Drugs Strategy – National Drug and Alcohol Magazine	-	-	-	-
193	National Illicit Drugs Strategy – Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Programme – additional funding	-	6.0	6.0	-
194	National Illicit Drugs Strategy – termination of the retractable needles and syringes technology initiative	-12.9	-13.2	-12.4	-12.7
194	National Immunisation Programme – childhood varicella vaccines	15.0	19.4	19.7	19.7
195	National Immunisation Programme – replacement of oral polio vaccine with inactivated polio vaccine	11.5	16.9	16.6	16.2
195	National Immunisation Programme Support Activities	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
196	National Integrated Diabetes Programme – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
196	National Rural and Remote Health Support Programme – continue funding	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-
197	National Tobacco Youth Campaign	3.8	7.8	6.8	6.6
197	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator – continue funding	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.2
12	Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee – cost recovery arrangements	0.6	1.5	0.6	0.6
197	Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee – immunisation advisory role	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.0
198	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – deletion of calcium tablet preparations	-4.1	-8.9	-9.0	-9.4
198	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – Increase concessional and general safety net thresholds	-1.4	-20.0	-42.8	-67.1
199	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – information campaign to improve community understanding of generic medicines	-	-	-	-
199	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – mandating price lists in pharmacies	-	-	-	-
200	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – price reduction for new brand listings	-129.1	-251.6	-276.8	-302.1
200	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – reinforcing safety net arrangements	-3.7	-20.1	-20.6	-21.1
201	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Community Awareness Campaign – cessation	-0.1	-7.0	-7.1	-7.3
201	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme drugs listings – cost effectiveness reviews	1.2	0.9	0.3	-
202	Plasma fractionation arrangements – review	2.1	0.7	-	-
203	Quality Use of Medicines programme	-5.0	-4.5	-3.7	-3.2
203	Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Energy Programme – maintain funding	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
204	Regulation of research involving embryos and prohibition of human cloning – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
204	Round the Clock Medicare – After-hours Primary Care Programme	-	-	-	-

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HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)					
204	Round the Clock Medicare – grants for after-hours GP services	5.2	10.8	11.7	11.9
205	Rural Nursing Scholarship Programme	2.5	2.5	2.6	-
205	Senior Australians – increasing rural and regional respite services	1.4	2.6	2.6	2.7
206	Senior Australians – overnight cottage respite	8.8	17.0	17.3	17.8
206	Senior Australians – residential respite funding increase	5.9	8.4	13.5	13.9
207	Senior Australians – respite to assist employed carers	13.5	26.7	27.3	28.0
207	Strengthening Cancer Care – bowel cancer screening	2.6	14.6	16.4	-2.0
208	Strengthening Cancer Care – Breast Cancer Network Australia	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
208	Strengthening Cancer Care – cancer research	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.3
209	Strengthening Cancer Care – clinical trials	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.4
209	Strengthening Cancer Care – developing training courses for cancer nurses	2.2	0.6	0.6	0.7
209	Strengthening Cancer Care – evaluation of initiatives	-	-	0.9	0.3
210	Strengthening Cancer Care – mentoring for regional hospitals and cancer professionals	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6
210	Strengthening Cancer Care – National Research Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases	0.3	1.7	1.7	1.8
211	Strengthening Cancer Care – palliative care grants programme	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9
211	Strengthening Cancer Care – professional development for cancer professionals	3.3	-	-	-
212	Strengthening Cancer Care – quitting smoking during pregnancy	2.1	1.1	1.1	-
212	Strengthening Cancer Care – skin cancer national awareness campaign	0.6	4.9	-	-
212	Strengthening Cancer Care – Sydney Children's Hospital Magnetic Resonance Imaging unit – Medicare Benefits Schedule eligibility	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
213	Treatment of breast cancer – continued funding for Herceptin	-	-	-	-
171	Women's Safety Agenda	1.0	2.8	3.8	4.9
<i>National Blood Authority</i>					
191	National Blood Authority – additional funding	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.2
202	Plasma fractionation arrangements – review	0.1	..	-	-
<i>Private Health Insurance Ombudsman</i>					
202	Private Health Insurance – increased funding for the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman through an increase in the Complaints Levy	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Portfolio total		-24.1	-75.0	-72.0	-99.7
HUMAN SERVICES					
<i>Department of Human Services</i>					
<i>Welfare to Work</i>					
144	– Comprehensive Work Capacity Assessments	0.8	105.3	107.3	102.7
145	– Pre-vocational Assistance Participation Account	0.2	26.8	28.4	25.1

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HUMAN SERVICES (continued)					
<i>Health Insurance Commission</i>					
181	Additional Practice Nurses for Rural Australia and Other Areas of Need – continue funding	-	-	-	-
182	Asthma Management Programme – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
214	Australian Organ Donor Initiative	3.1	-	-	-
183	Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Initiative – continue funding	-	-	-	-
184	Cervical screening incentives for general practitioners – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
214	Electronic Commerce for Medicare Claiming – cease funding	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2
191	Medicare – increase in thresholds for Medicare Safety Net	-0.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9
215	Medicare – two new Medicare offices	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
194	National Immunisation Programme – childhood varicella vaccines	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.4
195	National Immunisation Programme – replacement of oral polio vaccine with inactivated polio vaccine	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
196	National Integrated Diabetes Programme – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
198	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – deletion of calcium tablet preparations	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
198	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – Increase concessional and general safety net thresholds	-	-	-	-
200	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – reinforcing safety net arrangements	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1
171	Women's Safety Agenda	0.2	..	..	..
Portfolio total		5.1	131.5	135.0	127.0
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
Addressing Indigenous Needs					
219	– Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-
220	– Native Title System – extension of funding	-	-	-	-
228	– Shared Responsibility Agreements and community engagement – Implementation Assistance	-	-	-	-
229	Australian immigration representation in Brasilia – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
230	Illegal Foreign Fishers – improving compliance	8.3	9.5	9.6	9.8
230	Migration Programme – improving integrity of the family stream	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
231	Migration Programme – increase of up to 20,000 skilled places	4.9	10.2	11.0	11.3
231	Migration Programme – industry outpost positions	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
232	Migration Programme – seasonal harvest workers – increased working holiday makers	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.5
233	Migration Programme – Trade Skills Training Visa – arrangement for regional Australia	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.2

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	IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (continued)				
234	Migration Programme – Two-Stage Skilled Designated Area Sponsored visa	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.8
235	Onshore processing of students in the points tested categories – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
235	Overseas skills recognition – establishment and maintenance of a web portal for information and registration processes	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
236	People smuggling – package to mitigate threats, gaps and vulnerabilities	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8
236	Promotion of Australian Citizenship – additional funding	1.0	-	-	-
237	Skilled migration promotion	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.9
	Providing for Australia's Security				
89	– biometrics for border control – phased application of identification technology	3.8	6.8	5.7	5.6
90	– enhancements to the Movement Alert List	7.6	7.1	7.3	7.5
93	– regional counter-terrorism assistance – regional border control	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.9
	<i>Torres Strait Regional Authority</i>				
219	Addressing Indigenous Needs – Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	42.3	49.0	48.9	49.9
	INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES				
	<i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i>				
229	Addressing Indigenous Needs – Indigenous Communities Mining/Industry Working in Partnership programme – extension	-	-	-	-
238	Australian Building Codes Board – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
238	Australian Tourism Development Programme – transfer of funds from Tourism Australia	3.5	2.5	1.5	-
239	Business Entry Point – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
239	Industry Capability Network Limited and Supplier Access to Major Projects Programme – extension	-	-	-	-
240	Lancefield Reserve – upgrade of amenities	-	-	-	-
240	Queensland Alumina Limited – contribution to the conversion of refinery	-	-	-	-
240	Small Business Assistance Programme – extension	-	14.1	14.0	1.0
241	Small Business Mentoring and Succession Programme	2.9	2.7	2.7	0.4
241	Small Business Mentoring Project – extension	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
241	Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Programme – savings	-57.7	-	-	-
	<i>Geoscience Australia</i>				
174	Australian Tsunami Warning System – Indian and Pacific Oceans	2.9	4.3	4.3	3.3
	<i>Tourism Australia</i>				
238	Australian Tourism Development Programme – transfer of funds from Tourism Australia	-3.5	-2.5	-1.5	-
	Portfolio total	-51.9	21.1	21.1	4.7

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PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS					
<i>Department of Parliamentary Services</i>					
279	Parliament House meeting rooms – audio-visual facilities and acoustic support
<i>Department of the House of Representatives</i>					
243	Citizenship Visits Programme – additional funding	0.1	-	-	-
<i>Department of the Senate</i>					
243	Citizenship Visits Programme – additional funding	0.1	-	-	-
Portfolio total		0.2	-	-	-
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
<i>Australian National Audit Office</i>					
244	Australian National Audit Office – changes to the auditing environment	3.5	2.3	2.4	2.4
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
244	Australia and New Zealand School of Government – grant	-	-	-	-
245	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – increased activity	0.7	0.4	0.4	-
<i>Office of National Assessments</i>					
272	Providing for Australia's Security – Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building	-	-	0.2	0.6
<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>					
246	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman – review of workplace relations powers	0.2	0.2	0.1	-
<i>Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security</i>					
280	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security – upgrading of information technology and communications infrastructure	..	..	..	..
<i>Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General</i>					
280	Australian Honours and Award System – replacement building	0.3	0.1	-	-
244	Australian Honours and Awards System – enhanced administration	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
281	Vice Regal Heritage Property Master Plan – implementation	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.0
Portfolio total		6.1	4.2	4.5	4.5
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES					
<i>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</i>					
248	Maritime search and rescue – increased capability	1.5	17.2	17.3	18.0
<i>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</i>					
247	Civil Aviation Safety Authority – long-term funding strategy	6.9	5.8	5.6	9.6
<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>					
247	Badgerys Creek properties – maintenance	0.7	0.7	0.6	-
248	Maritime Emergency Towage Services	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
248	Maritime salvage capability and services	-	-	-	-
249	Motor vehicle standards – improved service standards and lower fees	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.4

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	TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES (continued)				
249	Payment scheme for aircraft en route charges – extension	5.6	-	-	-
249	Pentagon Memorial Fund donation	-	-	-	-
250	Regional Partnerships programme – funding for election commitments	2.3	2.5	-	-
251	Road safety – trial for a national driver education scheme	-	-	-	-
251	Road Safety Black Spot Programme – extension of funding	-	45.0	45.0	-
251	Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
	Providing for Australia's Security				
87	– maritime security – enhanced monitoring and compliance auditing	10.3	12.2	12.4	12.5
93	– regional counter-terrorism assistance – transport security liaison	-	-	-	-
	<i>Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee</i>				
145	Asbestos Claims Management	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
	Portfolio total	33.8	90.1	87.8	42.1
	TREASURY				
	<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>				
255	Name-identified census information – retention	2.0	12.2	4.8	0.1
255	Official statistics – upgrade	10.5	10.1	11.6	10.2
256	Population Census	5.4	6.6	0.2	-
	<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>				
252	Australian Energy Regulator	4.4	-	-	-
259	Trade Practices Act 1974 – implementation of the Dawson Amendments	5.3	4.6	4.7	4.8
	<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>				
252	Australian Securities and Investment Commission – United States – Australian audit regulation programme	2.1	2.1	2.1	-
254	James Hardie Taskforce investigation and litigation	3.1	-	-	-
256	One.Tel and Offset Alpine – ongoing litigation and investigation	4.0	-	-	-
258	Superannuation Choice – implementation	7.6	6.4	5.8	4.8
	<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>				
166	Family Tax Benefit Part B Supplement	177.0	173.7	179.0	183.9
103	Imports – additional revenue compliance activities	-	-	-	-
165	Increase in maximum rate Family Tax Benefit Part A income threshold	-	13.1	13.1	13.1
255	Official statistics – upgrade	6.9	-	-	-
258	Superannuation Choice – implementation	18.6	8.0	7.2	13.8
	<i>Department of the Treasury</i>				
253	Financial Literacy Foundation	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
253	Financial Reporting Council – improved accounting and auditing standards-setting arrangements	-	-	-	-
173	Future Fund – implementation and administration	0.9	-	-	-
254	Hosting of the Group of Twenty (G-20) in 2006	5.5	7.0	0.2	-
255	Labour force participation – modelling	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6
257	Reform of state taxes – payment of Budget Balancing Assistance	-	240.9	244.0	78.2

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	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CROSS PORTFOLIO				
Flood inquiry into Australian intelligence agencies(e)				
Defence Intelligence Organisation - additional funding	-	-	-	-
Defence Signals Directorate - additional funding	-	-	-	-
Increased personnel for defence intelligence agencies	0.5	0.5	0.5	-
Language training	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
Australian Intelligence Community oversight activities - additional funding	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
Additional funding for monitoring of Australian Intelligence Community	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Open Source Collection Branch - additional funding	-	-	1.7	1.7
Office of National Assessments - additional accommodation	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2
Office of National Assessments - additional funding	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation - temporary accommodation	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.7
Maritime Security(f)				
Extension of closed circuit television network	2.4	2.5	2.5	0.0
Standardised information around the movement of cargo	0.5	-	-	-
Container examination facilities	14.0	14.3	14.6	0.0
Maintaining first port boarding levels	3.0	3.0	3.3	-
Increased presence of immigration officers at seaports	2.9	3.0	3.0	-
Maritime Security Identification Card	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0
Transport Security Operations Centre	1.1	1.1	1.1	-
Maritime intelligence capacity	1.0	1.0	1.1	-
Aviation Security(g)				
Hardening of cockpit doors - additional funding	-	-	-	-
Counter-terrorism first response regional rapid deployment teams	4.3	4.4	4.5	-
Police and aviation security joint training exercises	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Public awareness campaign	0.5	-	-	-
Regional airport 24-hour closed circuit television pilot study	1.4	-	-	-
Regional passenger screening	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.4
Training for regional airline and airport staff	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Air Security Officer Programme	4.1	4.2	4.2	-
Strengthening Tasmania(h)	9.6	4.5	0.8	-
Cross Portfolio total	66.1	59.2	57.9	22.1
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY				
Australian Animal Welfare Strategy	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2
Biosecurity risk analysis and research - centre of excellence	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9
Defeating the weed menace	10.0	12.0	8.0	-
Drought assistance - Exceptional Circumstances assistance(d)	48.7	1.6	-	-
Drought assistance - interim income support	-	-	-	-
Food processing in regional Australia	4.5	4.5	2.7	-
Eradicating citrus canker in Queensland	1.3	0.7	-	-
RecFish Australia - additional funding	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
National Livestock Identification System	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

Table 2: Expense measures up to the 2004-05 MYEFO (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (continued)				
Illegal foreign fishers - additional funding for deterrence(d)	5.1	2.1	1.4	1.1
Portfolio total	78.2	29.2	20.4	4.2
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S				
Centenary House Leasing Inquiry funding	-	-	-	-
Counter-terrorism - expanded exercise programme	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
National Community Crime Prevention Programme - Australia-wide	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
Western Sydney	2.0	2.0	2.0	-
National Community Crime Prevention Programme - additional funding	5.0	-	-	-
Family law system - consultation on proposed reforms(d)	-	-	-	-
Local Government - developing a national strategic plan	-	-	-	-
Local Grants Scheme - establishment	9.4	9.7	9.8	-
National Emergency Volunteers Support Fund - establishment	4.9	5.0	5.1	4.0
National Security Hotline - ongoing public awareness campaign	-	-	-	-
Office of Local Government Emergency Management	0.6	0.6	0.6	-
Australia's Outward Control Points - enhancing security	..	..	..	-
Australian Customs Service - biological and chemical agent screening capability	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9
Australian Customs Service - additional funding	19.5	17.2	13.6	-
Australian Customs Service - Customs post in Beijing	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3
Australian Customs Service - Customs post in Jakarta	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Australian Customs Service - additional detector dogs	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Australian Customs Service - new mail screening technology	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.8
Australian Customs Service - unmanned aerial vehicle trial	0.4	-	-	-
Australian Federal Police - enhanced counter-terrorism capacity Counter-terrorism teams	5.6	5.7	5.7	-
Intelligence officers and other specialists	4.7	4.7	4.8	-
Counter-terrorism surveillance	3.4	3.5	3.5	20.6
Capacity building	3.0	3.0	3.1	-
Language training	3.2	3.2	3.3	-
Australian Federal Police - Jakarta bombing investigation	-	-	-	-
Australian Federal Police - national child sex offenders strike team	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.4
Offshore Maritime Security - oil and gas facilities and ship interdiction	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.4
Protective Security				
Australian Federal Police National Operations Centre	2.2	2.2	2.2	-
Australian Federal Police surge capacity	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6
Electronic surveillance devices	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Portfolio total	88.4	81.5	78.6	44.3
COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS				
Australia Council - additional funding in 2003-04	-	-	-	1.1
'Noise' youth arts festival - additional funding	1.3	1.3	1.3	-
NewsRadio - extension of transmission areas	nfp	nfp	nfp	-
Australian Film Commission - developing Australian film	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

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	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS (continued)				
Elite athlete support - additional funding	3.0	-	-	-
Paralympic Sport - additional funding	2.0	2.0	2.0	-
Australia Council - maintenance of major performing arts funding	1.0	1.0	1.1	-
Community broadcasters - increased assistance with meeting transmission costs	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Community broadcasting - training fund	0.5	0.6	0.6	-
Deaflympic Games Melbourne 2005	-	-	-	-
Film Finance Corporation Australia - additional funding	10.0	10.0	10.0	-
Indigenous art - training and facilities	1.0	1.0	1.0	-
Kardinia Park redevelopment - contribution	-	-	-	-
NetAlert National Cybersafe Programme - additional funding	1.3	-	-	2.7
Olympic and Paralympic teams 2004 - welcome home parades	-	-	-	-
Penrith Stadium upgrade - contribution	-	-	-	-
Regional Arts Fund - additional funding	1.3	1.4	1.4	-
Surf Life Saving Australia - additional funding for centenary celebrations	-	-	-	-
Tough on Drugs in Sport - additional funding(d)	3.8	3.8	3.8	-
Water and alpine safety	2.5	2.5	2.5	-
Whitten Oval redevelopment - contribution	4.0	-	-	-
National Museum of Australia - additional funding	-	-	-	-
Building a Healthy, Active Australia				
Active after-school communities	27.8	28.3	15.0	-
Active kids in schools	-	-	-	-
Good nutrition information campaign	-	-	-	-
Healthy and active communities	1.7	-	-	-
Physical activity for children information campaign	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	67.7	58.4	45.2	5.2
DEFENCE				
Australian Army - new troop lift helicopters	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-	-	-
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING				
School infrastructure - investing in our schools	247.4	271.0	270.7	-
Australian National Training Authority - abolition	-	-	-	-
Aged Care - additional university places for aged care nursing	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.2
Assistance for Isolated Children - increasing the Basic Boarding Allowance and the Distance Education Allowance	17.5	18.1	18.8	19.4
Australian Technical Colleges(i)	65.4	86.3	102.5	95.0
Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships	15.3	29.4	30.3	31.1
Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy - extending payments to New Apprentices(d)	117.3	126.8	136.2	142.4
New Apprenticeship Access Programme - additional places	12.6	12.8	13.0	13.2
Charles Darwin University - improved information technology infrastructure	0.5	0.5	-	-

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	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING (continued)				
Indigenous Youth Leadership	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.7
Indigenous Youth Mobility	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0
James Cook University - veterinary science school	6.0	-	-	-
School flagpoles	-	-	-	-
School term hostels	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.7
Success for Boys - boys' education initiative	4.8	9.0	4.9	-
Tool kits for new apprentices in skill shortage trades	28.7	29.5	30.4	31.2
Tutorial credit initiative - extension	..	..	..	-
University of Notre Dame - additional places for medicine, nursing and teaching	3.5	3.9	8.0	8.0
University of Wollongong - establishment of a medical school	5.0	5.0	-	-
Portfolio total	534.3	602.9	626.1	350.9
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS				
Workplace Dispute Settlement Pilot Programme	1.5	-	-	-
Australian Workplace Agreements - encouraging uptake by small business	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Carer payment - increasing opportunities to undertake work, study or training	..	..	..	-
Indigenous entrepreneurs - financial literacy strategy	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Portfolio total	6.5	4.0	4.0	4.0
ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE				
Securing Australia's Energy Future				
Advanced electricity storage technologies	3.7	5.8	5.8	4.3
Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund	1.8	51.8	51.6	72.3
Solar Cities	5.9	21.2	24.6	19.4
Wind forecasting capability	4.4	4.0	3.2	1.3
Mandatory energy efficiency opportunity assessments	3.7	3.9	3.7	-
National Tidal Centre - additional funding(d)	-	-	-	-
Director of National Parks - additional funding	3.8	4.1	4.4	-
Great Barrier Reef Structural Adjustment Package - enhancement	4.0	-	-	-
Prime Ministers' Memorial - reconstruction of commemorative wall	-	-	-	-
Protecting Australia's Biodiversity Hotspots	10.0	10.0	-	-
Portfolio total	37.2	100.8	93.4	97.2
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES				
Australian research alliance for children and youth	-	-	-	-
Bali bombing - second anniversary commemorations(d)	-	-	-	-
Carer Allowance - revised implementation date for expanded eligibility criteria	-	-	-	-
30 per cent child care tax rebate	17.0	18.3	22.5	27.2
Family law system reforms - additional funding for Family Relationships Services programme(d)	-	-	-	-
Family law system reforms - establishment of a Child Support Task Force	-	-	-	-

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	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (continued)				
Carer payment - increasing opportunities to undertake work, study or training	2.4	6.0	10.3	-
Non-profit Council of Australia - seed funding	0.4	-	-	-
Seniors Concession Allowance for self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card(d)	62.2	66.4	70.9	73.4
Stronger Families and Communities Strategy - increased funding for Communities for Children	4.9	9.7	9.7	8.1
Stronger Families and Communities Strategy - increased funding for Local Answers	8.4	20.8	28.3	19.6
Stronger Families and Communities Strategy - increased funding for Volunteer Small Equipment Grants	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.1
Grandparents who care for children - increasing child care assistance	18.6	23.6	28.8	30.5
Utilities Allowance for senior Australians on income support(d)	169.2	175.6	183.1	358.7
Portfolio total	286.7	324.0	357.4	517.5
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE				
Australian overseas missions - blast proofing of windows	1.8	-	-	-
Export Hubs(d)	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.8
Export Market Development Grants scheme	10.0	10.0	-	-
G8 Global Partnership on weapons of mass destruction - contribution	-	-	-	-
Iraq - forgiveness of debt	*	*	*	-
Australian overseas missions - improved security(d)	14.5	15.7	24.1	13.5
Portfolio total	27.5	26.9	25.3	14.3
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION				
National Portrait Gallery - additional funding(d)	0.6	0.6	0.3	-
Portfolio total	0.6	0.6	0.3	-
HEALTH AND AGEING				
Cancer Council Australia - Biggest Morning Tea Appeal	-	-	-	-
Dementia - a national health priority	15.4	16.3	16.6	17.1
Diabetes - support for research	5.0	10.4	10.8	7.6
GP services - improving after-hours access	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9
Haemophilia patients - increasing access to recombinant clotting factors	21.1	20.8	21.3	21.8
Investing in Stronger Regions - practice nurses in rural areas(d)	2.4	3.6	5.0	5.6
Medical Bionics Centre	-	-	-	-
Medicare - additional incentive for GPs who bulk-bill in areas of workforce shortage and lower than average bulk-billing rates	23.7	5.3	-	-
Medicare - eight new Medicare offices	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3
Medicare - extension of the After-Hours Primary Medical Care Programme	-	-	-	-
Medicare - higher rebate for services provided by other medical practitioners working after-hours in a Medical Deputising Service(d)	1.9	2.4	2.4	-

Table 2: Expense measures up to the 2004-05 MYEFO (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)				
Medicare - increase the Medicare rebate to 100 per cent of the schedule fee for GP attendances	505.7	503.5	504.7	505.7
Medicare - eligible Magnetic Resonance Imaging units for Dubbo and Gippsland(d)	2.0	2.4	2.9	2.6
Medicare - extended opening hours for Medicare offices	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.8
Round the Clock Medicare - investing in after-hours GP services(d)	97.8	110.2	124.7	135.5
Mental Health - funding for beyondblue	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.6
Mental Health - expansion of Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care initiative	8.4	10.5	10.7	10.9
Mental Health - youth mental health	15.5	15.8	16.1	16.4
Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia initiative	-	-	-	-
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - listing of Ezetrol(d)	47.6	64.8	78.2	-
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - listing of Risperdal Consta	21.2	30.7	36.5	38.6
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - extension to the listing of Zyprexa	8.6	16.0	25.7	35.4
Pneumococcal Vaccination - programme for adults aged 65 years and over(d)	-18.9	-19.7	-22.0	-
Pneumococcal vaccination - universal childhood programme	77.1	30.7	-	-
Public Health Outcome Funding Agreements - supplementary funds	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0
Private Health Insurance rebate - increase for older Australians(d) supplementary funds	125.1	138.5	153.3	165.4
Strengthening Cancer Care - radiation therapy internships and undergraduate places(d)	2.8	3.4	3.6	-
Royal Darwin Hospital - equipped, prepared and ready(d)	19.7	13.3	13.7	13.8
Royal Flying Doctors Service - increased funding	-	-	-	-
Strengthening Cancer Care - Camp Quality and Make A Wish Foundation	-	-	-	-
Strengthening Cancer Care - Cancer Australia	4.3	2.7	2.7	2.8
Strengthening Cancer Care - Cancer Support Networks	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Strengthening Cancer Care - National Breast Cancer Centre	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Strengthening Cancer Care - Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne	-	-	-	-
Westmead Hospital - new positron emission tomography scanner	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
Portfolio total	1015.9	1011.8	1038.3	1011.6
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS				
Child Migrants' Travel Fund	-	-	-	-
Indigenous Australians - improving school attendance in remote areas	-	-	-	-
Reconciliation Place in Canberra - continued development	1.0	-	-	-
Temporary Protection Visa - caseload resolution(d)	-14.4	-14.3	-8.3	-10.4
Indigenous Communities - developing a twenty to thirty year vision	1.0	-	-	-

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	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (continued)				
Regional Movement Alert List Pilot Programme	0.7	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-11.8	-14.3	-8.3	-10.4
INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES				
Australian Institute for Commercialisation - Techfast Pilot Programme	-	-	-	-
Australian Made Campaign	0.8	0.4	-	-
Cairns Esplanade - additional funding	3.0	2.0	2.0	-
Fuel excise reforms - business credits - cessation of the Petroleum Products Freight Subsidy Scheme	-	-3.5	-3.5	-
Home-Based Business Seminars	0.4	0.4	0.4	-
Industry Cooperative Innovation Programme	3.1	5.2	6.3	5.6
Kimberley Cultural Tourism Promotion	0.1	-	-	-
Labour market and structural adjustment assistance South Australia assistance package(d)	22.8	5.0	0.1	-
Liquified petroleum gas - APA Manufacturing Pty Ltd	-	-	-	-
Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund	36.3	7.2	-	-
Commercial Ready Programme - reprioritisation	-3.1	-5.2	-6.3	-5.6
Securing Australia's Energy Future - mandatory energy efficiency opportunity assessments	-	-	-	3.3
Securing Australia's Energy Future - renewable energy development initiative	-	-	-	24.5
Small Business Collective Bargaining Campaign	0.8	0.8	-	-
The Great Green Way - tourism initiative	2.0	2.0	-	-
Woodend Bike Trail	-	-	-	-
Lancefield Visitor Centre	-	-	-	-
Caravan Safari Trail Project	-	-	-	-
Fairbridge Village - redevelopment	-	-	-	-
Venture Capital Industry - review	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	66.1	14.3	-1.0	27.8
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET				
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2007 - additional funding for the establishment of a taskforce(d)	-	-	-	-
National Australia Day Council - additional funding	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security - additional funding	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Australian Water Fund(d)(j)	337.9	625.2	615.4	200.7
Portfolio total	338.1	625.4	615.6	200.9
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES				
AusLink - National Land Transport Network	-	50.0	210.0	226.0
AusLink - Roads to Recovery	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Pakenham bypass - additional funding	21.0	-	-	-
Scoresby Freeway - additional funding	40.0	40.0	-	-
South Australian roads - additional funding	30.0	-	-	-

Table 2: Expense measures up to the 2004-05 MYEFO (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES (continued)				
AusLink National Network				
Tully flood mitigation	20.0	45.0	10.0	-
Townsville ring road	5.0	20.0	15.0	-
Callemondah Bypass	-	-	-	-
Miriam Vale safety works	1.5	-	-	-
Toowoomba Range Crossing	-	-	-	-
Sturt Highway extension	-	25.0	50.0	-
Port River Expressway	10.0	-	-15.0	-
Hampstead Road	3.0	-	-	-
Coolac Bypass	35.0	-	-10.0	-
Brisbane TransApex study	1.5	-	-	-
Peel Deviation	-	-	20.0	-
Department of Transport and Regional Services - additional funding	0.2	0.2	0.2	-
Bushfire Mitigation - new initiatives(d)	8.0	8.0	-	-
Sustainable Regions - Western NSW, Western QLD and Northern Rivers and North Coast of NSW	9.4	12.5	9.5	-
Norfolk Island memorial for Minister Buffet - grant to establish the environmental trust fund	0.4	..	..	..
Regional Partnerships				
Bank @ Post	6.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Icon Projects	16.0	3.9	-	-
Thuringowa Riverway - development	2.0	2.0	-	-
Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme - savings	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7
Tasmanian Wheat Freight Scheme - continuing assistance for bulk wheat shipments	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Servicing of land administered by the National Capital Authority	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	238.6	237.3	320.3	256.6
TREASURY				
Fuel excise reforms - business credits(k)				
Conversion of partial excise for fuel used in heavy vehicles to a road user charge	-	-	-	-
Extension of full credit for fuels used in electricity generation	-	-	-	-
Extension of full excise credit for all business use of fuel off-road	-	-	-	-
Removal of grant on burner fuels	-	-	-	-
Removal of metropolitan boundaries and extension of on-road credits to all fuels	-	-	-	-
Single business credit system	-	-9.3	-11.0	-
Review of Aspects of Income Self-Assessment	18.8	15.6	18.4	19.4
National Consumer and Financial Literacy Foundation	-	-	-	-
National Consumer and Financial Literacy Information Programme	8.0	-	-	-

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	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)				
Simplified Tax System - extension	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.9
Introducing a 25 per cent entrepreneurs' tax discount	1.9	2.6	2.2	2.2
Portfolio total	29.3	9.5	10.6	22.5
VETERANS' AFFAIRS				
Commemoration programme - additional funding for significant anniversaries in 2005	1.4	-	-	-
National Peacekeepers' Memorial	0.2	-	-	-
Australian Ex-prisoners of War Memorial in Ballarat	-	-	-	-
Bereavement Payment for above general rate disability pensioners - additional funding	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.4
Veterans' Home Care Programme - additional funding	13.1	13.1	13.1	-
Ex-Service Organisations - providing additional funding to explain the new Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme	2.3	2.3	2.3	-
Local Medical Officer Scheme - increasing the Veterans' Access Payment	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.4
Local Medical Officer Scheme - increasing the Medicare rebate to 115 per cent of the scheduled fee for GP attendances	22.5	24.1	25.9	25.3
Aircraft maintenance personnel - cancer and health screening and disease prevention	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Portfolio total	48.1	48.6	50.7	34.6
Depreciation Expense(b)	25.3	28.7	30.8	33.1
Decisions taken but not yet announced	-	-	-	-
Total Expense Measures	2943.1	3249.4	3367.2	2638.0

* The nature of the measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

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(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in expenses, no sign before an estimate indicates increased expenses.

(b) Aggregate depreciation expenses in relation to capital measures.

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding.

(d) This is a cross portfolio measure which is presented under the lead portfolio.

(e) The Flood inquiry into Australian intelligence agencies package of measures includes funding for the following portfolios: Defence; Foreign Affairs and Trade; Attorney-General's; and Prime Minister and Cabinet.

(f) The Maritime Security package of measures includes funding for the following portfolios: Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs; Attorney-General's; and Transport and Regional Services.

(g) The Aviation Security package of measures includes funding for the Transport and Regional Services portfolio and the Attorney-General's portfolio.

(h) The Strengthening Tasmania package of measures includes funding for the following portfolios: Transport and Regional Services, Employment and Workplace Relations, Environment and Heritage, Family and Community Services, Industry, Tourism and Resources, Veterans Affairs, Health and Ageing and Education, Science and Training.

(i) The Australian Technical Colleges measure includes funding of \$95 million in 2008-09; \$69.9 million in 2009-10; and \$49.1 million in 2010-11.

(j) Funds currently allocated for National Competition Payments in 2006-07 and 2007-08 will be used to offset the costs of the measure Securing Australia's Water Future — National Water Commission, Water Smart Australia and Raising National Water Standards in these years.

(k) The Fuel excise reforms — business credits package of measures in the Treasury portfolio were included as decisions taken but not yet announced in the 2004-05 Budget.

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Australian HomeGrown Campaign

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-

The Government will contribute \$4.0 million over three years (including \$1.0 million in 2004-05) to the Australian HomeGrown Campaign. The funding will be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis with industry and will promote 100 per cent Australian-grown produce in the domestic retail sector, using media and in-store advertising, and food product labeling.

This measure will be funded through a reprioritisation of funding from the Agriculture – Advancing Australia: FarmBis programme.

Further information can be found in the press release of 7 October 2004 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services export inspection fees and charges — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	34.3	35.4	36.5	37.7

The Government will provide \$144.0 million over four years to continue its 40 per cent contribution towards Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service export fees and charges applying to industry in respect of Australian agricultural exports.

Australian Seafood Industry Council

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.4 million over five years (including \$50,000 in 2004-05) to the Australian Seafood Industry Council (ASIC), Australia's peak fishing industry representative body. This funding will support ASIC to represent industry and to liaise with the Government on commercial fishing issues such as resource sharing.

The cost of this measure will be met from existing resources for the Fisheries Resources Research Fund in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 7 October 2004 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Avian influenza response measures

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	5.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service with additional funding of \$5.6 million in 2005-06 to continue enhanced border controls to prevent the entry of avian influenza (bird flu) into Australia. The extension of the programme responds to the ongoing avian influenza threat and will concentrate on preventative measures at airports and in northern Australia.

See also the related expense measure titled *Quarantine Border Security* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Biosecurity Australia — ongoing quarantine funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8

The Government will provide \$39.2 million over four years to continue funding for Biosecurity Australia. This funding will support the activities of the agency, including conducting import risk analyses and promoting Australia's quarantine system internationally.

Conservation of the Southern Bluefin Tuna Scientific Research Programme — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over three years to continue its contribution to the scientific research programme administered by the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna. The programme promotes the sustainable management of global Southern Bluefin Tuna stocks.

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The cost of this measure will be met from existing resources for the Agriculture – Advancing Australia: FarmBis programme, the Exotic Disease Preparedness Programme and the Building a National Approach to Animal and Plant Health programme in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Drought assistance — Exceptional Circumstances assistance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	30.6	20.0	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	1.0	0.4	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.7	0.3	-	-
Total	32.3	20.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$73.3 million over three years (including \$20.4 million in 2004-05) to support primary producers in regions that have been declared eligible for Exceptional Circumstances assistance.

Exceptional Circumstances assistance comprises interest rate subsidies and income support to assist viable farm businesses and farm families who have been adversely affected by exceptional climatic events, such as drought. Eligible recipients are also provided with a health care concession card and access to Youth Allowance for their children.

The Government has also made it easier for farmers who have not experienced a break in drought over the past 18 months to have Exceptional Circumstances drought declarations rolled over for a 12-month extension.

Exceptional Circumstances assistance is a cross-portfolio measure between the Departments of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Health and Ageing and Education, Science and Training. Funding for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry includes \$0.8 million over three years for Centrelink to administer elements of Exceptional Circumstances assistance.

Drought assistance — interim income support

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	4.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.7 million over two years (including \$7.2 million in 2004-05) to support primary producers in regions that have been declared eligible for interim income support.

Once a fully completed drought application for a particular region is received by the Australian Government and is deemed to show a prima facie case for an Exceptional Circumstances declaration, interim income support is made available to eligible primary producers on conditions equivalent to the Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment.

Access to interim income support is available for up to six months while the Exceptional Circumstances application is assessed by the National Rural Advisory Council. Should the Government declare Exceptional Circumstances in that region, interim income support ceases and standard Exceptional Circumstances assistance arrangements commence.

Eradication of red imported fire ants — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	10.6	5.1	-	-

The Government will contribute an additional \$24.3 million over three years (including \$8.6 million in 2004-05) towards the cost of eradicating red imported fire ants in Queensland. This funding is in addition to the \$61.7 million allocated for this programme over the five years from 2001-02 to 2005-06.

The Government's contribution represents 50 per cent of agreed government funding, in line with the current cost-sharing arrangements agreed between the Australian and state and territory governments for animal pest and disease eradication.

Industry Partnerships Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over three years to expand activities under the Industry Partnerships Programme and allow more industries to access assistance. The initiative will involve industry and government working together in the rural sector to share information on future challenges, market opportunities, training and leadership needs.

This measure was announced on 23 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing in Our Farming Future*.

International Food and Agriculture Service — exporting Australian agriculture to emerging markets

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.7 million over four years to establish the International Food and Agriculture Service within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. The Service will coordinate the Australian Government's market access services more effectively and enhance access for Australian agriculture to key markets in Asia.

The cost of this measure will be met from existing resources for the National Landcare Programme in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

This measure was announced on 23 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing in Our Farming Future*.

Ovine Johne's Disease — national approach to future management

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.6	-	-	-

The Government will contribute \$0.9 million over two years (including \$0.3 million in 2004-05) to the National Approach to the Future Management of Ovine Johne's Disease (OJD).

This funding is in addition to the \$9.3 million allocated in the 1999-2000 Budget. OJD is an infectious disease affecting sheep. The national approach will assist producers in making the transition to managing OJD as a business risk.

Quarantine Border Security

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	63.0	67.7	67.7	67.7
Australian Customs Service	-	-	62.5	62.5
Total	63.0	67.7	130.2	130.2

The Government will provide \$516.1 million over four years to maintain funding for quarantine border protection activities undertaken by the Australian Customs Service and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

The funding will maintain the enhanced level of quarantine screening announced in 2001 in response to emerging quarantine risks and threats, including overseas outbreaks of foot and mouth disease. Provision for funding for the Australian Customs Service in 2005-06 and 2006-07 has already been included in the forward estimates.

Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over three years to establish a community grants programme promoting sustainable recreational fishing. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to community groups for local initiatives, including infrastructure improvements to artificial reefs, restocking fish in inland waterways, protection of the environment at the water’s edge, establishing volunteer marine rescue groups, and community education projects to raise recreational fishing awareness.

This measure was announced on 21 September 2004 as part of the Government’s election commitment *Supporting North Queensland*.

Regional Assistance Programme — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.3 million over three years to continue to meet commitments under the Regional Assistance Programme. Funding will support projects that promote rural adjustment by improving regional sustainability, prosperity and self-reliance.

The cost of this measure will be met from existing resources for the National Landcare Programme and the Building a National Approach to Animal and Plant Health programme in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Snowy and Murray Rivers' environmental flows — Joint Government Enterprise

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide a further \$30.0 million over four years to the Joint Government Enterprise (JGE) as part of its 10 year commitment to contribute \$75.0 million to increase environmental flows in the Snowy River and the Murray River. The JGE was established by the Australian, New South Wales and Victorian Governments, under the arrangements for corporatisation of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority. Funding will be provided to the JGE to undertake investments in water saving projects to deliver increased environmental flows in these rivers.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates. The Government's funding commitment to the JGE involves funding of \$7.5 million per year from 2002-03 until 2011-12.

Southern Ocean Surveillance — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	-	41.1	41.4	41.9
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	3.3	3.4	3.4
Total	-	44.4	44.8	45.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Customs Service	-	0.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$181.3 million over four years (including \$46.3 million in 2009-10) for measures aimed at suppressing the activities of vessels engaged in illegal fishing, as well as protecting Australia's sovereign interests in, and the environmental values of, the Southern Ocean. This includes \$0.5 million in capital funding in 2006-07.

Of the funding provided, \$178.6 million will support the continuation of armed patrols of Heard and McDonald Islands' by Australian Customs Service and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) personnel, and \$2.7 million will enable DAFF personnel to participate in patrols with French fisheries authorities.

The capital funding will meet the cost of equipment and facilities required to support Australian Customs Service staff on patrol.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Providing for Australia's Security

The 2002-03 Budget announced measures totalling \$1.3 billion over five years to upgrade Australia's domestic security, concentrating on improved aviation security, the identification of security threats and an increased capacity to respond to security incidents.

The 2003-04 Budget announced additional measures in a package entitled *A Safer Australia*, totalling \$411 million over five years. This package included initiatives aimed at safeguarding infrastructure, protective guarding and enhancing intelligence.

Additional funding of \$103 million and \$143 million was also announced at *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2002-03* (MYEFO) and MYEFO 2003-04, respectively.

The 2004-05 Budget announced a package, *Investing in Australia's Security*, containing \$755 million over five years to improve Australia's national security, particularly in relation to intelligence, protective security and border security. This package brought the total amount committed by the Government over the seven years from 2001-02 to \$3.1 billion (including \$364 million in 2006-07 and 2007-08 for previously announced, but ongoing, programmes).

Since the 2004-05 Budget, the Government has announced additional national security related measures of \$1.2 billion in MYEFO 2004-05 (including \$301 million reported in *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004*).

Providing for Australia's Security delivers a further \$1.1 billion (including \$398.8 million in capital funding) over four years. Related measures will provide increased revenue of \$114.1 million.

In total, the Government will have committed \$5.6 billion over the eight years from 2001-02 for national security initiatives. This total includes \$201 million in 2008-09 for previously announced, but ongoing, programmes.

Providing for Australia's Security allocates \$239.3 million to strengthen Australia's intelligence capabilities. Australia's intelligence agencies will receive increased funding to build their capabilities and to meet the demands of counter-terrorism investigations. The National Security Hotline will also receive funding for another two years.

Measures with a total cost of \$26.1 million will build Australia's incident response capacity. This funding will implement and maintain a Continuity of Government Plan and increase resources to the Director of Public Prosecutions in recognition of a greater workload in relation to counter-terrorism prosecutions.

Budget Measures 2005-06

The 2005-06 Budget provides \$521.5 million for protective security measures. These will improve security at Australia's overseas missions, including through enhanced emergency communication systems, new security detection systems and relocation of some missions. Within Australia, the Government will enhance the guarding and patrolling services provided by the Australian Federal Police to diplomatic missions and holders of high office. Australia's maritime security will also be enhanced, including by increasing protection of Australia's offshore infrastructure.

Initiatives totalling \$226.3 million will harness emerging technologies to strengthen Australia's border security framework. To tighten controls over access to visas, the Government will add a new dimension to identity verification by deploying biometric technology progressively, utilising face and fingerprint scans. For Australian citizens, ePassports will be introduced over time. These technologies, together with enhancements to the Government's movement alert list, will help border authorities to verify travellers' identities quickly and reliably.

The Government will also provide \$60.3 million to enhance capacity and cooperation in the region. Regional counter-terrorism assistance measures, incorporating legal assistance, border control and transport security, will foster stronger relationships between Australian agencies and their counterparts in neighbouring countries.

Table 3: Providing for Australia's Security

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES					
<i>Strengthening our intelligence capabilities</i>					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– National Security Hotline	6.1	6.1	-	-	12.2
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building	-	-	1.2	2.4	3.6
– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation enhanced capability	11.2	11.3	11.7	11.6	46.0
– counter-proliferation intelligence enhancement	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.2
– linguistic capability	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	3.1
DEFENCE					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– counter-proliferation intelligence enhancement	2.7	4.0	4.0	4.1	14.8
– improved intelligence coordination and analysis	-	-	-	-	-
– upgrade of business and information systems	-	-	-	-	-
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
- counter-proliferation intelligence enhancement	2.2	4.4	6.3	6.5	19.4
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
<i>Office of National Assessments</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building	-	-	0.2	0.6	0.8
Sub-total	24.3	27.9	25.5	27.3	105.1
<i>Building our response capacity</i>					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Continuity of Government Plan – implementation and maintenance	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.4	5.8
<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– counter-terrorism prosecutions	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	14.0
DEFENCE					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Continuity of Government Plan – implementation and maintenance	-	-	-	-	0.0

Table 3: Providing for Australia's Security (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)					
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Continuity of Government Plan – implementation and maintenance	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.2
Sub-total	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.3	21.0
Protective security					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– diplomatic guarding	-10.4	-10.5	-10.5	-10.6	-42.0
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Australian Federal Police surge capacity expansion	5.8	4.7	4.8	4.9	20.3
– diplomatic guarding	28.7	29.9	29.6	30.3	118.5
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– business liaison unit	-	-	-	-	-
CROSS PORTFOLIO					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Australian overseas diplomatic missions – improved security	8.5	12.0	8.1	9.5	38.1
DEFENCE					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– enhanced protective security	32.9	33.6	-	-	66.5
– North-West Shelf surveillance	-	52.4	27.3	13.1	92.8
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES					
<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– maritime security – enhanced monitoring and compliance auditing	10.3	12.3	12.4	12.5	47.5
Sub-total	75.9	134.3	71.7	59.7	341.6
Securing our borders					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– biometrics for border control – automated border processing	7.3	11.6	5.8	1.5	26.2

Table 3: Providing for Australia's Security (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)					
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– enhanced border control systems	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	7.8
<i>Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– biometrics for border control – privacy advice and audit for biometrics	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– biometrics for border control – progressive introduction of ePassports	11.2	16.1	17.4	19.0	63.7
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– biometrics for border control – phased application of identification technology	3.8	6.8	5.7	5.6	21.9
– enhancements to the Movement Alert List	7.6	7.1	7.3	7.5	29.4
Sub-total	32.0	43.7	38.4	35.7	149.7
Enhancing security capacity and cooperation in our region					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– regional counter-terrorism assistance – legal assistance	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	6.7
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– regional counter-terrorism assistance – improved border control in the Sulu and Celebes Seas region	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	4.1
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– regional counter-terrorism assistance – biometric technology	5.3	2.3	-	-	7.6
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– counter-terrorism intelligence cooperation and joint training centre	4.3	4.9	5.0	5.0	19.2
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– regional counter-terrorism assistance – building regional capabilities	..	-0.4	4.2	4.9	8.6

Table 3: Providing for Australia's Security (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)					
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– regional counter-terrorism assistance – regional border control	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.9	11.1
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES					
<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– regional counter-terrorism assistance – transport security liaison	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	14.8	12.3	14.8	15.4	57.3
Total expense measures	152.4	223.3	155.6	143.4	674.7
CAPITAL MEASURES					
Strengthening our intelligence capabilities					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building	1.3	2.4	20.9	28.4	52.9
– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation enhanced capability	2.1	-	-	-	2.1
– counter-proliferation intelligence enhancement	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
DEFENCE					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– counter-proliferation intelligence enhancement	1.0	-	-	-	1.0
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION					
<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building	3.6	17.6	37.5	4.5	63.2
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– counter-proliferation intelligence enhancement	0.6	1.7	0.4	-	2.7
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
<i>Office of National Assessments</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building	-	-	6.0	6.1	12.1
Sub-total	8.8	21.6	64.8	39.0	134.2

Table 3: Providing for Australia's Security (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CAPITAL MEASURES (continued)					
<i>Building our response capacity</i>					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Continuity of Government Plan – implementation and maintenance	0.4	-	-	0.3	0.8
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Continuity of Government Plan – implementation and maintenance	-	2.7	1.7	-	4.4
Sub-total	0.4	2.7	1.7	0.3	5.1
<i>Protective security</i>					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Australian Federal Police surge capacity expansion	1.6	-	-	-	1.6
– diplomatic guarding	1.6	-	-	-	1.6
CROSS PORTFOLIO					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– Australian overseas diplomatic missions – improved security	41.3	58.6	6.2	5.3	111.4
DEFENCE					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– enhanced protective security	4.1	4.2	-	-	8.3
– North-West Shelf surveillance	-	8.4	-	-	8.4
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– purchase of land and construction of new chanceries	21.9	8.6	15.4	2.7	48.6
Sub-total	70.5	79.8	21.6	8.0	179.9
<i>Securing our borders</i>					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– biometrics for border control – automated border processing	0.7	14.6	10.2	10.1	35.5
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– enhanced border control systems	0.9	0.9	-	-	1.7

Table 3: Providing for Australia's Security (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CAPITAL MEASURES (continued)					
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– biometrics for border control – progressive introduction of ePassports	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.9
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– biometrics for border control – phased application of identification technology	4.5	6.8	6.0	3.6	21.0
– enhancements to the Movement Alert List	5.5	5.0	2.0	2.0	14.5
Sub-total	13.9	27.7	18.7	16.2	76.6
Enhancing security capacity and cooperation in our region					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– regional counter-terrorism assistance – legal assistance	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– regional counter-terrorism assistance – improved border control in the Sulu and Celebes Seas region	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– counter-terrorism intelligence cooperation and joint training centre	0.7	-	-	-	0.7
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– regional counter-terrorism assistance – building regional capabilities	..	-0.2	1.9	-0.4	1.3
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– regional counter-terrorism assistance – regional border control	0.7	-	-	-	0.7
Sub-total	1.6	-0.2	1.9	-0.4	3.0
Total capital measures	95.3	131.7	108.7	63.1	398.8

Table 3: Providing for Australia's Security (continued)

	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	Total \$m
REVENUE MEASURES					
<i>Securing our borders</i>					
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– biometrics for border control – progressive introduction of ePassports	11.0	18.6	20.3	20.7	70.6
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
– biometrics for border control – phased application of identification technology	10.4	10.7	11.0	11.3	43.5
Sub-total	21.4	29.3	31.3	32.0	114.1
Total revenue measures	21.4	29.3	31.3	32.0	114.1
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE					
<i>Total expense measures</i>	152.4	223.3	155.6	143.4	674.7
<i>Total capital measures</i>	95.3	131.7	108.7	63.1	398.8
Total expenditure	247.7	355.0	264.3	206.5	1073.5
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	21.4	29.3	31.3	32.0	114.1
Net additional expenditure	226.2	325.7	233.0	174.5	959.4

Providing for Australia's Security — National Security Hotline

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	6.1	6.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.2 million over two years for the continuation of the National Security Hotline. The hotline provides an effective interface, and accessible point of contact, between the Government and the Australian public in relation to national security matters.

Providing for Australia's Security — Australian Security Intelligence Organisation enhanced capability

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	11.2	11.3	11.7	11.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	2.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$48.1 million (including \$2.1 million in capital funding) over four years to enhance further the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation's analytical and technical capabilities to meet the demands of counter-terrorism investigations.

Providing for Australia's Security — counter-proliferation intelligence enhancement

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	2.7	4.0	4.0	4.1
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	2.2	4.4	6.3	6.5
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Total	6.2	9.6	11.6	11.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Defence	1.0	-	-	-
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	0.6	1.7	0.4	-
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	0.1	-	-	-
Total	1.8	1.7	0.4	-

The Government will provide \$43.3 million (including \$3.9 million in capital funding) over four years to improve Australia's counter-proliferation intelligence effort by enhancing intelligence collection, analysis and coordination.

Providing for Australia's Security — linguistic capability

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8

The Government will provide \$3.1 million over four years to further develop the language skills and expertise of Australian Security Intelligence Organisation staff. The need for a stronger language capability was noted in the report of the Flood Inquiry into Australian Intelligence Agencies.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *National Security – The First Responsibility of Government*.

Providing for Australia's Security — improved intelligence coordination and analysis

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.6 million over four years to meet increased operational demands in intelligence coordination and analysis.

The cost of this measure will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

Providing for Australia's Security — upgrade of business and information systems

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.6 million over two years from 2005-06 to upgrade Department of Defence information systems, including electronic document management, security and data extraction.

The cost of this measure will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

Providing for Australia's Security — Continuity of Government Plan — implementation and maintenance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.4
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4
Total	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	0.4	-	-	0.3
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	-	2.7	1.7	-
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-
Total	0.4	2.7	1.7	0.3

The Government will provide \$12.1 million (including \$5.1 million in capital funding) over four years to implement and maintain the Continuity of Government Plan, including through an annual exercise and testing programme. The plan outlines measures to minimise the impact of a national security emergency on critical government operations.

The Department of Defence's activities will be fully absorbed within its existing resourcing.

Providing for Australia's Security — counter-terrorism prosecutions

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5

The Government will provide \$14.0 million over four years to expand the capacity of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to deal with counter-terrorism cases and provide additional legal advice and training.

Providing for Australia's Security — diplomatic guarding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Federal Police	28.7	29.9	29.6	30.3
Attorney-General's Department	-10.4	-10.5	-10.5	-10.6
Total	18.3	19.4	19.1	19.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Federal Police	1.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$120.0 million (including \$1.6 million in capital funding) over four years for guarding and patrolling services for diplomatic missions and holders of high office including through increased mobile patrols.

This funding will be provided directly to the Australian Federal Police and includes the \$42.0 million previously allocated to the Attorney-General's Department to fund Australian Federal Police guarding.

Providing for Australia's Security — Australian Federal Police surge capacity expansion

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Federal Police	5.8	4.7	4.8	4.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Federal Police	1.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$21.9 million (including \$1.6 million in capital funding) over four years to expand the capacity and flexibility of the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

This funding will provide the AFP with additional personnel and technology to deploy protective security to special events and at-risk sites.

Providing for Australia's Security — business liaison unit

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	-	-	-

The Government will establish a business liaison unit within the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) as a focal point for business contact. It will assist in ensuring that the owners and operators of critical infrastructure, and other relevant members of the business community, can access timely intelligence advice on matters affecting the security of assets and staff for which they are responsible.

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The cost of the new unit, \$2.7 million over four years, will be met from within ASIO's existing resourcing.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *National Security – The First Responsibility of Government*.

Providing for Australia's Security — enhanced protective security

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	32.9	33.6	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Defence</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.2</i>	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$74.8 million (including \$8.3 million in capital funding) over two years from 2005-06 for enhanced protective security measures for Defence personnel and facilities, including increased guarding, patrolling and protective searches.

This measure continues the funding announced in *A Safer Australia* as part of the 2003-04 Budget.

Providing for Australia's Security — North-West Shelf surveillance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	52.4	27.3	13.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Defence</i>	-	<i>8.4</i>	-	-

The Government will provide \$139.3 million over four years to enhance security for Australia's offshore oil and gas facilities on the North-West Shelf. This includes \$15.8 million in capital funding, of which \$7.4 million will be absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This includes \$116.7 million over three years for the purchase of two Armidale Class Patrol Boats and associated support costs, repair, maintenance and crew accommodation. Of this amount, \$15.5 million will be absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence. These patrol boats will work out of either Dampier or Port Hedland and will provide a dedicated surveillance and monitoring capability for the North-West Shelf.

The Department of Defence will also undertake a trial of unmanned aerial vehicles to assess their maritime surveillance potential. The cost of this trial (\$22.6 million over two years) will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure was announced on 16 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Securing Australia's North-West Shelf*.

Providing for Australia's Security — maritime security — enhanced monitoring and compliance auditing

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	10.3	12.3	12.4	12.5

The Government will provide \$47.5 million over four years to assist with meeting Australia's obligations under the International Maritime Organization's *International Ship and Port Facility Security Code*. The code aims to enhance international maritime security by ensuring that ports and ships implement appropriate security plans and procedures. Application of the code in Australia will be expanded to include offshore oil and gas facilities.

The Department of Transport and Regional Services will use this funding to deliver monitoring and compliance auditing to ensure that Australia's maritime industry, and ships visiting Australia, meet the security standards prescribed under the code.

Providing for Australia's Security — biometrics for border control — automated border processing

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	7.3	11.6	5.8	1.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Customs Service	0.7	14.6	10.2	10.1

The Government will provide \$61.7 million (including \$35.5 million in capital funding) over four years for the phased implementation of automated border processing.

Customs will progressively install 80 SmartGate kiosks over four years at a cost of \$74.6 million, including \$35.5 million in capital funding, to enable the processing of passengers using biometric passports. The use of facial biometrics will ensure more efficient processing of increasing passenger numbers and better identity verification, thereby improving Australia's border protection.

The funding includes \$7.4 million in 2005-06, \$12.6 million in 2006-07, \$9.6 million in 2007-08 and \$9.4 million in 2008-09 in expense funding, to maintain and operate the kiosks and manage their installation.

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The introduction of SmartGate kiosks will reduce the costs of processing passengers, generating savings of \$12.9 million over four years. Customs' expense funding shown in this measure has been reduced accordingly, reducing the net additional funding requirement from \$74.6 million to \$61.7 million.

Providing for Australia's Security — enhanced border control systems

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	0.9	0.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.6 million (including \$1.7 million in capital funding) over four years to improve the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation's border control monitoring activities, including through enhanced information technology systems and communications links with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *National Security – The First Responsibility of Government*.

Providing for Australia's Security — biometrics for border control — privacy advice and audit for biometrics

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$0.7 million over four years for the Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner (OFPC) to address privacy issues arising from the implementation of biometrics for border control. The OFPC will provide privacy advice, and oversee the activities of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australian Customs Service and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs in relation to the implementation of their biometrics initiatives.

OFPC's costs will be offset by the increase in the visa application charge for selected visa categories (see the related expense measure *Providing for Australia's Security – biometrics for border control – phased application of identification technology*).

Providing for Australia's Security — biometrics for border control — progressive introduction of ePassports

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	11.2	16.1	17.4	19.0
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	11.0	18.6	20.3	20.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide \$67.5 million (including \$3.9 million in capital funding) over four years for the progressive introduction of ePassports (passports which include an electronic image of the passport holder). The cost will be offset by revenue of \$70.6 million over four years, generated by increasing the adult passport application fee by \$19 and the child/senior fee by \$9.50.

The ePassport will be available to all new and replacement passport applicants by October 2005. The new passport will be based on the adoption of facial biometric technology in accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organization standard.

The introduction of biometrics will strengthen border protection through robust identity verification processes and reduce the risk of identity fraud.

Providing for Australia's Security — biometrics for border control — phased application of identification technology

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	3.8	6.8	5.7	5.6
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	10.4	10.7	11.0	11.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	4.5	6.8	6.0	3.6

The Government will provide \$42.9 million (including \$21.0 million in capital funding) over four years to implement biometric technology progressively for border security and identity verification purposes.

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Biometric technology, including face and fingerprint scans, will be used to enable better identification and screening of non-citizens seeking to enter Australia.

The expense and capital components will be offset by increasing the visa application charge for selected visa categories by 5 per cent. This revenue will also offset the \$0.7 million over four years provided to the Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner.

See also the related expense measure *Providing for Australia's Security – biometrics for border control – privacy advice and audit for biometrics*.

Providing for Australia's Security — enhancements to the Movement Alert List

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	7.6	7.1	7.3	7.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	5.5	5.0	2.0	2.0

The Government will provide \$43.9 million (including \$14.5 million in capital funding) over four years to upgrade the Movement Alert List (MAL) and improve the processes associated with its use. MAL is an electronic alert system and one of the methods the Government employs to prevent entry into Australia of people of concern. Before people are issued visas or allowed to enter Australia, checks are run against MAL, which includes information on people of concern and fraudulent, lost or stolen documents.

This measure implements key recommendations of the 2004 Review of the Movement Alert List. The review was undertaken by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA), overseen by a reference group that included the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Customs Service. Review recommendations include creating a 24-hour onshore processing centre, redeveloping associated IT systems, establishing secure means of communicating with overseas posts and regional offices in Australia, and facilitating the secure exchange of electronic data between DIMIA and ASIO.

Providing for Australia's Security — regional counter-terrorism assistance — legal assistance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$6.8 million (including \$0.1 million in capital funding) over four years to allow the Legal Issues Working Group to continue to identify shortcomings in regional legislative arrangements. This funding will provide assistance to legislators in regional countries in the drafting, passage and implementation of counter-terrorism legislation.

Providing for Australia's Security — regional counter-terrorism assistance — improved border control in the Sulu and Celebes Seas region

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$4.2 million (including \$0.1 million in capital funding) over four years for the Australian Customs Service to work with local border control agencies to improve intelligence collection and increase monitoring of terrorist-related movements between Indonesia, Malaysia and the Southern Philippines.

This funding will improve border control at key ports in the Sulu and Celebes Seas region.

Providing for Australia's Security — regional counter-terrorism assistance — biometric technology

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Federal Police	5.3	2.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.6 million over two years to the Australian Federal Police to work with regional law enforcement agencies to trial the application of biometric technology at key regional transit points.

This measure will enhance border security in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Providing for Australia's Security — counter-terrorism intelligence cooperation and joint training centre

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	4.3	4.9	5.0	5.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$19.9 million (including \$0.7 million in capital funding) over four years to establish a new unit within the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation that will coordinate training and enhance cooperation in the region.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *National Security – The First Responsibility of Government*.

Providing for Australia's Security — regional counter-terrorism assistance — building regional capabilities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	..	-0.4	4.2	4.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	..	-0.2	1.9	-0.4

The Government will provide \$10.0 million (including \$1.3 million in capital funding) over four years to enhance the intelligence capacity of regional countries. This measure will strengthen the capability of Australia and countries in the region to combat regional terrorism.

Providing for Australia's Security — regional counter-terrorism assistance — regional border control

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.7 million (including \$0.7 million capital funding) over four years to enable the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to assist Asia-Pacific countries to strengthen their capacity to curb terrorist and other irregular trans-border movements. This funding will be used to increase the number of experts available in Australia and offshore to provide training and technical advice in document fraud detection and immigration intelligence.

Providing for Australia's Security — regional counter-terrorism assistance — transport security liaison

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.0 million over four years from 2005-06 to strengthen relationships with transport security agencies in East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific by providing funding for two additional transport security officers in the Jakarta embassy and one additional officer in the Manila embassy. A two-person team will be established in Australia to undertake similar functions in the Pacific.

The cost of this measure is being absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

This builds on the measure *Investing in Australia's Security – international transport security* announced in the 2004-05 Budget.

Other measures in the Attorney-General's portfolio

A new family law system — children's contact service

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	0.6	2.6	4.6	7.9
Department of Family and Community Services	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	0.9	2.9	4.9	8.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$17.0 million over four years (including \$0.1 million in capital funding) for an additional 30 children's contact services, taking it to a total of 65. These services improve opportunities for children to contact their non-residential parents by providing a neutral facility where parents can place children in the care of the other parent. The services can also include supervised contact where such contact has been agreed or ordered.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs report *Every picture tells a story – Report on the inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation*.

See also the related capital and expense measures titled *A new family law system* in the Attorney-General's and Family and Community Services portfolios.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 July 2004 issued by the Prime Minister.

A new family law system — contact order programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	1.9	4.0	8.2	7.6
Department of Family and Community Services	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total	2.3	4.4	8.6	8.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	..	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$23.4 million over four years (including \$34,000 in capital funding) for an additional 15 services under the Contact Order Programme, taking it to a total of 20. The programme works with high conflict families experiencing difficulties with contact arrangements after separation, especially where contact orders are breached. The services assist families through group work and individual and family sessions.

The Family Relationship Centres and the courts will be able to refer high conflict families to the service to help them resolve contact disputes and improve compliance with contact orders.

Given the success rate of the existing programme, expansion should result in a reduction in contravention applications and a greater feeling of satisfaction with the family law system.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs report *Every picture tells a story – Report on the inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation*.

See also the related capital and expense measures titled *A new family law system* in the Attorney-General's and Family and Community Services portfolios.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 July 2004 issued by the Prime Minister.

A new family law system — dispute resolution

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	0.6	4.6	4.0	4.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.4 million over four years (including \$0.1 million in capital funding) to expand community-based dispute resolution services, including mediation.

Changes to family law will require parents (with some exceptions) to undertake some form of dispute resolution before they can file a parenting matter in the courts. While the Family Relationship Centres will provide much of this dispute resolution service, other services are expected to experience an increase in demand.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs report *Every picture tells a story – Report on the inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation*.

See also the related capital and expense measures titled *A new family law system* in the Attorney-General's and Family and Community Services portfolios.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 July 2004 issued by the Prime Minister.

A new family law system — dispute resolution for grandparents

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over four years to enable grandparents to participate in out of court methods (eg mediation) that will facilitate contact with their grandchildren.

This funding will enable grandparents, particularly those who have limited financial resources, to obtain agreements, without recourse to the Courts, that enable them to have an appropriate role in their grandchildren's lives.

Legal aid commissions will run mediation and counselling sessions specifically for grandparents, and other extended family members, who wish to develop arrangements for participation in their grandchildren's lives.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs report *Every picture tells a story – Report on the inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation*.

See also the related capital and expense measures titled *A new family law system* in the Attorney-General's and Family and Community Services portfolios.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 July 2004 issued by the Prime Minister.

A new family law system — Family Relationship Centres

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	5.4	32.7	62.6	91.5
Department of Family and Community Services	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6
Total	7.0	34.3	64.3	93.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$199.1 million over four years (including \$0.4 million in capital funding) to establish a network of 65 Family Relationship Centres across Australia. These centres will provide separating couples with an opportunity to resolve their child custody disputes without having to go to court. Separating parents will have free access to information, advice and up to three hours of dispute resolution services with a parenting advisor.

These centres will also help couples access pre-marriage education and assist families experiencing relationship difficulties with information and access to family skills training and support delivered through other Australian Government, state and territory government and non-government organisations.

The Family Relationship Centres will also provide face-to-face out-reach services to rural areas and will encourage Indigenous families to make use of the new system.

The centres will be supported by a national advice line and website.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs report *Every picture tells a story – Report on the inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation*.

A new family law system — Family Relationship Services

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	12.2	23.3	31.4	37.7
Attorney-General's Department	7.9	8.0	8.2	8.4
Total	20.1	31.3	39.6	46.1

The Government will provide additional funding of \$137.1 million over four years to increase family relationship services.

The measure will provide \$63.1 million over four years to maintain the increased funding of \$15 million provided to the Family Relationship Services Programmes as part of the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*.

It will also expand early intervention programmes by \$61.6 million over four years to help families experiencing relationship difficulties including pre-marriage education, family counselling and skills training.

Finally, this measure will continue and expand funding to Men's Line Australia by \$12.4 million over four years to provide a national 24-hour telephone counseling, information and referral service for men.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs report *Every picture tells a story – Report on the inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation*.

A new family law system — National Education Campaign

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	1.9	1.2	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	1.5	1.0	-	-
Total	3.4	2.3	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	..	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.7 million over two years (including \$34,000 in capital funding) to fund a community education campaign to increase awareness about the legislative changes to the *Family Law Act 1975* and to promote the consideration of the needs of children following separation. The campaign strategy will also increase awareness of the support services that are available to families that are experiencing relationship difficulties.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs report *Every picture tells a story – Report on the inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation*.

Arming Australian Customs Service vessels

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Customs Service	0.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$25.2 million over four years (including \$0.8 million in capital funding) to arm and provide additional trained crew for eight Australian Customs Service vessels. This measure will enhance Customs' capacity to intercept and board vessels in a variety of operations dealing with drugs, people smuggling, counter-terrorism and illegal fishing.

Attorney-General's Department — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.7

The Government will provide net additional funding of \$23.7 million over four years to the Attorney-General's Department following a review of the department's resourcing.

Additional funding of \$33.7 million is being provided for workload increases since 2001 for both national security and wider responsibilities, as well as providing for enhanced resource and financial management. This additional funding is being partially offset by savings of \$10.0 million over four years.

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.5 million over four years (including \$1.0 million in capital funding) to establish the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) to help prevent, detect and investigate corruption within the Australian Crime Commission, Australian Federal Police and other Australian Government agencies with law enforcement functions.

This funding includes \$0.6 million for the Attorney-General's Department in 2005-06 to facilitate the establishment of ACLEI. The remaining funding will be transferred to ACLEI upon its establishment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 16 June 2004 issued by the Attorney-General and the Minister for Justice and Customs.

Court security

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Family Court of Australia	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Attorney-General's Department	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
High Court of Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>High Court of Australia</i>	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.9 million (including \$0.2 million in capital funding) over four years to improve security in the Family Court of Australia, the Family Court of Western Australia (FCWA), the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the High Court of Australia. This measure replaces the funding arrangements announced in the 2004-05 Budget for security measures in these courts.

The Attorney-General's Department reimburses Western Australia to the extent that FCWA costs exceed the court's own source revenue. This reimbursement will be increased by \$1.1 million over four years, reflecting the costs for improved security.

Customs activities in China

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9

The Government will provide \$7.4 million over four years to strengthen the Australian Customs Service's capacity to deal with border protection, cargo and trade measures issues.

The funding will enable a permanent presence of Customs officers in China, in addition to the previously announced Customs office in Beijing.

See also the related expense measure titled *Australian Customs Service – Customs post in Beijing* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Drafting of legislation — increased capacity

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	1.2	1.7	2.5	2.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Office of Parliamentary Counsel</i>	..	..	..	-

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over four years (including \$75,000 in capital funding) to increase the legislative drafting capacity of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel by funding the recruiting, training and retention of additional drafters.

Family law disputes — increased capacity

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Federal Magistrates Court	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Federal Magistrates Court</i>	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Federal Magistrates Court</i>	-	0.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over four years (including \$0.3 million in capital funding in 2006-07) to the Federal Magistrates Court to increase its capacity in the Sydney Central Business District to deal with family law disputes. The funding will enable the appointment of two federal magistrates in Sydney, providing a greater ability to address less complex family law disputes expeditiously.

The cost of the additional magistrates will be fully offset by increasing the divorce fee in the Federal Magistrates Court by \$46.

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Free trade agreements — specialist advice

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.9 million over four years to enable the Attorney-General's Department to provide specialist policy and legal advice to support the negotiation of free trade agreements.

The cost of this measure will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Attorney-General's Department.

High Court of Australia — additional resourcing

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
High Court of Australia	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

The Government will provide \$4.8 million over four years for additional staff to improve the High Court of Australia's record management system, public information service and the timeliness of case preparation.

Identity security — pilot programmes

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	5.4	0.5	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.9 million over two years (including capital funding of \$68,000 in 2005-06) to undertake two identity-related pilot programmes. The programmes will examine the feasibility of an on-line document verification service and using data matching to help detect false identities.

Imports — additional revenue compliance activities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-
Total	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Australian Customs Service	10.8	23.2	24.8	26.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Customs Service	1.6	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of the Treasury	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6

The Government will provide \$28.2 million over four years (including \$1.6 million in capital funding) to the Australian Customs Service to undertake additional compliance activities and increase the number of audits on import duty and goods and services tax (GST) assessments.

The component of this funding which is related to GST compliance, \$6.2 million over four years, will be provided to Customs via the Australian Taxation Office under an existing Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies. The states and territories will reimburse the Commonwealth for the cost of undertaking the GST compliance activities.

The cost of undertaking the non-GST related compliance activities, \$22.0 million over four years, will be recovered in part through the restructure of the Import Processing Charge (see the related revenue measure *Import Processing Charge – restructure*).

The additional compliance activities are expected to result in increased tax revenue from import duties of around \$85 million over four years and increased GST revenue to the states and territories of around \$21 million over four years (see also the related measure *Additional Customs compliance activities* in Budget Paper No. 3, *Federal Financial Relations 2005-06*).

International Criminal Court — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9

The Government will provide \$3.5 million over four years for Australia's contribution to the operation of the International Criminal Court. This is in addition to the funding provided in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 Budgets.

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Australia has an obligation under Article 115 of the International Criminal Court Statute to contribute financially to the Court.

National Pro Bono Resource Centre — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over four years from 2005-06 to continue funding for the National Pro Bono Resource Centre (NPBRC). The NPBRC is a non-profit community-based organisation established to encourage the legal profession to provide pro bono legal aid (free or reduced cost work) to disadvantaged people in the community.

The NPBRC was previously referred to as the National Pro Bono Secretariat, the creation of which was announced in the 2001-02 Budget.

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

Operation Auxin — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Office of Film and Literature Classification	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$0.3 million in 2004-05 to meet the cost of the additional workload for the Office of Film and Literature Classification arising from Operation Auxin.

Operation Auxin is a joint operation between the Australian Federal Police and State and Territory law enforcement authorities, targeting internet child pornography. The Office of Film and Literature Classification classifies material on application from police. Such classifications may be used as evidence of the nature of the material in prosecutions.

Proceeds of Crime legislation — continuation of funding for implementation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	-	-	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.4 million over two years, from 2005-06, to fund prosecutions made by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* and for the control and realisation of seized assets by the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA).

This continues the funding announced in the 2003-04 Budget. Future funding will be considered following a review of the legislation's impact on DPP and ITSA workloads.

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

Review of criminal penalties in Commonwealth legislation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.6 million over two years from 2005-06 to review criminal penalties set out in Commonwealth legislation.

The review will consider whether Commonwealth penalties are consistent with Government policies, help deter people from committing crimes and appropriately reflect community expectations. The review will involve consultation with state and territory governments and relevant professional groups. Community input will also be sought.

The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Attorney-General's Department.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *National Security – the First Responsibility of Government*.

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Ausfilm — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	0.3	0.3	0.3	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million over three years to Ausfilm, Australia's film and location marketing organisation, to expand its marketing activities.

See also the related expense measure *Ausfilm - continuation of funding* in the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

Ausfilm — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$3.3 million over three years to Ausfilm, Australia's film and location marketing organisation, to maintain a single point of contact for foreign film producers.

This measure will involve funding of \$1.1 million in each year from 2005-06 to 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

The continuation of Ausfilm was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A World Class Australian Film Industry*.

See also the related expense measure *Ausfilm - additional funding* in the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

Australia Council — additional funding for major performing arts bodies

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australia Council	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.7

The Government will provide \$3.9 million over four years to the Australia Council for allocation to major Australian performing arts bodies to support the ongoing financial viability of these bodies.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation — improving ABC local radio coverage of Dubbo, Geelong and Wagga Wagga and their surrounding areas

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide funding to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) to improve local radio transmission services at Dubbo, Geelong and Wagga Wagga. Funding for this purpose has been placed in the contingency reserve, pending the outcome of the tender process.

This measure was announced on 29 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Extending ABC Radio Coverage*.

Australian Film Commission — Screen Culture

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Film Commission	2.3	2.3	2.3	-

The Government will provide \$6.9 million over three years to the Australian Film Commission for film-related activities. These include increased access for educational providers to the collection held at the National Film and Sound Archive, a film touring programme and support for Australian film festivals.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A World Class Australian Film Industry*.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School — multi-platform courses and a Screen Business Skills Centre

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	3.0	3.0	3.0	-

The Government will provide \$9.0 million over three years to the Australian Film, Television and Radio School to deliver digital interactive and multi-platform production courses and to establish a national Screen Business Skills Centre. The centre will equip the school's students with the necessary business skills to operate effectively in the Australian film industry.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A World Class Australian Film Industry*.

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Australian Film, Television and Radio School — relocation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide funding to relocate the Australian Film, Television and Radio School from its existing facility in North Ryde, Sydney, to a more central Sydney location. The new location will be closer to screen production and broadcasting industries and enable the school to more effectively deliver high quality training to the film, television and radio industries. The North Ryde facility is expected to be sold in 2007-08.

This measure will also impact on revenues from 2007-08. While disruptions associated with the move itself are expected to initially lower revenues, beyond this, the school's new location should enable it to attract more students, and lead to higher revenues.

Estimates of the impact of the measure are unable to be disclosed, as this would be likely to affect negotiations. Funding for this measure has been placed in the contingency reserve.

Backing Australia's Sporting Ability — a More Active Australia — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Sports Commission	-	-	-	-
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$170.4 million over four years to continue the Backing Australia's Sporting Ability — a More Active Australia programme.

This funding will be used to encourage participation in sport, support elite athlete training and development, and for anti-doping initiatives that complement the Tough on Drugs in Sport programme.

This measure will involve funding of \$41.9 million in 2005-06, \$42.3 million in 2006-07, \$42.8 million in 2007-08, and \$43.4 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Bark Endeavour

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian National Maritime Museum	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8

The Government will provide \$4.9 million over five years, (including \$1.8 million in 2004-05) for the return, preservation, display and operation of the Bark Endeavour, a replica of Captain Cook's vessel.

Funding of up to \$1.5 million in 2004-05 will be provided to the Bark Endeavour Foundation, through the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, to ensure the return of the Bark Endeavour to Australia.

The Government will also provide \$3.4 million over five years, including \$0.3 million in 2004-05, to the Australian National Maritime Museum for the preservation, display and operation of the Bark Endeavour.

This funding is subject to the transfer of title of the Bark Endeavour to the Australian Government and assurances that the Bark Endeavour Foundation will meet all outstanding liabilities without further Government funding.

Books Alive — extension of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over four years to continue the Books Alive programme. The programme promotes the reading of books, in particular those of Australian writers.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Strengthening Australian Arts*.

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Community heritage grants

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide an additional \$0.8 million over four years to assist community groups to document and preserve their cultural heritage, including through the use of digital techniques. Funding will also be provided to the National Museum of Australia to allow it to provide training and a series of workshops that will assist regional museums to better manage their collections.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Strengthening Australian Arts*.

Elite sport — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Sports Commission	5.0	11.3	12.4	12.6

The Government will provide \$41.3 million over four years to support elite sport. This measure includes:

- \$14.0 million over four years for the Direct Athlete Support programme to meet the living expenses of elite athletes so they can maintain full time training and competition (to be provided on the basis of a cost sharing arrangement with the Australian Olympic Committee);
- \$13.0 million over four years in additional grants to national sporting organisations to enable increased participation by Australian athletes and sporting teams in high level international competitions; and
- \$14.3 million over four years in additional grants to national sporting organisations to strengthen the sporting performance of Australian athletes including through recruiting, developing and retaining high quality coaching staff.

EuroHub — European training base for Australian athletes

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Sports Commission	0.7	3.0	3.1	3.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Sports Commission	2.3	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Australian Sports Commission	-	0.7	0.7	0.7

The Government will provide \$11.0 million over four years (including \$2.3 million in capital funding) to establish a European training base for Australian athletes in Northern Italy.

This training base will provide athlete accommodation, recovery facilities, sports medicine and drugs testing amenities and access to state of the art training facilities.

Northern Italy was chosen for its central European location, its close proximity to an international airport and access to high quality sporting facilities, including an athletics track, international rowing course, 50-metre pools and indoor training facilities.

Use of the Australian Sports Commission's facilities in Italy by national sporting organisations, will generate revenue of \$0.7 million per annum from 2006-07.

Festivals Australia — Australian Stories

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	0.5	0.5	0.5	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1.5 million over three years to the Festivals Australia programme to help support performing and visual artists and writers to spend up to one month assisting a regional community to develop and present its stories at a festival or significant community event. This programme provides funding for regional and community cultural festivals, and promotes greater awareness of, and participation in, community-based cultural activities.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Strengthening Australian Arts*.

Film Australia — Australian Stories

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	2.5	2.5	2.5	-

The Government will provide \$7.5 million over three years to Film Australia to produce a ten-part series of high quality documentaries on Australia's history. This will expand Film Australia's role in creating an audiovisual record of Australian life by allowing it to commission, distribute and manage programmes that deal with matters of national interest to Australia.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A World Class Australian Film Industry*.

Kogarah Oval upgrade

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	2.8	2.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over three years (including \$2.3 million in 2004-05) towards the upgrade of Kogarah Oval, Sydney. This upgrade will allow more community events to take place at Kogarah Oval.

This measure was announced on 3 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Kogarah Jubilee Oval – an investment in the future*.

Metro Broadband Blackspots Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	10.0	20.0	20.0	-

The Government will provide funding of \$50.0 million over three years to address broadband (high speed internet) blackspots in metropolitan areas.

The programme will target areas where there is a lack of suitable communications network infrastructure or where it is unlikely that commercial activity will result in access to equitably priced broadband services in an acceptable timeframe.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Access to Broadband*.

National Recreation Safety Programme — continuation and extension of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6

The Government will provide \$10.6 million over four years to continue and extend the National Recreation Safety Programme.

This programme supports greater participation in aquatic and alpine activities for all Australians. Funding will be provided to Surf Life Saving Australia, the Royal Life Saving Society Australia, Austswim and the Australian Ski Patrol Association to deliver water and alpine safety programmes aimed at reducing the risks of aquatic and alpine accidents.

Funding of \$2.0 million in 2005-06, \$2.1 million in 2006-07, \$2.1 million in 2007-08 and \$2.2 million in 2008-09 for the continuation of the programme has already been included in the forward estimates.

SBS Independent — continuation of funding for the Special Production Fund

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$37.6 million over four years from 2006-07 to the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS) for the Special Production Fund of SBS Independent to continue to commission documentaries, drama and feature films from the independent production sector.

This measure will involve funding of \$9.1 million in 2006-07, \$9.3 million in 2007-08, \$9.5 million in 2008-09 and \$9.7 million in 2009-10. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

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Slim Dusty Heritage Centre

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$0.5 million in 2005-06 towards the construction of the Slim Dusty Heritage Centre in Kempsey, NSW. The Centre will house a museum relating to the life and music of Slim Dusty and will also include a gallery, concert facility and exhibition space, conference and seminar facilities and a recording studio.

Special Broadcasting Service Corporation — broadcasting rights to sporting events

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	4.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.7 million in 2005-06 to the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation for the increased costs associated with acquiring the broadcasting rights to major sporting events.

Sporting and recreational organisations and facilities — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million in 2004-05 to contribute to sporting and recreational organisations and facilities to give effect to election commitments. Funding comprises:

- \$1.0 million for the Brookvale Oval, New South Wales;
- \$250,000 for the Pambula Surf Life Saving Club, New South Wales;
- \$150,000 for the Ridge Hills United Football Club, Queensland;
- \$130,000 for the Peninsula Cricket and Redcliffe Football Clubs, Queensland;
- \$60,000 for the Modbury Junior Football Club, South Australia;
- \$50,000 for the Boronia Football Club, Victoria;

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- \$35,000 for the Ingle Farm Football Club, South Australia;
- \$35,000 for the Pooraka Football Club, South Australia;
- \$30,000 for the Golden Grove Football Club, South Australia;
- \$25,000 for the Para Hills Knights Soccer Club, South Australia;
- \$20,000 for the Hurstbridge Junior Football and Cricket Clubs, Victoria;
- \$15,000 for the Alexandra Recreation Reserve and Gallipoli Park, Victoria;
- \$25,000 for the Modbury Soccer Club, South Australia;
- \$20,000 for the Wallan Cricket Club, Victoria;
- \$15,000 for the Romsey Tennis Club, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Broadford Bowling Club, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Gisborne Netball Club, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Healesville Junior Football and Soccer Clubs, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Kilmore Bowling Club, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Macedon Football Club, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Seymour Junior Cricket, Football and Netball Clubs, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Wallan Football Club, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Warburton Cricket and Football Clubs, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Woodend/Heskett Netball, Football and Cricket Facilities, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Woori Yallock Junior Football and Cricket Teams, Victoria;
- \$10,000 for the Yarra Glen Cricket Club, Victoria; and
- \$10,000 for the Yarra Junction Memorial Reserve, Victoria.

Symphony Orchestras — assistance for financial viability

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australia Council	11.1	4.4	3.8	4.3
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	1.8	-	-	-
Total	12.9	4.4	3.8	4.3

The Government will provide \$25.4 million over four years to improve the financial viability of Australia's symphony and pit orchestras.

The funding will be used to improve the viability of a number of orchestras, establish the state symphony orchestras as independent companies and assist with the costs of the winding up of Symphony Australia. The measure also funds a range of initiatives to improve the artistic standards of the orchestras and occupational health and safety.

Young and Emerging Artists Initiative — extension of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australia Council	-	1.3	1.3	-

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over two years from 2006-07 to continue the Young and Emerging Artists Initiative. This initiative provides grants to new Australian artists to assist with career development and exposure of their work through, for example, mentorship schemes and promotion activities.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Strengthening Australian Arts*.

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Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2007

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Various Agencies	47.9	87.3	71.0	0.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Various Agencies	7.0	3.1	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4

The Government will provide \$216.3 million over four years (including \$10.1 million in capital funding) for Australia's hosting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in 2007. The funding will cover organisational, logistical and security measures associated with APEC meetings and events to be held throughout 2007. This will be partly offset by additional revenue of \$1.1 million over four years, from the sale of APEC Business Travel Cards, for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

APEC is the largest forum for facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region. The APEC Leaders' meeting, to be held in Sydney, will be one of the most important international meetings hosted by Australia. The APEC programme includes hosting Ministerial, Senior Officials' and business meetings across a range of portfolios throughout 2007.

Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Various Agencies	27.7	26.5	26.2	26.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Various Agencies	3.5	1.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$85.4 million over five years (including \$11.4 million in 2004-05) to enable Government departments and agencies to implement the revised Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration on 1 December 2004. The new Guidelines took effect from 1 January 2005 and incorporate new rules and procedures required by the Government Procurement chapter of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA).

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Funding of \$37.8 million over five years (including \$7.6 million in 2004-05) will also be provided to the Department of Health and Ageing to assist it in meeting the Australian Government's commitments in relation to the pharmaceutical provisions of the AUSFTA. The commitments involve establishing an independent review mechanism in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listing process, providing hearings for sponsor companies before the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC), and improving PBS listing processes, including greater transparency.

In addition, the Government will provide \$8.6 million over five years (including \$1.5 million in 2004-05) to the Australian Customs Service to enable it to implement and monitor binding rules of origin requirements, and ensure compliance with the rules by importers and exporters.

The funding includes \$5.8 million in capital (including \$1.3 million in 2004-05) to be provided to the Australian Customs Service and the Department of Health and Ageing.

Connection to FedLink

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Various Agencies	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Various Agencies	0.1	-	..	..

The Government will provide \$4.2 million over five years (including \$0.2 million in 2004-05) to enable eighteen small agencies to connect, and maintain a connection, to FedLink, the Australian Government's secure virtual private network. The network facilitates secure electronic communications among Government departments and agencies.

Efficiency dividend — increase in the rate from 1 per cent to 1.25 per cent

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Various Agencies	-38.9	-93.5	-149.8	-163.2

The Government will increase the rate of the efficiency dividend from 1 per cent per annum to 1.25 per cent per annum from 2005-06 to 2007-08. This will result in savings of \$445.4 million over four years.

The efficiency dividend applies to the operational costs of most Australian Government agencies and certain programmes, and reduces the level of funding provided each year to ensure efficiencies that should be able to be realised by public sector managers are returned to the Budget.

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The efficiency dividend will also apply to the civilian and non-operational areas of Defence, which were previously exempt, and will be phased in at the rate of 0.25 per cent per annum, commencing in 2005-06.

The measure was announced on 7 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – Their Needs and Their Carers*.

DEFENCE

Australian Defence Medal — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.6 million over four years from 2005-06 to introduce a medal recognising volunteer service in the Australian Defence Force for those who have served a total of six years in the regular or reserve force since World War II.

The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Defence – A Force for the New Century*.

Capability and Technology Demonstrator Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$40.9 million over three years from 2005-06 for the Capability and Technology Demonstrator Programme which assists the Australian defence industry to explore how advanced technology-driven capabilities can be used by the Australian Defence Force.

The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Defence – A Force for the New Century*.

Coastal surveillance — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	13.0	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Defence</i>	3.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.4 million in 2005-06 (including \$3.4 million in capital funding) for Australian Defence Force deployment costs associated with continuing coastal surveillance of Australia's northern approaches to help detect and deter unauthorised boat arrivals. This additional allocation brings the Government's total commitment towards this activity to \$91.2 million since 2001-02.

Defence — reduced administrative overheads

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	-70.0	-60.0	-12.0

Planned reductions in administrative overheads will allow the Department of Defence to realise savings of \$142 million over three years from 2006-07.

Defence Health — creation of a new leadership position

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over four years to fund the position of head of the Defence Health Service.

The senior appointment will improve the capacity of the Defence Health Service to deliver better health care to Australian Defence Force personnel.

The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Defence – A Force for the New Century*.

Defence industry skills development

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$74.5 million over four years from 2005-06 to increase the quality and quantity of specialist skills within Australia's defence industry, in areas such as engineering, project management and key trades.

The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Skilling Australia's Defence Industry*.

Former HMAS PLATYPUS, Neutral Bay — site remediation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide for the remediation of the former Royal Australian Navy Base, HMAS PLATYPUS, in preparation for the transfer of the site to the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

While the cost of this measure is yet to be finalised, it will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure was announced on 28 September 2004 in the Government's election commitments *Important Navy Historical Site to be Conserved*, and *Historic Decision on Harbour Land*.

Implementation of the Defence Integrated Distribution System in Darwin — equipment repair

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.1 million over two years to help ensure that the current share of equipment repair work undertaken as part of the Defence Integrated Distribution System in Darwin is allocated to Northern Territory based small and medium businesses.

This measure will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

Iraq — Australian Defence Force deployments to the Al Muthanna Province

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	177.0	7.2	2.0	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Defence</i>	21.8	5.4	2.0	-

The Government will provide \$240.0 million over four years (including \$29.1 million in capital funding) for two six-month Australian Defence Force deployments, which commenced in May 2005, to assist with stabilisation and reconstruction activities in the Al Muthanna Province of southern Iraq. This amount includes \$24.8 million in 2004-05 to cover initial deployment and security costs in that period.

This measure is part of the Government's contribution to reconstruction efforts in Iraq. See also the related measures titled *Iraq – funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities* in the Defence portfolio and *Iraq – reconstruction assistance* in the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio.

Iraq — funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	173.8	16.6	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Defence</i>	10.6	4.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$226.1 million over three years (including \$14.9 million in capital funding) to continue the Australian Defence Force's contribution to stabilisation and reconstruction activities in Iraq as part of Operation CATALYST. This includes \$20.8 million in 2004-05 to cover revised deployment and security enhancement costs for Operation CATALYST activities in that period.

This measure is part of the Government's contribution to reconstruction efforts in Iraq. See also the related measures titled *Iraq – reconstruction assistance* in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio and *Iraq – Australian Defence Force deployments to the Al Muthanna Province* in the Defence portfolio.

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

Additional Places in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9

The Government will provide an additional \$15.0 million over four years for the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Programme, which provides basic language, literacy and numeracy assistance to job seekers, including migrant job seekers.

The additional funding will provide around 1,300 new places a year to assist in meeting the increased demand from migrants for basic English language places in the programme.

Australian National Training Authority — abolition

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	-2.7	-3.1	-3.1	-3.1

The Government has announced the transfer of the functions of the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) to the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), effective from 1 July 2005. Relocating ANTA functions will provide savings of \$12.0 million over four years.

The Government also provided funding of \$2.8 million in 2004-05 to meet transitional costs associated with the wind-up of ANTA as part of the 2004-05 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

Further information can be found in the Prime Minister's press release of 22 October 2004.

Australian network of industry career advisors

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	27.5	37.7	38.7	39.4

The Government will provide \$143.2 million over four years to establish a national network of industry career advisors. Advisors will support young people, aged 13-19, in achieving a successful transition through school, and from school to further education, training and work. Building on existing programmes and the network of Local Community Partnerships, this measure will facilitate access to career services, mentoring and vocational pathway programmes.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Australian Network of Industry Career Advisors*.

Commonwealth radioactive waste management facility

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	3.4	7.1	2.6	-

The Government will provide funding of \$13.0 million over the next three years to progress responsible management of radioactive waste generated by Australian Government agencies. The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that the small amount of radioactive waste produced within its jurisdiction is managed in a responsible manner.

Continuation of the Australian Government Quality Teacher Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	-13.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3

The Government will provide funding of \$139.9 million over the four calendar years from 2006 to 2009 (\$125.5 million over the period 2005-06 to 2008-09) to continue the Australian Government Quality Teacher Programme. Funding will be used for projects to improve teaching quality and teaching performance and for initiatives such as the National Institute for Quality Teaching and School Leadership.

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

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The reduction in expenses of \$14.4 million over the period 2005-06 to 2008-09 reflects the re-profiling associated with the change from a financial year to a calendar year programme. This will align the programme's funding arrangements with the school year and result in a revised funding profile of \$20.3 million in 2005-06, \$34.3 million in 2006-07, \$35.1 million in 2007-08 and \$35.8 million in 2008-09.

This measure was announced on 3 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *The Coalition's Plan for Higher Standards and Values in Schools*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 April 2005 issued by the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

Implementation of Higher Education Reforms

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.6

The Government will provide an additional \$9.2 million over four years for the implementation of the Higher Education Reform Package, *Our Universities – Backing Australia's Future*, announced in the 2003-04 Budget.

Institute for Trade Skill Excellence

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	4.3	6.8	6.8	4.8

The Government will provide \$22.9 million over four years to establish an Institute for Trade Skill Excellence, which will provide industry endorsement of registered training organisations. The Institute will reward excellence and promote improvements in trade training. It will also improve the status of trades where there are skill shortages.

This measure was announced on 22 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Institute for Trade Skill Excellence*.

James Cook University — Additional Veterinary Science and Tropical Agriculture Places

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	1.7	3.1	4.2	5.0
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	..	..	0.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide a total of \$14.0 million over four years to meet the costs of an additional 50 undergraduate veterinary science and 50 undergraduate tropical agriculture places at James Cook University each year. The first 100 places will begin in 2006.

Amounts loaned under the Higher Education Loans Programme (HELP) for students taking up these places are treated as financial assets and therefore do not impact on the fiscal balance. Payments by students of the indexation component of their HELP loan are treated as interest revenue. These payments will impact on the fiscal balance from 2006-07.

This measure was announced on 21 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting North Queensland*.

New Apprentice poaching — adjusting incentive payments

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will provide \$0.7 million over four years to ensure that employers are not financially disadvantaged by the operation of New Apprenticeship incentives when New Apprentices, before completing their training, move to a new employer. This initiative will share the completion incentive payment under the New Apprenticeships Incentives Programme between employers who have provided 25 per cent or more of a new apprentice's training.

This measure was announced on 23 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Step Up to a New Apprenticeship in the Trades*.

New Apprentices — increased residential support

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.5	1.7	1.8	1.8

The Government will increase residential support for New Apprentices at a cost of \$5.8 million over four years. The Living Away from Home Allowance provided under the New Apprenticeships Incentives Programme will be extended to New Apprentices in the third year of their apprenticeship at the rate of \$25 per week.

This measure was announced on 17 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Residential Support for New Apprentices*.

New Apprenticeship incentives — broadening eligibility

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.9

The Government will provide funding of \$2.6 million over four years to expand eligibility for New Apprenticeship employer incentives. From 1 July 2005 employers will be able to apply for incentives for New Apprentices who have attained self-funded Certificate I - IV qualifications (commenced within two years of leaving school) through TAFE or private training organisations.

This measure was announced on 23 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Step Up to a New Apprenticeship in the Trades*.

New Apprenticeship Sporting Operations Incentive — withdrawal

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	-0.3	-0.9	-1.1	-1.1

The Sporting Operations Employer Incentive provided under the New Apprenticeships Incentives Programme will no longer be available for new commencements from 1 July 2005, resulting in savings of \$3.5 million over four years.

The \$3,300 incentive, which comes on top of standard employer incentives, is currently paid to employers of competitive sports people to encourage them to provide training in the sport and recreation industry. Employers of competitive sports people undertaking or wishing to undertake New Apprenticeships will remain eligible for standard commencement and completion incentives provided by the Government.

Our Universities — additional medical places at James Cook University

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of Education, Science and Training	..	..	..	..

The Government will provide a total of \$1.1 million over five years (including \$0.2 million in 2004-05) for an additional 12 places for students to study Medicine at James Cook University.

Amounts loaned under the Higher Education Loans Programme (HELP) for students taking up these places are treated as financial assets and therefore do not impact on the fiscal balance. Payments by students of the indexation component of their HELP loan are treated as interest revenue. These payments will impact on the fiscal balance from 2005-06.

Our Universities — additional funding for the Australian National University

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	5.5	8.4	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$16.5 million over three years (including \$2.7 million in 2004-05), to increase the Australian Government's contribution to student places at the Institute of Advanced Studies in the Australian National University.

The Government announced increases in university funding per student place in the 2003-04 Budget. This measure will ensure that the Institute of Advanced Studies also benefits from the funding increases.

Pre-vocational training in trades

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	4.4	4.4	5.5	5.6

The Government will provide funding of \$20.0 million over four years for pre-vocational training, to assist up to 4,500 people interested in careers in the traditional trades to gain access to the New Apprenticeship system.

This measure was announced on 23 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Step Up to a New Apprenticeship in the Trades*.

School-based New Apprentices in the trades — increased opportunities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	1.4	4.4	8.9	11.3

The Government will provide \$25.9 million over four years for an additional 7000 school-based New Apprenticeships in traditional trades. Particular priority will be given to areas that are under-serviced, and to trades that are experiencing increasing demand and/or skills shortages.

This measure was announced on 23 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Step Up to a New Apprenticeship in the Trades*.

Student Financial Supplement Scheme — simplification of administrative arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	-12.7	-15.1	-6.0	0.3

The Government will assume all outstanding Student Financial Supplement Scheme (SFSS) loans currently administered by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) on behalf of the Australian Government, as of 1 December 2005. This will lead to expected savings in interest and management fees previously payable to the CBA of \$37.4 million over three years.

Funding of \$2.8 million over four years will be used for implementation costs for Centrelink, including IT system changes, and \$1.0 million over four years for the Department of Education, Science and Training will be used for administration and implementation of the change in arrangements.

This measure will also align the SFSS repayment thresholds and indexation with those applying under the Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP). In addition, the definition of taxable income used under the HELP arrangements will also be applied to the SFSS.

Transition (School to Work) Programmes

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$8.0 million in 2004-05 to meet the expenses incurred by the Enterprise and Career Education Foundation prior to it ceasing operations on 23 January 2005. The Government announced in the 2003-04 Budget that the Foundation would cease operations, with its functions transferred to the Department of Education, Science and Training.

Unspent funding of \$10.9 million held by the Foundation has been returned to the Budget.

University of Western Sydney — infrastructure projects

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	8.0	8.0	9.0	-

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over three years to the University of Western Sydney for a range of infrastructure projects, including teaching facilities at the Parramatta and Hawkesbury campuses, a new library at the Penrith campus and a medical training facility at the Campbelltown campus.

This measure was announced on 19 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Western Sydney*.

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Welfare to Work Reform Package 2005

The Government will provide \$3.6 billion over five years to comprehensively rebalance Australia's welfare system to make it more sustainable and to encourage increased workforce participation for those with the capacity to work. The changes recognise the importance of paid employment, whether full-time or part-time, to Australia's prosperity and each individual's own wellbeing.

The package includes a range of initiatives to assist and encourage participation in the workforce, including changed payment arrangements and increased employment programmes and services whilst retaining a strong safety net for those who need it. Changes to the Newstart income test will improve the returns from part-time work.

A new Comprehensive Work Capacity Assessment for people with disabilities will help ensure that obligations and services match an individual's capacity.

The Job Network will remain the Government's key mechanism for assisting job seekers. This will be enhanced by the addition of new services, such as an Employment Preparation service to support parents and mature age job seekers returning to work and a new Pre-vocational Assistance Participation Account to increase the range of services for people with disabilities. The package will also provide parents and those with disabilities with increased access to specialist disability employment assistance, support services and child care places. There will also be new arrangements for job seekers who have completed a second round of Intensive Support customised assistance in Job Network and are still looking for work.

A new compliance framework that incorporates suspension from payment for people not complying with their obligations will improve the integrity of the welfare system. There will now be a clear and direct link between receiving welfare payments and actively participating in employment services, looking for a job or upgrading personal skills and training.

Table 4: Welfare to Work Reform Package 2005

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES					
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING					
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>					
Welfare to Work Reform Package 2005					
– enhanced Newstart Allowance Income test	-	48.2	55.0	54.7	157.8
– increasing participation of people with a disability	-1.5	2.5	6.0	10.4	17.4
– increasing participation of parents	-	10.9	27.5	39.3	77.7
– expansion of vocational education and training to support participation	-	25.5	13.2	3.9	42.6
– Increasing participation of the mature aged	-	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.9
Sub Total	-1.5	87.7	101.8	108.5	296.5
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Welfare to Work Reform Package 2005					
– an improved compliance framework	21.1	65.0	78.9	76.2	241.3
– increasing participation of people with a disability	32.6	140.2	135.9	173.2	481.9
– evaluation and monitoring	2.2	3.0	3.2	2.8	11.2
– improved information technology to support participation	32.8	33.4	27.3	21.1	114.7
– communication strategy	8.7	11.1	8.9	0.2	29.0
– Employment Preparation	-	16.7	20.8	10.3	47.7
– assistance for employers	7.0	14.7	15.3	13.0	50.0
– increasing participation of the very long term unemployed	4.7	100.0	117.1	138.1	359.9
– increasing participation of parents	26.5	90.7	163.0	2.2	282.4
– increasing participation of the mature aged	7.2	2.1	1.9	-5.5	5.6
– increase in the Mobility Allowance for certain recipients	-	11.6	14.2	16.8	42.5
– enhanced Newstart Allowance Income test	2.3	187.3	290.4	305.1	785.2
Sub Total	145.1	675.8	876.9	753.6	2451.4
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES					
<i>Department of Family and Community Services</i>					
Welfare to Work Reform Package 2005					
– enhance child care arrangements to support work participation	25.7	41.6	80.5	118.7	266.4
– increasing participation of parents	-	2.5	7.1	11.3	21.0
– increasing participation of people with a disability	-	11.0	18.3	26.0	55.3
Sub Total	25.7	55.1	105.9	156.0	342.8
HUMAN SERVICES					
Welfare to Work Reform Package 2005					
– Comprehensive Work Capacity Assessments	0.8	105.3	107.3	102.7	316.0
– Pre-vocational Assistance Participation Account	0.2	26.8	28.4	25.1	80.5
Sub Total	1.0	132.1	135.7	127.8	396.6
Total Expense measures	170.3	950.7	1220.3	1145.9	3487.2

Table 4: Welfare to Work Reform Package 2005 (continued)

	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	Total \$m
CAPITAL MEASURES					
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Welfare to Work Reform Package 2005					
– improved information technology to support participation	40.1	12.8	5.8	0.5	59.2
– increasing participation of parents	0.2	-	-	-	0.2
– increasing participation of people with a disability	0.4	-	-	-	0.4
– increasing participation of the mature aged	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
Sub Total	40.8	12.8	5.8	0.5	59.9
HUMAN SERVICES					
<i>Centrelink</i>					
Welfare to Work Reform Package 2005					
– increasing participation of parents	7.7	-	-	-	7.7
– increasing participation of people with a disability	7.3	-	-	-	7.3
Sub Total	15.0	-	-	-	15.0
Total Capital measures	55.8	12.8	5.8	0.5	74.9

Welfare to Work — enhanced Newstart Allowance Income test

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	2.3	187.3	290.4	305.1
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	48.2	55.0	54.7
Total	2.3	235.5	345.4	359.8

The Government will provide \$943.3 million over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2004-05) to enhance Newstart Allowance (NSA) and certain other allowances. This will encourage people to return to employment by reducing the impact of income earned on the rate of allowances payable.

The more generous income test changes will also apply to other allowances including Parenting Payment Partnered, Youth Allowance (other), Mature Age Allowance, Widow Allowance, Sickness Allowance and Partner Allowance.

Full NSA will continue to be paid while a person's income remains below \$63 per fortnight. Commencing 1 July 2006, income between \$62 and \$250 per fortnight will reduce NSA by 50 cents in the dollar, extending the current range by \$108 per fortnight. For income above \$250 per fortnight NSA will be reduced by 60 cents in the dollar rather than the current reduction of 70 cents in the dollar.

This measure includes funding of \$157.8 million over three years for the Department of Education, Science and Training to reduce the current 70 per cent taper in the income test for Youth Allowance (student) and AUSTUDY to 60 per cent.

This more generous income test will allow people to obtain part time employment with a reduced impact on their income support payment.

Welfare to Work — increasing participation of people with a disability

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	32.6	140.2	135.9	173.2
Department of Family and Community Services	-	11.0	18.3	26.0
Department of Education, Science and Training	-1.5	2.5	6.0	10.4
Total	31.1	153.7	160.2	209.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Centrelink	7.3	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.4	-	-	-
Total	7.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$562.3 million over four years (including \$7.7 million in capital funding) to assist people with a disability to participate in the labour market to the full extent of their capacity.

People in receipt of the Disability Support Pension (DSP) prior to 1 July 2006 will remain on DSP with no part-time work obligation. They will be subject to the normal periodic review process for the DSP, usually every two or five years, which will apply the existing eligibility criteria (which is broadly whether that person is capable of 30 hours work per week at award wages).

People seeking to go on DSP on or after 1 July 2006 will have new eligibility criteria. They will receive DSP if they are assessed as being incapable of 15 hours of work per week at award wages. If they are assessed as being capable of 15-29 hours of work per week at award wages they will receive enhanced Newstart and be subject to an obligation to seek part-time work.

People applying for DSP between 11 May 2005 and 30 June 2006 will be assessed for eligibility for DSP under the existing test, that is whether they are able to work 30 hours per week at award wages. However, their ongoing eligibility will be reassessed in periodic reviews, usually every two or five years, against the new, 15-29 hour per week at award wages test, after 1 July 2006. If they are assessed as being capable of 15 hours per week at award wages they will have an obligation to seek part time work and will receive enhanced Newstart.

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Substantial additional funding will be provided to assist people with disabilities into work. Additional funding of \$87.2 million will be provided to fund an additional 31,700 places in Job Network over three years. The Personal Support Programme will be expanded by 7,500 places, at a cost of \$15.4 million, to help those with disabilities become job ready. A further 11,600 places in Disability Open Employment Services will be funded at a cost of \$97.3 million. An additional 17,400 places in rehabilitation services, at a cost of \$86.4 million, will be provided to those who need rehabilitation.

As a result of the implementation of these initiatives, the former Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Disability Reform) Bill 2002, which lapsed at the end of the last parliament, will no longer be progressed. This has a net cost of \$636.8 million over five years, including \$7.0 million in 2004-05.

Under this package, the Department of Education, Science and Training will fund around 800 new places in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Programme and provide access to Austudy and Youth Allowance for those jobseekers. This will assist new job seekers to secure sustainable employment.

In addition, the Department of Family and Community Services will assist people with a disability to access the Carer Payment and the Special Benefit if they require this assistance.

Under this package, Centrelink will receive \$93.3 million over four years, including \$7.3 million of the capital funding, to assist with implementation of this policy.

People with disabilities will also benefit from the new Pre-vocational Assistance Participation Account – see related measure Welfare to Work –Pre-vocational Assistance Participation Account.

Welfare to Work — increasing participation of parents

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	26.5	90.7	163.0	2.2
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	10.9	27.5	39.3
Department of Family and Community Services	-	2.5	7.1	11.3
Total	26.5	104.2	197.6	52.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Centrelink	7.7	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.2	-	-	-
Total	7.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$389.7 million over five years (including \$0.7 million in 2004-05) to increase the participation of parents in the workforce. This measure will provide increased funding for a range of employment services and programmes from 1 July 2006 including Job Network.

Parents receiving Parenting Payment prior to 1 July 2006 will be able to remain on Parenting Payment under the current entitlement, that is, until their youngest child turns 16. Whilst remaining on Parenting Payment until this time, this group of parents will have a year to seek work voluntarily from the later of 1 July 2006 or when their youngest child turns 6. After that they will become subject to an obligation to seek part-time work. Sole parents on Newstart will continue to receive a pensioner concession card and Pharmaceutical Allowance. Partnered Parents on Newstart will continue to receive the Health Care Card.

Parents applying for Parenting Payment on or after 1 July 2006 will receive parenting payment while their youngest child is less than 6 years old. When their youngest child turns six, this group of parents will receive enhanced Newstart and be subject to an obligation to seek part-time work of at least 15 hours per week.

Substantial additional funding will be provided to assist parents into work. Additional funding of \$227.5 million will be provided to fund an additional 84,000 places in Job Network to assist parents to find employment. Further support to parents to enter the workforce will be provided under related measures *Welfare to work – enhanced child care arrangements to support work participation* and *Welfare to work – a new Employment Preparation Service*.

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The Department of Family and Community Services will receive funding of \$21.0 million over the three years from 2006-07 to ensure that parents can access Carer Payment if they require this assistance.

The Department of Education, Science and Training will receive funding of \$77.7 million over three years from 2006-07 for around 1800 new places in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Programme, to provide access to Austudy and Youth Allowance for those jobseekers. This will assist new job seekers to secure sustainable employment.

Under this package, Centrelink will receive funding of \$360.9 million over 5 years, including capital funding of \$7.7 million to assist with the implementation of this policy. The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations will receive capital funding of \$0.2 million for office accommodation.

Welfare to Work — expansion of vocational education and training to support participation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	25.5	13.2	3.9

The Government will provide funding of \$85.8 million over four years to create additional vocational education and training (VET) places. Funding of \$42.6 million over three years from 2006-07 will provide an additional 12,300 VET places for parents returning to the workforce and for mature aged workers who have been assessed as being capable of participating in the workforce.

Funding of \$43.3 million over four years from 2005-06 will be redirected from the Government's 2002-03 welfare reform package *Recognising and Improving the Capacity of People with a Disability* to provide an additional 7,600 VET places for people with a disability, for which funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

The additional places will assist these jobseekers to improve their skills and employability in the labour market.

Welfare to Work — increasing participation of the mature aged

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	7.2	2.1	1.9	-5.5
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	0.5	0.2	0.2
Total	7.2	2.6	2.1	-5.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$77.4 million over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2004-05) to improve workforce participation by mature aged Australians on Newstart Allowance. From 1 July 2006, the same job search obligations will apply to persons aged 50 – 64 receiving Newstart Allowance as they do for other jobseekers. This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$70.5 million over three years.

However, mature aged Newstart Allowance recipients will not be required to participate in work for the dole. Those aged over 55 will also be able to meet their obligations through part-time and voluntary work.

These arrangements will be supported by additional funding to provide access to the full range of labour market assistance available to job seekers. Additional funding of \$54.7 million over three years will be provided to fund an additional 20,900 places in Job Network to assist the mature aged on Newstart Allowance to find employment. The Personal Support Programme will be expanded by around 1100 places at a cost of \$3.3 million over three years to help the mature aged become job ready. In addition, a further 650 places in Disability Open Employment Services will be funded at a cost of \$6.6 million over three years. Funding of \$0.9 million over three years for around 320 new places in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Programme will assist the mature aged to gain the skills necessary to secure sustainable employment. This includes capital funding of \$0.1 million for accommodation and fit-out costs.

Welfare to Work — an improved compliance framework

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	21.1	65.0	78.9	76.2

The Government will provide \$241.3 million over four years to implement an improved compliance framework. This includes funding of \$198.2 million for Centrelink. The scheme will incorporate suspension of payments and is broadly consistent with the recommendations of the Breaching Review Taskforce. Under this model, job seekers who fail to meet a participation requirement will have their payment suspended unless there are reasons, provided to Centrelink, for their non-compliance. If job seekers have a sound reason for not complying with their obligation their benefit may be reinstated. Those job seekers who knowingly and regularly fail to comply with their job-search obligations may be subject to an eight week exclusion period from income support.

Welfare to Work — evaluation and monitoring

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	2.2	3.0	3.2	2.8

The Government will provide \$11.2 million over four years to ensure that there is effective and timely monitoring and evaluation of the Welfare to Work reform package. This will include establishing the capacity to analyse and track in 'real time' the impact of the reforms through enhancements to information systems. This measure will contribute to a comprehensive picture of how the reforms assist people in their efforts to seek and maintain work.

Welfare to Work — improved information technology to support participation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	32.8	33.4	27.3	21.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	<i>40.1</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>0.5</i>

The Government will provide \$174.0 million over four years (including \$59.2 million in capital funding) to ensure that the Welfare to Work reforms are supported by high quality information technology to provide streamlined servicing to job seekers. The improved systems will link all service providers, increasing opportunities for job seekers to have the provider of their choice and enabling more effective monitoring of service delivery standards.

The new integrated and streamlined service delivery model will allow rapid referral to, and between, appropriate employment assistance services and work capacity assessors, and access by service providers to up-to-date information on jobseekers. Job seekers will also have greater access to touch screen kiosks.

Welfare to Work — communication strategy

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	8.7	11.1	8.9	0.2

The Government will provide \$29.0 million over four years to implement a communication strategy focusing on increasing workforce participation. The strategy will target the community as a whole and various groups, including people with disabilities, parents, mature age people and the long-term unemployed.

Welfare to Work — Employment Preparation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	16.7	20.8	10.3

The Government will provide \$47.7 million over three years from 2006-07 to establish Employment Preparation services in Job Network which will provide a range of flexible and individually tailored pre-employment services. The services will be tailored to address the specific needs of parents, mature aged people and carers receiving Carers Payment.

Eligible job seekers with no recent workforce experience (two years or more) will have immediate access to Employment Preparation on commencement in Job Network. Those with recent workforce experience will receive Employment Preparation as part of Intensive Support services after three months participation in Job Network.

The Government will also provide 5,000 places in Employment Preparation for parents and mature age job seekers who are not on an income support payment. These people will benefit from having their vocational profile placed on the national vacancy data base to be matched with job vacancies. Access to Job Search Support Only services will continue after completion of Employment Preparation.

Welfare to Work — assistance for employers

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	7.0	14.7	15.3	13.0

The Government will provide \$50.0 million over four years aimed at developing the job market so that employment opportunities are available to newly activated labour force participants.

The Government will work with industry groups and individual employers to create practical workforce opportunities for these participants. This will include for example, the provision of training for employers to effectively manage an ageing workforce. Other strategies include creating employment opportunities for workers with disabilities by providing additional assistance for employers through wage subsidies and the provision of workplace modifications.

Welfare to Work — increasing participation of the very long term unemployed

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	4.7	100.0	117.1	138.1

The Government will provide \$360.2 million over four years (including capital funding of \$0.2 million) to assist the very long term unemployed to get a job. Those job seekers who have completed a second round of Intensive Support customised assistance in Job Network, and are still unemployed, will be assessed for possible referral to additional assistance through Wage Assist and full time Work for the Dole places. Wage Assist would allow a Job Network member to offer an employer a wage subsidy equivalent to the person's income support during a six month trial period. Those very long term unemployed who have a pattern of job avoidance may be required to participate in Work for the Dole for 25 hours per week for 10 months of each year.

Welfare to Work — increase in the Mobility Allowance for certain recipients

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	11.6	14.2	16.8

The Government will provide \$42.5 million over three years to increase the Mobility Allowance from \$69.70 to \$100 per fortnight and to expand eligibility for this payment. The increased Mobility Allowance will be paid to people if they are unable to use public transport without substantial assistance and have an obligation to seek work. Those who are receiving Disability Support Pension and working 15 hours per week may also be eligible. Those who are undertaking job search managed by an employment services provider, which involves seeking work of 15 hours or more per week, will also be eligible for the higher payment.

Welfare to Work — enhance child care arrangements to support work participation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	25.7	41.6	80.5	118.7

The Government will provide \$266.4 million over four years to increase the number of child care places to support parents who are obliged to seek work under the new workforce participation obligations. Increases will be provided for Outside School Hours Care (84,300 places), Family Day Care (2,500 places), In-Home Care (1,000 places) and Jobs, Education and Training (JET) fee assistance.

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The Government will focus the operation of the JET fee assistance programme on employment outcomes. JET provides child care fee assistance to eligible jobless parents undertaking study, job search activities and those who have commenced paid or unpaid work. Under this measure, parents who are studying will be eligible for assistance only if they undertake courses up to 12 months duration which provide for specific workforce preparation outcomes.

The Government will also modify the childcare work, training and study test. The number of hours of Child Care Benefit (CCB) a family will be eligible to receive without meeting the work test will be increased from 20 to 24 a week. To be eligible for more than 24 hours of CCB per week, both members of the couple or sole parent will need to demonstrate that they have an ongoing work, or work related activity, equalling at least 15 hours per week.

Funding provided under this measure includes CCB to be paid to eligible parents and funding for the establishment of new services.

Welfare to Work — Comprehensive Work Capacity Assessments

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Human Services	0.8	105.3	107.3	102.7

The Government will provide \$316.0 million over four years to introduce a Comprehensive Work Capacity Assessment (CWCA) for people with disabilities. The CWCA will improve the matching of people to the income support payment and services that best reflect their capacity to work and their need for assistance in seeking work.

The new CWCA will provide a holistic assessment of an individual's work capacity taking into account physical and mental disabilities or injuries, their current skills and any barriers they face in looking for work. Centrelink will use the CWCA to determine a person's obligations and income support payment. The new CWCA will replace various existing assessment arrangements and will better match individuals to the employment services they need.

Welfare to Work — Pre-vocational Assistance Participation Account

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Human Services	0.2	26.8	28.4	25.1

The Government will provide \$80.5 million over four years to establish a short-term pre-vocational assistance participation account to improve the capacity of certain job seekers to successfully participate in the labour market. The account will be available to work capacity assessment providers to fund short-term pre-vocational interventions, such as pain management courses, work conditioning and short-term mental health interventions.

Other measures in the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio**Asbestos Claims Management**

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	20.8	0.9	1.1	1.0
Comcare	-	22.8	23.6	23.3
Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Department of Finance and Administration	-1.0	-0.5	-	-
Total	19.4	22.7	24.3	23.9
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee</i>	<i>-2.5</i>	<i>-1.9</i>	<i>-1.7</i>	<i>-1.7</i>

The Government will provide \$86.1 million over five years, including \$0.4 million in 2004-05, for the centralised management of common law injury claims against the Australian Government involving asbestos-related diseases. A new policy function has been established in the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and, following the passage of enabling legislation, the management of non-Defence asbestos-related personal injury claims will be undertaken by Comcare.

The centralised approach will help ensure consistency in management of the Commonwealth's asbestos-related disease liabilities and offer a single point of contact for statutory and common-law claimants, allowing more efficient and effective management of claims.

Claims against the Department of Defence or by former Australian Defence Force members will continue to be processed by the departments of Defence and Veterans' Affairs, pending a review before July 2006.

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The related revenue measure reflects the reduction in revenue for interest and contributions to the costs of settlements from non-Government agencies following the transfer of asbestos liabilities from the Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Centrelink Personal Adviser services — rationalisation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-2.6	-5.3	-5.3	-5.3

The Government will streamline Centrelink processes to ensure that job seekers are rapidly referred to the most appropriate employment assistance or other specialist services. In particular, this measure will ensure that Indigenous Australians, people recently released from prison, and those who have an activity test exemption or temporary medical incapacity are quickly reconnected to the labour market. This will include a rationalisation of Centrelink Personal Adviser services, which is expected to result in savings of \$18.6 million over four years.

Employment Service Purchasing Arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-62.1	-100.8	-129.8	-166.7

The Government will introduce a range of initiatives from 1 July 2005 to better target employment services provided by Job Network. The initiatives include adjusting the Job Seeker Classification Instrument (JSCI), which is used to identify the relative disadvantage of job seekers, to account for relative improvements in some labour market regions, as well as lifting the threshold at which job seekers are classified as highly disadvantaged to reflect improved labour market conditions generally. These initiatives are expected to result in savings of \$457.4 million over four years.

To improve the integrity of the income support system, the Government has also decided to implement a new Rapid Connect Model, which will require activity tested Newstart and Youth allowance (other) claimants to register and attend an interview with a Job Network member before their income support payments can commence. This measure is expected to result in savings of \$7.7 million over four years.

The Government will provide an additional \$5.7 million over three years from 2005-06 to administer purchasing arrangements for Job Network and other employment services. From 1 July 2006, performance management arrangements will also be strengthened through the introduction of rolling local area level tenders for Job Network and the New Enterprise Initiative Scheme to allow poorly performing providers to be replaced.

Overall, base funding for Job Network totals \$4.7 billion over four years from 2005-06, which is already included in the forward estimates. In addition, a further \$503.5 million over three years will be provided from 2006-07 to assist new job seekers resulting from Welfare to Work reforms. (See related Welfare to Work measures: *increasing participation of parents; increasing participation of the mature aged; increasing participation of people with a disability; and increasing participation of the very long term unemployed*).

Income support payments — maintain funding for compliance checks

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-
Department of Family and Community Services	-	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$82.7 million over four years from 2005-06 to continue the targeted detection of incorrect income support payments and fraudulent claims. This includes data matching between Centrelink and the Australian Taxation Office to determine undeclared income and property assets and responding to ‘tip-offs’ received from the public.

This measure is expected to lead to savings in social welfare payments of \$536.3 million, leaving net savings of \$453.6 million over four years. Provision for these net savings has already been included in the forward estimates.

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Migration Occupations in Demand List

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1

The Government will provide \$4.3 million over four years to enhance the effectiveness of skills targeting through the Migration Occupations in Demand List (MODL). This will include updating the MODL every six months rather than on an annual basis, improving the methodology for anticipating skills shortages, combining MODL with the National Skills Shortage List and adding 17 highly skilled occupations to MODL.

See also the related expense and capital measure titled *System Enhancements to extend Skill Matching Database* in the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Occupational Health and Safety Advisers for small business

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	3.5	3.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.0 million over two years to establish a network of advisers to assist small businesses in complying with occupational health and safety laws and standards.

The national network of small business occupational health and safety advisers will be coordinated by a suitable employer, business or other organisation.

This measure was announced on 28 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Flexibility and Productivity in the Workplace*.

Personal Support Programme — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$259.0 million over four years from 2005-06 to extend the Personal Support Programme. The Personal Support Programme bridges the gap between crisis services and employment assistance by assisting people on income support payments to address severe or multiple non-vocational obstacles that they might have to employment, such as homelessness, drug or alcohol dependency, mental illness or family breakdown.

This measure involves funding of \$64.6 million in 2005-06, \$64.8 million in 2006-07, \$64.8 million in 2007-08 and \$64.8 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Targeted assistance programmes — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-
Department of Family and Community Services	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$76.2 million in 2005-06 to extend funding to several components of the *Australians Working Together* (AWT) package for one year, to align the evaluation of these measures with the overall evaluation of AWT to be considered in the 2006-07 Budget context. This will maintain funding for initiatives primarily in vocational rehabilitation, open employment services and remote area servicing.

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

Transition to Work — renewal of lapsing programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.0 million in 2005-06 to extend the Transition to Work (TTW) programme for one year.

TTW commenced on 1 July 2002 and provides around 10,000 places each year to parent, carer and mature-age job seekers who are entering the workforce for the first time or wishing to re-enter the workforce after a two year absence. TTW offers assistance to individuals to build their self esteem and confidence and upgrade work and job seeking skills to improve their prospects of effectively participating in the workforce.

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

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Working Age Payments — extension of waiting periods

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	1.5	-30.6	-44.9	-46.2
Department of Family and Community Services	0.2	-9.0	-12.0	-12.3
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.2	-3.4	-5.2	-5.3
Total	1.8	-43.0	-62.1	-63.8

The Government will implement a range of measures to enhance consistency in the eligibility conditions for the majority of working age payments, to ensure that income support is targeted towards those most in need. Under this measure:

- The application of the Income Maintenance Period will be extended to claimants of the Disability Support Pension. The calculation of the Income Maintenance Period, for all working age payments except Carer Payment, will also be altered to include redundancy payments received on the termination of employment.
- The Seasonal Work Preclusion Period will be extended to all working age payments (affecting the Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension and Parenting Payment Single) and altered to include the earnings of highly paid contract and intermittent workers.

This measure will be implemented in September 2006. It is expected to lead to savings in social welfare payments of \$176.1 million over four years and will cost \$9.0 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$167.1 million.

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Australia-Antarctic Airlink

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	6.8	10.7	10.9	11.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of the Environment and Heritage</i>	4.8	2.2	-	-

The Government will provide \$46.3 million from 2005-06 (including \$7.0 million capital funding) to establish an intercontinental airlink between Australia and Antarctica. The airlink will improve access to Australia's Antarctic research stations.

Funding will meet capital costs associated with construction of an ice run-way to allow for the use of long range aircraft, the costs of related infrastructure and the costs of leasing a suitable aircraft.

Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	4.8	22.1	22.6	25.2

The Government will provide \$100.0 million over five years (including \$25.3 million in 2009-10) for the Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities programme. Of this funding \$40.0 million will be provided for a Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility to support research relating to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, tropical rainforests and coasts. The remaining \$60.0 million will fund additional environmental research and be allocated nationally on a competitive tender basis in rounds commencing in July 2006 and July 2008.

This measure was announced on 21 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting North Queensland*.

Further information on the Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility component of this measure can be found in the press release of 22 April 2005 issued by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

Department of the Environment and Heritage — integration of the Australian Greenhouse Office

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-1.0	-1.0	-	-

The Prime Minister announced on 22 October 2004 that the Australian Greenhouse Office would be integrated into the Department of the Environment and Heritage. This will lead to savings in administrative expenses of \$2.0 million over two years.

Field Meteorological Offices — replacement

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Bureau of Meteorology	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>1.2</i>

The Government will provide \$19.8 million over six years (including \$5.8 million in 2009-10 and \$4.4 million in 2010-11), and funding of \$1.3 million per annum from 2011-12, to replace twelve of the Bureau of Meteorology's oldest field meteorological offices around Australia. Field offices will be replaced at Sydney Airport in New South Wales, Willis Island, Longreach and Charleville in Queensland, Ceduna in South Australia, and in Esperance, Albany, Geraldton, Carnarvon, Port Hedland, Broome and Halls Creek in Western Australia. This measure includes capital funding of \$14.4 million (including \$4.6 million in 2009-10 and \$3.0 million in 2010-11).

Green Stamp Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-0.2	-	0.2	-

The Government will provide \$0.9 million over three years to fund a national Green Stamp Programme to encourage recycling in the automotive retail industry.

This measure will involve funding of \$0.4 million in 2005-06, \$0.3 million in 2006-07 and \$0.2 million in 2007-08. The costs will be met through a reprioritisation of \$0.6 million in 2005-06 and \$0.3 million in 2006-07 from the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Programme.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A Sustainable Australia*.

Hydrogen Fuel Depots and Buses — scoping study

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over three years for a scoping study into developing hydrogen fuel depots and buses in Australian capital cities.

This measure will involve funding of \$0.3 million in 2005-06, \$0.4 million in 2006-07 and \$0.3 million in 2007-08. The costs will be funded through a reprioritisation of existing resources in the Alternative Fuels Conversion Programme.

Subject to the findings of the scoping study, the Government will provide funding of up to \$66.0 million between 2007-08 and 2011-12 as a contribution to the costs of developing hydrogen fuel transport and infrastructure. The cost of this component of the measure will be met from within the existing resourcing for the Environment and Heritage portfolio.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A Sustainable Australia*.

Launceston's air quality

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	0.4	0.3	0.2	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over three years to fund financial incentives for industries in the Tamar Valley area to replace wood-fired technologies with cleaner burning alternatives.

This measure was announced on 7 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Strengthening Tasmania's Economy and Building a Better Community*.

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National Heritage Investment initiative

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	2.5	3.8	3.8	0.5

The Government will provide \$10.5 million over four years to establish the National Heritage Investment Initiative. The programme will provide financial incentives to restore and conserve significant historic built heritage and Indigenous heritage places. Priority will be given to places included in the National Heritage List.

National Pollutant Inventory — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.2 million over four years to maintain the National Pollutant Inventory. The National Pollutant Inventory is an Internet database that maintains information on pollutant emission levels and the possible health and environmental effects of these emissions.

This measure will involve funding of \$1.3 million per year from 2005-06 to 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

National Recycling Telephone Hotline

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.3 million over three years to develop a national recycling telephone hotline. The hotline will assist the general public to obtain information on recycling in their local communities.

This measure involves funding of \$0.1 million in each year from 2005-06 to 2007-08. The cost of this measure will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing for the Department of the Environment and Heritage.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A Sustainable Australia*.

Photovoltaic Rebate Programme — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.4 million over two years to extend the Photovoltaic Rebate Programme. The programme provides rebates for the installation of eligible photovoltaic systems for households and community use buildings.

This measure will involve funding of \$5.7 million in 2005-06 and \$5.7 million in 2006-07. The cost of this measure will be met from existing resources for the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Programme.

Regional marine planning — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	9.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.4 million in 2005-06 to progress the development of regional marine plans for northern, north-western and south-western Australia, and to implement the south east regional marine plan.

This measure was announced on 7 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Our Plans for Australia*.

St Mary's Cathedral and the Church of St Mary's Star of the Sea — restoration

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	5.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.0 million in 2005-06 for the restoration of St Mary's Cathedral in Perth (\$3 million) and the Church of St Mary's Star of the Sea in Melbourne (\$2 million). This funding will support efforts to repair and preserve these heritage buildings.

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Townsville Aquarium Reef Headquarters — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.2 million over four years to support the Townsville Aquarium Reef Headquarters.

This measure will involve funding of \$0.6 million in each year between 2005-06 and 2008-09. The cost of this measure will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

Used oil recycling — uptake of technologies

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over three years (including \$0.7 million in 2004-05) to develop and promote technologies which enable used oil to be reused as a lubricant.

This measure will involve funding of \$0.7 million in 2004-05, \$0.7 million in 2005-06 and \$0.6 million in 2006-07. The costs of this measure will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of the Environment and Heritage.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A Sustainable Australia*.

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.9
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of the Environment and Heritage</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.4</i>

The Government will provide \$4.6 million over five years (including \$1.0 million in 2009-10) to administer the mandatory national Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme. Of this funding \$1.0 million over three years is already included in the forward estimates.

The scheme provides consumers with information about the water efficiency of water consuming products. The costs of administering the scheme will be partially cost recovered from manufacturers of water consuming products, through a five-yearly registration fee of \$1,500 per product model, and through state and territory contributions. Together, these are expected to raise revenue of \$3.7 million over five years (including revenue of \$0.4 million in 2009-10).

Revenue collected in 2005-06 and 2006-07 is expected to exceed the costs of administration owing to the upfront payment of registration fees.

Wildlife programme and biodiversity conservation responsibilities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.4 million over four years to maintain enhanced risk assessment requirements for the import of live species following the amendments to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* in July 2001.

This measure involves funding of \$0.6 million in each year between 2005-06 and 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

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Accommodation bonds — exemption from assets tests

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	9.9	10.8	12.9	15.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2.2	2.3	2.7	3.1
Department of Health and Ageing	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.1
Total	13.4	14.1	16.6	19.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Veterans' Affairs	..	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	..	-	-	-
Total	..	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$66.3 million over five years (including \$2.9 million in 2004-05) to exempt accommodation bonds from the social security and veterans' entitlements assets tests that apply for income support pensions. This measure includes capital funding of \$0.4 million in 2005-06 for the Department of Health and Ageing, and \$0.3 million for the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

An accommodation bond is an amount that may be paid by a resident when entering low level care or an extra service place in high level care. The exemption will commence on 1 July 2005 and will apply to all accommodation bonds, irrespective of when they are paid. Residents who opt to pay their bond in periodic payments will be able to rent out their former home without the rental payments or the value of their former home affecting the rate of pension.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – Their Needs and Their Carers*.

Age Pension — detection and prevention of incorrect payments arising from overseas income

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	1.0	-26.8	-23.1	-13.2

The Government will improve compliance relating to the reporting of income earned overseas by Age Pensioners. This will help minimise overpayments of the Age Pension arising from the non-reporting or under-reporting of overseas income. This measure includes the automatic updating of Australian pension rates for Age Pensioners who also receive foreign pensions and an information campaign to raise awareness among customers of reporting requirements for their overseas income.

This measure is expected to lead to net savings of \$62.1 million over four years.

Age Pension and Service Pension Registers — improved integrity

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Department of Family and Community Services	-27.0	-2.3	-2.4	-2.5
Total	-26.5	-2.3	-2.4	-2.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will implement systems to automatically cross-match Department of Veterans' Affairs and Centrelink identity registers in order to help prevent people from inadvertently or fraudulently claiming payments to which they are not entitled.

This measure is expected to lead to savings in social welfare payments of \$37.7 million and will cost \$4.6 million to administer (including \$0.2 million in 2004-05, of which \$0.1 million is capital), leading to net savings of \$33.0 million over five years.

Bush-fires — ex gratia payments to victims on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$0.4 million in 2004-05 for ex gratia payments to support those who lost an immediate family member, or their home, in the 11 January 2005 bush-fires on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia.

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Further information can be found in the press release of 14 January 2005 issued by the Minister for Human Services.

Carer Allowance — backdating provisions

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	0.8	-34.7	-36.4	-37.3

The Government will reduce the backdating period available for Carer Allowance to a maximum of 12 weeks for carers of both children and adults. This will apply to new claims for Carer Allowance from 1 July 2006. A communication and education strategy will be implemented to advise families of the revised backdating provisions.

This measure is expected to lead to net savings of \$107.6 million over four years.

Carer Allowance (child) — changes to the Lists of Recognised Disabilities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7

The Government will provide \$3.4 million over five years (including \$0.7 million in 2004-05) to reduce processing times for assessing claims for Carer Allowance (child). This will involve modifying some existing eligibility descriptors and adding new conditions to the Lists of Recognised Disabilities and Medical Conditions.

Further information can be found in the press release of 17 March 2005 issued by the Minister for Family and Community Services.

Carers — payment of one-off carer bonus

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	3.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$316.9 million (including \$313.7 million in 2004-05) for a one-off lump-sum payment to eligible carers. A payment of \$1,000 will be made in June 2005 to carers in receipt of Carer Payment in recognition of their contribution in the role of carer to someone with a disability. Recipients of Carer Allowance will also receive a payment of \$600 in June 2005 for each eligible care receiver. The bonus will be tax free and not treated as income when calculating social security payments.

A small number of claimants are expected to become eligible for the one-off lump sum payment in 2005-06 where they are assessed as eligible for the benefit after 1 July 2005 and have their eligibility for the benefit backdated to Budget night.

Carer Payment is an income tested income support payment paid to a person with limited other income who provides constant care for someone with a disability. Carer Allowance is not income tested and is an income supplement paid to people who provide daily care and attention to a person (including children) with a disability.

Commonwealth Seniors Health Card concessions — withdraw offer to state and territory governments

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	-83.7	-83.7	-83.7	-83.7

As announced in the 2001-02 Budget, an offer was made to state and territory governments to help fund the extension of a range of State concessions to Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders. Although funding offers were made in March 2002, and again in March 2004, state and territory governments did not accept the offer as they refused to extend their concessions.

In response, the Australian Government announced the introduction of a separate payment of \$200 a year to Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders in the 2004-05 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook through the measure *Senior Concession Allowances for self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card*. This makes the payment direct to Seniors rather than through the States. As a consequence, the offer to state and territory governments is no longer open.

Community organisations — one-off grants

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided funding of \$565,000 in 2004-05 to meet election commitments to fund small local projects. The community organisations to be funded are as follows:

- Kilburn Blair Athol Community Youth Centre in South Australia — \$250,000;
- Eastern Access Community Health in Victoria — \$165,000;
- Ringwood Skate Park in Victoria — \$50,000;

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- Ovingham Sport and Social Club in South Australia – \$30,000;
- 1st Toongabbie Scout Group in New South Wales – \$20,000;
- Blackburn Scouts in Victoria – \$20,000;
- Ringwood Scouts in Victoria – \$15,000; and
- Swan Italian Sporting Club in Western Australia – \$15,000.

Debt Prevention Research and Development

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	5.0	0.6	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.2	-0.3	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	-0.1	-0.4	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-0.7	-2.5	-	-
Total	4.5	-2.5	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$17.0 million in administration costs over three years (including \$0.2 million in 2004-05) for debt prevention research and development. The measure is expected to reduce social welfare payments by \$14.6 million over the two years until June 2007. The administration costs include \$0.3 million in capital funding (including \$0.1 million in 2004-05).

The funding will meet the costs of piloting a number of strategies, including data matching to prevent incorrect payments arising due to changed circumstances or the incorrect recording of circumstances. The social welfare payments include the Age Pension, Carer Payment, Carer Allowance, Family Tax Benefit, Child Care Benefit, Rent Assistance, Service Pension and Income Support Supplement.

Family Assistance — a negotiated payment option to reduce overpayments

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5

The Government will allow families to negotiate a new rate of Family Tax Benefit when they inform Centrelink of a change in their income estimate through the year. This measure will cost \$5.9 million over four years to administer and is expected to reduce the level of overpayments by \$160.3 million over four years.

Under current arrangements, when families increase their income estimate during the year they are offered the choice of adjusting their ongoing payments by an amount that would, where possible, completely avoid an overpayment. Under this measure, families that are reluctant to take up a full adjustment will be able to negotiate a smaller adjustment that will reduce but not necessarily fully eliminate their expected overpayment.

Family Assistance — assistance to families at risk of overpayment

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	5.2	3.2	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.5 million over three years (including \$0.1 million in 2004-05) to fund a strategy to assist Family Tax Benefit recipients who may be at risk of being overpaid. This measure will involve Centrelink assisting families with income estimation and the Family Assistance Office providing information sessions at local community venues about the family assistance system.

This measure, by improving understanding of entitlements and obligations, will benefit family assistance recipients by reducing their risk of incurring an overpayment.

Family Assistance — automatically updating income estimates

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	3.8	10.2	2.9	1.7

The Government will allow the Family Assistance Office (FAO) to automatically update the income estimates used in calculating fortnightly Family Tax Benefit payments commencing from July 2006. This measure will cost \$18.6 million over four years to administer and is expected to reduce the level of debt by \$115.2 million over four years.

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Under current arrangements, families are invited by the FAO to update their income estimates once a year. This measure will allow the FAO to automatically update the most recent income estimate by average weekly earnings (AWE) at the start of the financial year. Families will be given an opportunity to provide a more accurate estimate if they consider the estimate calculated by the FAO does not properly reflect their current circumstances.

Also under this measure, income estimates will be compared with actual taxable income for the previous year when it becomes available at reconciliation. If the actual taxable income for the previous year is higher than the current estimate, the previous year's estimate will be increased by AWE and used to replace the existing estimate. Families will also be given an opportunity to provide a more accurate estimate if they consider the estimate calculated by the FAO does not properly reflect their current circumstances.

This measure, by automatically adjusting income estimates, will help improve the accuracy of income estimates for those families that do not regularly update their estimates. This will reduce the risk of overpayments for these families.

Family Assistance — improving debt recovery

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	2.8	5.0	1.7	1.8

The Government will increase the rate at which outstanding family assistance debt is recovered. This measure will cost \$11.4 million over four years to administer and is expected to reduce the level of outstanding family assistance debt by \$135.3 million over four years.

The Government will increase the standard recovery rates for family assistance reconciliation overpayments from July 2006. These rates will increase from \$20 to \$30 a fortnight for debts that are less than \$750 and from \$40 to \$60 a fortnight for debts that are greater than \$750.

From 1 January 2006, families with debts that are larger than \$3,000 and older than 12 months will be referred to specialist recovery officers in the Family Assistance Office. These officers will negotiate recovery arrangements based on the financial circumstances of the family.

Family Assistance — increase Family Tax Benefit Part A income threshold

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	0.9	249.6	249.2	249.4
Department of Health and Ageing	-	101.3	109.4	116.4
Australian Taxation Office	-	13.1	13.1	13.1
Total	0.9	364.0	371.7	378.9

The Government will relax the income test for Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB(A)) at a cost of \$1.1 billion over four years. From 1 July 2006, the amount that a family can earn each year before their FTB(A) starts to be reduced will be increased to \$37,500. Once the income of families with dependent children exceeds this threshold, their FTB(A) reduces from the maximum rate at a rate of 20 cents for every extra dollar of income, until the base rate of payment is reached. The threshold is currently \$32,485 per annum, rising to \$33,361 per annum on 1 July 2005.

Funding for the measure includes \$39.3 million over three years to make these FTB (A) payments through the ATO, and \$327.1 million over three years for the Department of Health and Ageing to cover flow on costs, from increased eligibility for Health Care concession cards.

It is expected that this measure will increase the amount of FTB(A) received by over 400,000 families.

Family Assistance — maintenance income credit

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	4.8	16.2	15.3	15.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Family and Community Services</i>	2.7	-	-	-

The Government will allow the unused maintenance income free area from previous years for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Maintenance Income Test to be used to offset irregular maintenance payments from July 2006. This measure will cost \$54.8 million over four years (including \$2.7 million in capital in 2005-06) reducing FTB debts by an estimated \$41.6 million over four years.

This measure will increase the FTB entitlement for those families that receive irregular child maintenance payments by ensuring that they receive the same level of FTB over time as those receiving maintenance on a regular basis. It will also reduce overpayments in instances where families receive large lump sums of child support arrears unexpectedly.

Family Assistance — using reconciliation top-up payments and tax refunds to offset outstanding family assistance debts

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	2.8	1.1	0.4	0.4

The Government will allow tax refunds and family assistance reconciliation top-up payments to offset outstanding family assistance debts from 1 July 2006. This measure will cost \$4.7 million over four years to administer and is expected to reduce the level of debt by an estimated \$47.1 million over four years.

Under the current reconciliation process, tax refunds and reconciliation top-ups cannot be used to recover family assistance debt incurred in previous years. Under this measure any monies remaining from a recipients' tax return or FTB reconciliation top-up payment will be able to be used to offset family assistance debt related to previous years.

Family Tax Benefit Part B Supplement

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	253.5	265.8	271.5	277.8
Australian Taxation Office	177.0	173.7	179.0	183.9
Total	430.4	439.4	450.5	461.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Family and Community Services	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 billion over five years (including \$212.0 million in 2004-05) of which \$2.0 million is capital funding (including \$1.5 million in 2004-05) to increase the rate of Family Tax Benefit Part B by \$300. This will commence with a half year entitlement of \$150 on 1 January 2005. This increased rate of assistance will be paid as a lump sum upon reconciliation of entitlements at the end of the financial year. If required, any family assistance overpayments received by the family will be offset against the supplement.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Extra Assistance to Families*.

Great Southern Rail — reimbursement of concessionary fares

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$30.2 million over four years to continue to reimburse Great Southern Rail for providing concessional fares to Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders, Pension Concession Card Holders and certain veterans.

This measure will involve funding of \$7.5 million in 2005-06 and 2006-07, and \$7.6 million in 2007-08 and 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Maternity Payment — extending the age limit on adopted children

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	2.2	1.2	1.2	1.5

The Government will extend the qualifying age limit on adopted children under the Maternity Payment from 26 weeks to two years, at an estimated cost of \$6.6 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in 2004-05).

The Maternity Payment will now be payable in respect of adopted, overseas-born children where the child arrives in Australia by two years of age, and where the payment is claimed within 26 weeks of the child arriving. It will also be payable for adopted, Australian-born children up to the age of two years, where Maternity Payment has not previously been paid in respect of the child. The measure will be backdated to include children who were adopted from 1 July 2004.

Mentor Marketplace Programme — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.3

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over four years to extend the Mentor Marketplace Programme.

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The programme provides mentoring opportunities for young people including those in rural and remote areas, Indigenous young people and people with a disability. The measure will renew current funding agreements for up to 12 existing Mentor Marketplace projects and enable the establishment of up to a further 15 new projects from January 2006.

More Help for Families — departmental funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	31.1	28.8	28.2	28.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Family and Community Services</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$204.5 million over five years (including \$88.2 million in 2004-05) to assist in the administration of the *More Help for Families* package, announced in the 2004-05 Budget. It also includes \$2.4 million to administer the payment of the one-off carer bonus that was also introduced in the 2004-05 Budget. Of this amount, \$201.4 million will be paid by the Department of Family and Community Services (under its agency relationship) to Centrelink to deliver the package.

This measure includes capital funding of \$10.0 million in 2004-05 for information technology system changes required to implement this package.

National Homelessness Strategy — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.7

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over four years to continue the National Homelessness Strategy and provide ongoing support for the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Homelessness. The main activities to be funded under the Strategy are demonstration projects on early prevention and intervention, and the development and implementation of a communication strategy on this research. The Committee, appointed by the Minister for Family and Community Services under the *Supported Accommodation Assistance Act 1994* (the Act), provides advice to the Minister on homelessness issues and matters relating to the Act.

National Research Strategy to help prevent problem gambling — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.4 million over four years to continue the National Research Strategy to prevent problem gambling. The programme funds research which examines strategies aimed at reducing problem gambling.

This measure involves funding of \$0.6 million in each year from 2005-06 to 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure extends funding for the 2001-02 Budget measure *National Research and Education Strategy to Prevent Problem Gambling*.

State Seniors Card Holders — withdraw the National Reciprocal Transport Concessions offer

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	-6.2	-6.4	-6.4	-6.4

The Government will withdraw its offer to provide funding to state and territory governments to extend concessions to state seniors card holders using public transport outside their home state. This offer was originally announced in the 2001 election, and formally funded in the 2002-03 Budget. State and territory governments have not accepted the offer.

Withdrawing this offer will lead to savings of \$25.3 million over four years.

Transition to Independent Living Allowance — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.6 million over four years for the continuation of the Transition to Independent Living Allowance. The allowance is available to young people aged between 15 and 25 to assist them with the costs of moving from state-supported care to independent living.

The programme is delivered through non-government service providers. They are responsible for assessing the needs of the young person on a case-by-case basis and can provide up to \$1,000 in services or goods.

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This measure will involve funding of \$2.6 million each year over four years. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Visa holders — ex gratia payments to Return Pending Visa applicants

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	-	-	-	-

The Government will make ex gratia income support payments costing an estimated \$0.5 million in 2004-05 to former Temporary Protection Visa and Temporary Humanitarian Visa holders who have applications underway for a Return Pending Visa.

While most Protection Visa and Humanitarian Visa holders are supporting themselves in the community, it is estimated that approximately 80 individuals are at risk of hardship if they are unable to access income support while their visa application undergoes the required clearance checks.

The cost of this measure will be met from within existing resources of the Department of Family and Community Services.

Women's Leadership and Development Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.6

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over four years for the Women's Leadership and Development Programme to encourage greater female participation in all parts of Australian life, including leadership roles.

The programme's activities will include supporting the appointment of women to Australian Government and public company boards, developing a young women's leadership and mentoring programme in rural and remote areas, increasing women's participation in all aspects of sport and providing grants to non-government national women's organisations.

This measure includes commitments announced on 6 October 2004 as part of the Government's election policy *Australian Women – Opportunities for Life*.

Women's Safety Agenda

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	15.2	15.9	15.5	16.1
Department of Health and Ageing	1.0	2.8	3.8	4.9
Health Insurance Commission	0.2	..	..	..
Total	16.4	18.7	19.3	21.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Health Insurance Commission	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$75.7 million over four years (including \$0.1 million in capital funding) for the Women's Safety Agenda, to help address the problems of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The measure will provide funding for the continuation of the Violence Against Women: Australia Says No campaign, training of General Practice nurses in regional and rural areas and training for Mensline counsellors on domestic violence issues. Funding will also be provided for the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault and the new Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearing House.

This measure was announced on 6 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Australian Women – Opportunities for Life*.

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ASC Pty Limited — scoping study into possible sale

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Finance and Administration	2.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.2 million in 2005-06 to enable the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct a scoping study into the possible sale of ASC Pty Ltd (Australian Submarine Corporation). The scoping study will assess the likely sale environment and seek to ascertain the optimal timing and method of possible sale.

Asset sales function — continuation of resourcing

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Finance and Administration	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1.0 million in 2005-06 to continue the programme of asset sales activities.

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

Australian Government Information Management Office — incorporation into the Department of Finance and Administration

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Finance and Administration	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2

The Government will achieve savings of \$1.2 million per year as a result of the incorporation of the Australian Government Information Management Office into the Department of Finance and Administration.

Department of Finance and Administration — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Finance and Administration	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide additional funding of \$2.0 million over four years to the Department of Finance and Administration to cover increased operational costs.

Future Fund — implementation and administration

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Future Fund Management Agency	6.3	7.9	7.9	8.1
Department of the Treasury	0.9	-	-	-
Total	7.1	7.9	7.9	8.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Future Fund Management Agency	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will establish the Future Fund, for the purpose of accumulating financial assets to offset the Australian Government's unfunded superannuation liability. The fund will be managed by a statutory agency overseen by an independent board, which will make investments in accordance with a broad investment mandate issued by the Government.

The Government will provide \$31.2 million over four years from 2005-06 (including \$1 million in capital) to establish the Future Fund Management Agency, which will provide executive support and advice to the Future Fund Management Board.

The cost of contracting out investment activities to fund managers and the remuneration of Board members will be met from the Future Fund.

In addition, the Government will provide \$0.9 million to the Department of the Treasury in 2005-06 to facilitate the implementation of the fund.

This measure was announced on 10 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing in the Future*.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Australian Tsunami Warning System — Indian and Pacific Oceans

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Bureau of Meteorology	2.9	4.2	6.5	7.6
Geoscience Australia	2.9	4.3	4.3	3.3
Attorney-General's Department	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.3
Bureau of Meteorology	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Australian Agency for International Development	-	-	-	-
Total	8.3	10.7	12.6	12.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Geoscience Australia	4.2	1.7	0.4	-
Bureau of Meteorology	2.0	4.0	7.6	4.1
Attorney-General's Department	0.7	-	-	-
Total	6.9	5.6	8.0	4.1

The Government will provide \$68.9 million over four years (including \$24.6 million in capital funding) to establish an Australian Tsunami Warning System and to contribute to regional warning systems in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Funding of \$14.9 million and \$21.2 million over four years will be provided to Geoscience Australia (GA) and the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) respectively, to develop a 24-hour analysis and warning centre.

The centre will be connected to a network of new and upgraded seismographs and tidal gauges covering Australia's coastlines on the Indian and Pacific Oceans, for which capital funding of \$6.3 million and \$17.6 million over four years will be provided to GA and the BoM respectively. This will enable more accurate detection of the magnitudes and locations of large earthquakes occurring on Australia's plate boundaries, and better measurement of oceanographic effects.

The centre will be able to analyse data in real-time and verify potential tsunamis. In such an event, the centre would issue warnings to state and territory emergency services to take prompt action to avoid loss of life and minimise damage to infrastructure. Funding of \$6.6 million over four years will be provided to Emergency Management Australia (EMA) for coordination and public awareness planning with these authorities. Capital funding of \$0.7 million will also be provided to EMA for a dedicated communications network to improve response coordination with these authorities.

The Government will also provide \$2.6 million over four years to improve the ability of regional governments to provide warnings to coastal areas around the Indian and Pacific Oceans as part of an integrated regional network. Funding of \$1.6 million over four years will be provided to the BoM for a contribution towards UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission coordination of an Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System. In addition, funding of \$1.0 million per annum over four years, to be absorbed within existing resources of the Australian Agency for International Development, will provide for technical assistance to Indian Ocean and South West Pacific nations.

Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Agency for International Development	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$24.5 million over four years from 2005-06 to expand the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) programme.

The AYAD programme, launched in 1998, places young Australians (aged 18-30) on short-term assignments (for three to 12 months) in developing countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region, where they carry out a range of development activities. With the expansion of the programme, the number of young Australians selected for overseas development assignments will be increased from 230 to 400 by 2006.

The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

Further information can be found in the media release of 13 August 2004, issued by the Prime Minister.

Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Agency for International Development	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$34.8 million in 2004-05 to continue to finance Australia's share of multilateral debt relief under the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Debt Initiative. The full expense is recognised as accruing in 2004-05, with cash payments being made over the three years from 2005-06 to 2007-08.

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The HIPC initiative provides debt relief to those of the world's poorest and most heavily indebted countries that are pursuing sound adjustment and reform programmes supported by the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. The HIPC debt relief package is in addition to Australia's bilateral aid to these countries.

Indonesia and Sri Lanka debt moratorium

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	*	*	*	*

The Government has agreed to offer the governments of Indonesia and Sri Lanka a moratorium on scheduled debt repayments for 2005. The deferred payments will be repaid from 2006 to 2009. The financial implications of this measure will be quantified when further details of the moratorium are determined by bilateral negotiations, which are to be completed by 30 September 2005.

The agreement is part of an effort by the Paris Club members to assist the countries affected by the December 2004 tsunami. The debt moratorium will be in addition to the direct assistance already provided by Australia and other Paris Club members.

Further information can be found in the press release of 11 March 2005 issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade.

Iraq — reconstruction assistance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Agency for International Development	22.5	22.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$45.0 million over two years for further reconstruction assistance to Iraq. The assistance will support Iraq's development in high priority areas, including agriculture, governance and economic and trade reform.

This measure is part of the Government's contribution to reconstruction efforts in Iraq. See also the related measures titled *Iraq – funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities* and *Iraq – Australian Defence Force deployments to the Al Muthanna Province* in the Defence portfolio.

Nauru — maintenance of a temporary Consulate-General

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	0.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million to continue Australia's diplomatic presence in Nauru in 2005-06. The operation of the temporary Consulate-General is in accordance with the commitment made in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Nauru in relation to the accommodation of unauthorised boat arrivals.

Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Federal Police	129.7	124.6	120.3	119.7
Australian Agency for International Development	72.2	73.8	69.8	66.4
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.4
Attorney-General's Department	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.3
Total	207.1	203.6	195.3	190.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Federal Police	15.6	9.5	8.4	10.2

The Government will provide \$840.5 million over four years (including \$43.6 million in capital funding) to continue its programme of assisting the Solomon Islands Government to restore law and order, provide for the ongoing rebuilding of the legal and justice system (including reform of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force), and pursue economic, governance and public sector reforms.

The associated capital funding will provide for building refurbishment and the replacement of vehicles, communications and computer equipment used by the Australian Federal Police. A provision of \$834.4 million over four years was included in the contingency reserve in the *Mid-Year Fiscal Economic Outlook 2004-05* for the expected impact of the continuation of this programme from 2005-06 onwards.

Trade facilitation — additional export facilitators for the United States market

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Trade Commission	3.0	3.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.0 million over two years to appoint 30 export facilitators to pursue export opportunities arising from the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA). The initiative will help small and medium-sized Australian businesses take advantage of export opportunities, targeting government procurement, agricultural and other niche markets.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Australian Exporters*.

Travellers' Emergency Loan Scheme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide an additional \$1.2 million over four years for the Travellers' Emergency Loan Scheme. The scheme assists Australian travellers who need temporary financial assistance including for repatriation and/or emergency medical evacuation. Loans can also be provided to Australians who are long-term prisoners overseas for basic needs such as medicines.

The additional allocation brings total funding for the scheme to \$0.5 million per year.

Tsunami — Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Agency for International Development	115.0	125.0	125.0	125.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Agency for International Development</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1 billion over five years (\$500.0 million in grants and \$500.0 million in loans) to support Indonesia's reconstruction and development efforts, both within the areas affected by the December 2004 tsunami and beyond. It is expected that \$10 million will be paid as grants in 2004-05.

The funding will be held in two special accounts. This will separate the funds from other aid money and will ensure they are used for the precise purposes for which they have been allocated.

The provision of loans from the budget, and their repayment, affect only the composition of the Australian Government's financial assets and, as such, the loans provided under this measure will have no impact on the fiscal balance.

See also the related expense measure *Tsunami – Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development – administration costs*.

Tsunami — Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development — administration costs

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Agency for International Development	5.6	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Agency for International Development</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.1 million over two years (including \$2.5 million in 2004-05) to cover the administration costs for the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development. This includes capital funding of \$0.1 million in 2004-05.

Funding for the administration costs is in addition to the \$1 billion being provided by the Government for Indonesia's reconstruction and development.

See also the related expense measure titled *Tsunami – Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development* in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Tsunami — financial assistance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Various Agencies	15.9	2.5	1.5	1.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Health Insurance Commission</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$151.6 million over five years (including \$130.2 million in 2004-05) for costs incurred by agencies as part of Australia's response to the December 2004 tsunami disaster. The provision includes capital funding of \$0.1 million in 2004-05.

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The majority of the funding is for AusAID (\$50.5 million) and the Department of Defence (\$62.0 million) for emergency activities such as medical support, provision of relief supplies and water purification on the ground in the worst affected areas. Funding for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (\$17.3 million) is for consular assistance to Australians in affected areas, victim identification and repatriation of their remains, whole-of-government crisis management, and operation of the consular hotline in Australia. Funding for the Australian Federal Police (\$4.9 million) is for disaster victim identification.

The Government is also providing a package of assistance addressing health and psychological issues for adversely affected Australians. This package is funded through the Departments of Family and Community Services (\$7.2 million) and Health and Ageing (\$6.9 million).

HEALTH AND AGEING

Additional Practice Nurses for Rural Australia and other areas of need — continue funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
Health Insurance Commission	-	-	-	-
Total	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4

The Government will provide \$129.7 million over four years to continue funding for general practices in areas of high workforce pressure to employ and provide training and support for practice nurses.

This measure involves funding of \$31.4 million in 2005-06, \$32.1 million in 2006-07, \$32.8 million in 2007-08 and \$33.5 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Funding of \$4.2 million over three years for the Re-entry and Up-skilling Scheme, currently funded through the Additional Practice Nurses for Rural Australia and other areas of need Programme, will be transferred from this activity to the *Rural Nursing Scholarship Programme* measure. Continuation of the Re-entry and Up-skilling Scheme past 2007-08 will be subject to the outcomes of the review of the *Rural Nursing Scholarship Programme* at that time, but transfer of the provision in the forward estimates of \$1.4 million in 2008-09 will impact on the fiscal balance.

Aged care — consultation on longer-term reform

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.3 million in 2005-06 to fund a public consultation process to explore options for further reform of the aged care industry and to consider the outstanding medium and longer-term issues raised by the Hogan Review of Pricing Arrangements in Residential Aged Care.

Aged care homes' funding claims — maintain funding for greater scrutiny

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will continue funding for more frequent auditing of aged care homes' funding claims, so that each home is checked at least once every two years and the majority are checked every year.

This measure will help ensure that subsidy payments are consistent with residents' care needs under the Resident Classification Scale.

This measure will result in estimated savings of \$20.7 million in 2005-06, \$21.2 million in 2006-07 and \$21.6 million in 2007-08. Provision for these savings has already been included in the forward estimates.

Asthma Management Programme — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
Health Insurance Commission	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$27.1 million over four years to continue the Asthma Management Programme. This programme provides incentive payments and resources for GPs to encourage the provision of best practice treatment and management for people with asthma, as well as a range of initiatives aimed at children, community support, professional education and asthma self-management issues.

This measure will involve funding of \$8.3 million in 2005-06, \$6.1 million in 2006-07, \$6.3 million in 2007-08 and \$6.4 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Initiative — continue funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Health Insurance Commission	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$102.2 million over four years to continue the Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Initiative.

This initiative provides support and incentives for maintaining and improving the quality of mental health care provided by general practitioners.

This measure involves funding of \$38.0 million in 2005-06, \$21.0 million in 2006-07, \$21.0 million in 2007-08 and \$22.2 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Brain and Mind Research Institute — grant of assistance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will contribute \$5.0 million in 2004-05 towards the Brain and Mind Research Institute's fit out of its research centres and laboratories.

The Institute will become a centre for innovative and integrated research strategies, and the development of products to improve treatment and disease prevention. As such, the Institute has the potential to undertake and lead research that will reduce the personal, social and economic costs associated with mental health and neurological disorders in the Australian community.

Carer Information and Support Programme — continue funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.2 million over four years to continue the Carer Information and Support Programme.

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This initiative provides information and products to support carers of older Australians, with delivery primarily through the Commonwealth Carer Resource Centres.

This measure involves funding of \$2.5 million in 2005-06, \$2.5 million in 2006-07, \$2.6 million in 2007-08 and \$2.6 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Centre for Medical Bionics and Hearing Science — further contribution

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$5.0 million in 2004-05 for the Centre for Medical Bionics and Hearing Services. This additional allocation supplements funding of \$0.7 million announced on 7 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Prime Minister Pledges Funding for Medical Bionics Centre*.

This additional funding will assist in research into nerve and spinal repair, coronary artery disease, epilepsy and new generation cochlear implants and hearing aids. The funding will also provide for the establishment and ongoing support of a management team, including the position of Director or Professor to provide leadership and direction, helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Centre.

Cervical screening incentives for general practitioners — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Health Insurance Commission	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$31.6 million in 2005-06 to continue incentives for general practitioners to increase rates of participation in the National Cervical Screening Programme, targeting in particular women who are unscreened or under-screened. Greater participation in screening will improve the chance of detecting cervical abnormalities early, thereby reducing mortality from cervical cancer.

This measure provides a targeted incentive to general practitioners who screen high-risk women, including women in rural and remote areas, and women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The measure also continues funding for a population-based incentive that rewards general practices reaching an overall screening target.

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

Community Pharmacy Agreement

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government has commenced negotiations for the Fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement, expected to run from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2010. Since 1990 the Government has entered into five-year agreements with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia to ensure the delivery of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listed items and other pharmacy services to the community.

The current agreement expires on 30 June 2005. The Government has decided to achieve significant savings against the current forward estimates over the life of the next agreement, as well as substantial further savings over time, in order to improve the sustainability of the PBS. Pharmacists and wholesalers comprise approximately one-third of the cost of the PBS and there have been minimal changes to remuneration arrangements for at least a decade contributing to substantial increases in costs to the Government.

Dementia — Extended Aged Care at Home places

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	15.6	44.0	74.4	91.1

The Government will provide \$225.1 million over four years for a further 2,000 Extended Aged Care at Home places specifically targeted at people with dementia, and to increase the number of hours of support available to recipients of these places. This represents a substantial increase in the number of Extended Aged Care at Home packages. Currently there are 2,728 packages that are being delivered to the community or have been previously announced. Additional funding will also be provided to Aged Care Assessment Teams for care planning and progressive reassessments to ensure appropriate care is provided to recipients of these places.

Budget Measures 2005-06

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Dementia – A National Health Priority*.

Dementia — training for carers

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	4.1	6.8	7.0	7.2

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over four years to provide dementia-specific training for up to 9,000 community and residential care workers, and up to 7,000 carers and community workers such as police and transport workers. This will help to ensure that carers and community workers provide appropriate care to people with dementia in residential care and in the community, building on the Carer Education and Workforce Training Project, for which the Government provided \$1.3 million in 2004-05. The Project currently provides services to approximately 1,200 respite workers and family carers.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Dementia – A National Health Priority*.

Dementia Education and Support Programme — continue funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.9 million over four years to continue funding for the Dementia Education and Support Programme, and to provide additional funding for Aged Care Assessment Teams.

The programme assists people with dementia and their carers to reduce stress, increase effectiveness of the caring role and delay entry to residential care. It also provides funding to ensure that Aged Care Assessment Teams in rural areas have access to dementia expertise and training to enhance their capacity to assess people with dementia and support them and their families in making appropriate care choices.

This measure involves funding of \$2.9 million in 2005-06, \$2.9 million in 2006-07, \$3.0 million in 2007-08 and \$3.1 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Ensuring Quality Care for Older Australians — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.8 million over four years to continue to ensure quality care for older Australians in residential aged care. This measure will continue the enhancement of the Complaints Resolution Scheme and improve the use of information technology in promoting the delivery of quality care and monitoring the suitability of aged care providers under the *Aged Care Act 1997*. This measure also increases funding to the National Aged Care Advocacy Programme, which protects the rights of residents in aged care homes, and the Community Visitors Scheme, which funds 159 community services to recruit and manage volunteers who visit aged care homes.

This measure involves funding of \$5.1 million in 2005-06, \$5.2 million in 2006-07, \$5.2 million in 2007-08 and \$5.3 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Fernlea House palliative care hospice

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$800,000 over two years to help establish a palliative care hospice at Fernlea House in the Dandenong Ranges area. Of this funding, \$350,000 will be provided in 2004-05; and the remaining \$450,000 will be provided from the 2005-06 Budget measure *Strengthening Cancer Care – palliative care grants programme* which is an element of the Government's *Strengthening Cancer Care* election commitment, announced on 4 October 2004.

Fernlea House provides bereavement support as well as holistic care for those with life-threatening illnesses such as cancer. It also provides respite for carers.

Gippsland Lakes Community Health — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.3	0.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$500,000 over two years to Gippsland Lakes Community Health in Gippsland, Victoria. Gippsland Lakes Community Health offers a wide range of health and support programmes, including medical and emergency services, health promotion programmes, child and maternal care and allied health services.

GST-free accommodation charges for residents of serviced apartments in retirement villages — assessments

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.2

The Government will provide \$20.9 million over five years (including \$1.0 million in 2004-05) to enable Aged Care Assessment Teams to conduct assessments of residents of serviced apartments in retirement villages to determine those who meet the level of care necessary to be eligible for GST-free treatment of their accommodation and care services.

The Government has amended the GST legislation to clarify that residents of serviced apartments in a retirement village who require and receive 'daily living or nursing services' of a kind defined in the Quality of Care Principles under the *Aged Care Act 1997* are eligible for GST-free treatment of their accommodation and care services.

Under the amended legislation residents will be required to be assessed as qualifying for the GST-free treatment once the assessment process is established.

See also the related revenue measure *GST-free supplies – residents of serviced apartments in retirement villages* in Budget Paper No. 3.

Home Medicine Reviews — maintain funding of Medicare item for general practitioner participation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.5 million in 2005-06 to continue to provide Medicare benefits for general practitioners participating in Home Medicine Reviews. This programme enables general practitioners to work in collaboration with pharmacists to review the medication of patients who are at risk from medication-related problems.

This measure will involve funding of \$7.0 million in 2005-06 for the Department of Health and Ageing and \$0.5 million in 2005-06 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Hospital Safety Initiative — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-5.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.3 million in 2005-06 to fund national hospital and safety initiatives. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Additional funding of \$5.5 million in 2005-06 was included in the forward estimates to fund the Australian Government's contribution to the Australian Council for Safety and Quality in Health Care. However, this funding is no longer required, as the Council has sufficient funds to meet its costs in 2005-06.

Human Genetics Advisory Committee — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.2	1.9	2.5	2.0

The Government will provide \$7.6 million over four years to establish and fund the activities of the Human Genetics Advisory Committee, a new Principal Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Budget Measures 2005-06

The Human Genetics Advisory Committee will provide high-level technical and strategic advice to the Government on the ethical, legal and social implications (including any impact on human rights) of current and emerging issues in human genetics. The Committee will provide leadership in managing the process of change relating to human genetics, develop policy statements and national guidelines in this area and assist relevant bodies to identify research priorities.

Increasing Care and Diversity for Older Australians — continue funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$29.2 million over four years to continue the additional funding for the Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care programme, the Continence Aids Assistance Scheme and the Day Therapy Centres. It will also enable the managed wind-down of the Safe at Home pilot. Personal alarms will continue to be available to new clients under the Home and Community Care Programme and through Community Aged Care Packages, consistent with the Government's community care reform process under 'The Way Forward'.

These programmes will continue to meet their goal of assisting older Australians to remain living in the community for longer.

This measure involves funding of \$7.5 million in 2005-06, \$7.7 million in 2006-07, \$7.8 million in 2007-08 and \$6.2 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Independent National Influenza Centre

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	13.7	3.0	3.3	3.2

The Government will provide \$23.2 million over four years to relocate Australia's World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza (WHOCC) with upgraded facilities and resources, and establish it as an independent advisory and information body. This will ensure that Australia continues to host this important centre, which has developed world leading expertise in influenza. As the only WHOCC in the Southern Hemisphere, Australia's centre plays a significant role in ensuring Australia remains at the forefront of global developments with the influenza virus.

Macular Degeneration Foundation — grant

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will provide \$0.5 million over four years to the Macular Degeneration Foundation to undertake research, education and public awareness raising activities about macular degeneration. Macular degeneration is a common eye disease affecting the central part of the retina that causes progressive loss of central vision.

Medicare — increase in thresholds for Medicare Safety Net

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-50.6	-135.3	-149.8	-160.8
Health Insurance Commission	-0.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9
Total	-50.7	-136.1	-150.7	-161.7

From 1 January 2006, the Government will restore the Medicare Safety Net thresholds to \$500 for concession card holders and Family Tax Benefit (A) families, and to \$1,000 for all other families and individuals, the levels originally proposed by the Government in 2004, leading to savings of \$499.1 million over four years.

This measure will improve the sustainability of the Medicare Safety Net. Under the Medicare Safety Net, patients are subsidised at the rate of 80 per cent of out-of-hospital out-of-pocket costs for Medicare Benefits Schedule items over set thresholds.

National Blood Authority — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
National Blood Authority	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>National Blood Authority</i>	0.4	0.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.2 million over four years (including \$0.8 million in capital funding) to expand the current operations of the National Blood Authority to enable it to meet its obligations under the *National Blood Authority Act 2003* and the National Blood Agreement.

The states and territories will contribute \$6.6 million over four years in line with cost-sharing arrangements in place under the National Blood Agreement.

National Illicit Drugs Strategy — additional funding for the National Illicit Drugs Campaign

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$0.9 million in 2005-06 for the National Illicit Drugs Campaign, which commenced on 17 April 2005, and is aimed at preventing young people from using illicit drugs. Through an enhanced media campaign and a help line, the additional funding will help to extend the reach of the campaign's messages to young Australians and will assist in providing greater support to parents through information booklets.

Since 1997, the Government has spent approximately \$1 billion on the National Illicit Drug Strategy across a number of portfolios. In 2004-05, \$107.6 million was allocated to the Health and Ageing portfolio for the Strategy.

National Illicit Drugs Strategy — Australian National Council on Drugs — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.3	0.3	0.3	-

The Government will provide an additional \$1.0 million over three years for the Australian National Council on Drugs. This additional funding is to cover increased costs associated with an expansion of the Council's role.

The Council has pivotal advisory, advocacy and representative functions, and plays a significant role in providing Ministers with independent, expert advice on matters relating to licit and illicit drugs.

Since 1997, the Government has spent approximately \$1 billion on the National Illicit Drug Strategy across a number of portfolios. In 2004-05, \$107.6 million was allocated to the Health and Ageing portfolio for the Strategy.

National Illicit Drugs Strategy — National Drug and Alcohol Magazine

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over three years from 2005-06 to continue the production and distribution of the National Drug and Alcohol Magazine, 'Of Substance'. The magazine is provided free of charge to professionals working in the drug and alcohol sector, including law enforcement, education and medical professions.

The cost of this measure will be fully offset from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Since 1997, the Government has spent approximately \$1 billion on the National Illicit Drug Strategy across a number of portfolios. In 2004-05, \$107.6 million was allocated to the Health and Ageing portfolio for the Strategy.

National Illicit Drugs Strategy — Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Programme — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	6.0	6.0	-

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over two years from 2006-07 to continue the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Programme.

This programme provides funding for treatment services for users of illicit drugs with a particular emphasis on filling gaps in service coverage. Approximately 170 services around Australia are currently funded. The programme will increase the total number of treatment places available and strengthen the capacity of non-government organisations to achieve improved service outcomes. This funding will help ensure that existing services continue to operate until the end of 2007-08.

Since 1997, the Government has spent approximately \$1 billion on the National Illicit Drug Strategy across a number of portfolios. In 2004-05, \$107.6 million was allocated to the Health and Ageing portfolio for the Strategy.

National Illicit Drugs Strategy — termination of the retractable needles and syringes technology initiative

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-12.9	-13.2	-12.4	-12.7

The Government will cease funding for the Retractable Needles and Syringes Technology initiative as clinical trials have raised health and safety concerns in relation to the technology and the safe disposal of needles and syringes in public places. The resulting savings have been redirected to other initiatives.

National Immunisation Programme — childhood varicella vaccine

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	15.0	19.4	19.7	19.7
Health Insurance Commission	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.4
Total	15.8	19.8	20.0	20.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Health Insurance Commission	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$77.2 million over five years (including \$1.1 million in 2004-05) to fund childhood varicella (chickenpox) vaccination under the National Immunisation Programme. This includes capital funding of \$1.1 million over two years (including \$0.6 million in 2004-05).

Following a recommendation by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation, the Government will fund varicella vaccinations for children from 1 November 2005. This will provide free varicella vaccinations for all 18-month-old children. The programme also includes a catch-up element, which provides vaccinations for 10 to 13 year old children who have not received a varicella vaccination or who have not previously contracted the disease.

Further information can be found in the press release of 7 March 2005 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

National Immunisation Programme — replacement of oral polio vaccine with inactivated polio vaccine

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	11.5	16.9	16.6	16.2
Health Insurance Commission	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	11.6	17.0	16.6	16.3

The Government will replace oral polio vaccine with inactivated polio vaccine under the National Immunisation Programme at a cost of \$61.6 million over four years.

Following a recommendation by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation, the Australian Government will fund the inactivated polio vaccine from 1 November 2005. This will reduce the risk of a case of vaccine-associated paralytic poliomyelitis, a rare condition associated with the Oral Polio Vaccine, which on average occurs once every 2.4 million doses. It will also allow the use of a new six-in-one combination vaccine, so that many babies will be able to have one fewer injections at 2 and 4 months.

Further information can be found in the press release of 7 March 2005 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

National Immunisation Programme Support Activities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3

The Government will provide \$27.0 million (including an additional \$5.0 million) over four years to continue the National Immunisation Programme Support Activities.

National Immunisation Programme Support Activities provide the necessary infrastructure to support the National Immunisation Programme through the operations of the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register, the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine-preventable Diseases and the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation. Support activities also involve provision of services such as the Immunise Australia infoline and website.

This measure will extend the existing funding of \$5.5 million in 2005-06, \$5.4 million in 2006-07, \$5.5-million in 2007-08 and \$5.6 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

National Integrated Diabetes Programme — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Health Insurance Commission	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$44.2 million over four years to continue a national approach to improve prevention and management of diabetes through general practice. This programme provides incentives to general practitioners for early diagnosis and effective management of diabetes using an annual cycle of care, and other support measures for diabetes care. The annual cycle of care ensures that diabetics receive the most clinically appropriate treatment throughout the year to help prevent future complications with the disease.

This measure involves funding of \$19.0 million in 2005-06, \$10.9 million in 2006-07, \$6.9 million in 2007-08 and \$7.5 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

National Rural and Remote Health Support Programme — continue funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-

The Government will provide \$17.2 million over three years to continue to improve the recruitment and retention of health professionals in rural and remote areas.

The National Rural and Remote Health Support Programme provides grants to support innovative models of rural health care delivery and nurse training, scholarships for ongoing professional development and education, and professional support including advice and funding to professional organisations, local professional education and training activities.

This measure involves funding of \$5.6 million in 2005-06, \$5.7 million in 2006-07 and \$5.9 million in 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Funding of \$3.4 million over three years for the Postgraduate and Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Scheme (currently funded through the National Rural and Remote Health Support Programme) will be transferred from this activity to the *Rural Nursing Scholarship Programme* measure.

National Tobacco Youth Campaign

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	3.8	7.8	6.8	6.6

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over four years to develop and implement a new national health promotion campaign to help reduce tobacco use among young people. The campaign will involve a combination of mass media and community education anti-smoking messages. Counselling services and websites will be developed in close collaboration with state and territory Quit services.

The National Tobacco Youth Campaign will help to strengthen young people's resolve to enjoy tobacco free lifestyles in line with Australia's commitment to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

Office of the Gene Technology Regulator — continue funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	-	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$32.0 million over four years (including \$15,000 in capital funding in 2006-07) to continue to fund the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator.

The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator is responsible for regulating the development and use of genetically modified organisms to protect the health and safety of Australians and the Australian environment.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee — immunisation advisory role

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.0

The Government will provide \$7.8 million over four years to extend the role of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee to include providing advice to Government on vaccines to be funded under the National Immunisation Programme.

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From 1 January 2006, the funding advisory function of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation will transfer to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee in order to strengthen cost-effectiveness evaluations of vaccines, and streamline the process for considering vaccines funded under the National Immunisation Programme and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. In addition, the vaccine price evaluation function will be transferred from the Department of Health and Ageing to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — deletion of calcium tablet preparations

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-4.1	-8.9	-9.0	-9.4
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-0.5	-1.0	-1.1	-1.3
Health Insurance Commission	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Total	-4.7	-10.1	-10.3	-10.8

From 1 December 2005, calcium tablet preparations will no longer be subsidised under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. Patients will still be able to purchase calcium tablets over-the-counter at a cost of approximately \$2 per week. This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$35.9 million over four years.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — increase concessional and general safety net thresholds

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-1.4	-20.0	-42.8	-67.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-0.3	-1.5	-2.8	-4.3
Health Insurance Commission	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	-1.7	-21.5	-45.6	-71.4

The Government will increase the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) safety net thresholds for both concessional and general patients. For concessional patients, the safety net threshold will increase from 1 January 2006 from 52 prescriptions to 54 prescriptions, with further increases of two prescriptions occurring each year up to and including 1 January 2009. For general patients, the safety net threshold will increase from the current level of \$874.90 by the dollar equivalent of two co-payments each year from 1 January 2006 until 1 January 2009. These increases will be on top of the existing annual indexation of the safety net thresholds by the Consumer Price Index. This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$140.2 million over four years, helping to maintain the sustainability of the PBS.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — information campaign to improve community understanding of generic medicines

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will promote community understanding of the safety, quality and efficacy of generic medicines through an information campaign. The National Prescribing Service, an independent non-profit company funded by the Government to provide information about Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme medicines, will develop and implement the campaign.

The cost of this measure is being offset within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — mandating price lists in pharmacies

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will help ensure that consumers have better information about prices of generic and non-generic medicines by requiring pharmacists to display, or have available on request, a list of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme medicines supplied by the pharmacy along with the price of each medicine.

The cost to the Department of Health and Ageing of administering this measure will be met from within the department's existing resourcing.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — price reduction for new brand listings

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-129.1	-251.6	-276.8	-302.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-10.3	-20.2	-22.2	-24.2
Total	-139.4	-271.8	-299.0	-326.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Health and Ageing	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will require a price reduction of at least 12.5 per cent when the first new brand of an existing listed medicine is added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). Flow-on price reductions will apply to other brands of the same medicine and products in related price reference groups. The price reduction will apply for listings after 1 April 2005 and will occur only once within any related group of drugs.

The measure supports affordability of the PBS by reducing the cost to government of subsidised medicines. Savings are estimated to be \$1.0 billion over five years (which are net of amounts to implement the measure, including \$0.3 million in increased expense and \$0.1 million in increased capital in 2004-05).

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Recognising Senior Australians – Their Needs and Their Carers*.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — reinforcing safety net arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Health Insurance Commission	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-0.2	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9
Department of Health and Ageing	-3.7	-20.1	-20.6	-21.1
Total	-3.1	-21.9	-22.4	-22.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Health Insurance Commission	0.1	-	-	-

From 1 January 2006, most prescriptions dispensed to a patient within 20 days of the patient last being provided with the same medicine will not count towards the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme safety net. Patients already on the safety net will not be eligible for a lower co-payment (zero cost for concessional patients and \$4.60 for general patients) if the prescription is dispensed within 20 days of the last dispensing of that medicine. This measure will not affect repeat prescriptions for medicines that require re-supply within 20 days.

Under current arrangements, patients are not able to obtain repeat supplies of certain medicines within 20 days of the previous supply except where allowed under the 'immediate supply' provisions. There is evidence to suggest that some patients are using this method to obtain extra supplies of medication in order to reach the Safety Net sooner or to obtain supplies at lower or no co-payments once they reach the Safety Net. This measure removes the financial incentive for patients to use immediate supply arrangements to obtain supplies in excess of their needs.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$70.1 million over four years, and will help to ensure responsible use of medicines as well as contributing to the sustainability of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Community Awareness Campaign — cessation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-0.1	-7.0	-7.1	-7.3

The Government will cease funding for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Community Awareness Campaign, resulting in savings of \$21.4 million over four years. The success of the campaign during 2003 means that the second phase of the campaign is unnecessary. Funding for the provision of information to doctors and consumers on new Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme listings will continue.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme drugs listings — cost effectiveness reviews

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.0

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over four years for the Department of Health and Ageing to undertake cost effectiveness reviews of drug groups listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. The Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee will consider the outcomes of the reviews and will recommend any necessary changes to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme listings.

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Plasma fractionation arrangements — review

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.1	0.7	-	-
National Blood Authority	0.1	..	-	-
Total	2.3	0.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over two years to fund a review of Australia's plasma fractionation arrangements, which will be completed by 1 January 2007. Plasma fractionation is separation of plasma into its constituent proteins.

The review is a requirement of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement and will examine whether, in the future, suppliers of fractionation services should be selected through a competitive tender process.

Private Health Insurance — increased funding for the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman through an increase in the Complaints Levy

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Private Health Insurance Ombudsman</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>

The Government will provide \$0.8 million over four years to enable the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman to undertake additional activities required under the *Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance Reform) Act 2004*. In particular, the funding increase will be used by the Ombudsman to publish the annual *State of the Health Funds* report, and apply the broader powers to investigate complaints and resolve disputes afforded to the Ombudsman under the Act.

This funding will be provided through an increase in the Private Health Insurance complaints levy paid by private health insurance funds under the *Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Act 1995*.

Quality Use of Medicines programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-5.0	-4.5	-3.7	-3.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-1.4	-1.5	-1.2	-1.1
Total	-6.4	-5.9	-4.8	-4.3

The Government will achieve savings of \$66.1 million over four years by continuing and expanding the Quality Use of Medicines programme. The National Prescribing Service conducts education programmes to inform medical professionals and consumers on ways to reduce inappropriate or wasteful use of medicines listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. The National Prescribing Service also runs the National Medicines Disposal Programme which improves health outcomes by collecting unused and expired medicines and disposing of them in an environmentally friendly manner.

Estimated net savings of \$44.6 million over four years have already been included in the forward estimates. Extending the programme is expected to result in additional net savings of \$21.5 million over four years.

Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Energy Programme — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Total	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Communications Authority</i>	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years to continue to support research into the possible health effects of electromagnetic energy that is emitted from radio communications devices. A provision of \$5.0 million over four years is already included in the forward estimates. Accordingly, the estimates of the Department of Health and Ageing and the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency will be reduced by approximately \$1.0 million over four years.

Funding for this research is offset by an electromagnetic energy levy on radio communications apparatus licences, administered by the Australian Communications Authority. The levy will be reduced to align receipts with the agreed level of research funding.

Regulation of research involving embryos and prohibition of human cloning — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.1 million over four years to fund regulatory activities relating to research involving embryos and prohibition of human cloning.

This funding enables administration, licensing, monitoring and compliance and inspection activities to support the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002* and the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002*. This provides governments and the community with assurance that the cloning of human beings and other unacceptable practices, such as the misuse of embryos for research purposes, will not occur in Australia.

This measure will involve funding of \$3.4 million in 2005-06, \$3.5 million in 2006-07, \$3.6 million in 2007-08, and \$3.6 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Round the Clock Medicare — After-hours Primary Care Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$58.2 million over four years to continue funding for a number of after-hours general practitioner services.

This measure involves funding of \$18.0 million in 2005-06, \$13.1 million in 2006-07, \$13.4 million in 2007-08 and \$13.6 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Round the Clock Medicare – Investing in GP After Hours Services*.

Round the Clock Medicare — grants for after-hours GP services

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	5.2	10.8	11.7	11.9

The Government will provide \$39.7 million over four years to help improve access to after-hours general practitioner (GP) services.

Funding will be provided for up to 30 recurrent operating subsidies to a maximum of \$200,000 per year for new or recently-established after-hours GP clinics and medical deputising services. Funding will also be used to create up to 100 competitive recurrent grants of up to \$50,000 per year, renewable every two years, available to local practices, medical deputising services and cooperatives of GPs that are operating a rostered after-hours service, whether surgery-based or a call out service.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Round the Clock Medicare – Investing in After-Hours GP Services*.

Rural Nursing Scholarship Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.5	2.5	2.6	-

The Government will provide \$20.6 million over three years for the Rural Nursing Scholarship Programme. The rural nursing scholarships are designed to support and educate the rural and remote health workforce, assisting to remove the barriers in recruiting and retaining health workers, and improving access to high quality health services for rural and remote communities.

This measure will involve funding of \$6.8 million in 2005-06, \$6.9 million in 2006-07 and \$7.0 million in 2007-08. Provision for \$13.1 million over three years has already been included in the forward estimates.

Additional funds will be allocated to this Programme from the National Rural and Remote Health Support Programme and from the Additional Practice Nurses for Rural Australia and other areas of need Programme.

See the related measures *National Rural and Remote Health Support Programme – continue funding* and *Additional Practice Nurses for Rural Australia and other areas of need – continue funding*.

Senior Australians — increasing rural and regional respite services

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.4	2.6	2.6	2.7

The Government will provide \$9.3 million over four years for an additional supplement of \$20.45 per day for Multipurpose Services that provide respite services for older Australians and their carers living in rural and remote areas.

Budget Measures 2005-06

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – their needs and their carers*.

Senior Australians — overnight cottage respite

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	8.8	17.0	17.3	17.8

The Government will provide \$61.0 million over four years to enable Commonwealth Carer Respite Centres to purchase additional overnight respite in community homes, particularly in areas where respite options are limited.

This funding will also allow for the development of specific standards of care and reporting requirements for community respite houses to ensure older people in respite are receiving the quality of care they need.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – their needs and their carers*.

Senior Australians — residential respite funding increase

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	5.9	8.4	13.5	13.9

The Government will provide \$41.8 million over four years through the National Respite for Carers Programme to provide an extra \$28 per respite resident per day to aged care providers who dedicate at least 70 per cent of their respite allocations for respite care.

As a result of this measure, the number of high-care residential respite days per year will double from 384,000 days to 768,000 days over the next three years.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – their needs and their carers*.

Senior Australians — respite to assist employed carers

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	13.5	26.7	27.3	28.0

The Government will provide \$95.5 million over four years to increase access of carers in paid employment and carers re-entering the workforce to respite services during working hours. This will involve increasing the funding to Commonwealth Carer Respite Centres and enabling day respite centres for older Australians to extend their hours of operation.

This measure will enable up to 5,000 carers in paid employment and carers re entering the workforce to access 480 extra hours of respite during working hours each year.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – their needs and their carers*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — bowel cancer screening

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.6	14.6	16.4	-2.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	1.5	2.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$43.4 million over three years (including \$4.0 million in capital funding), to phase in a nationally-coordinated, population-based bowel cancer screening programme. This funding includes \$7.8 million over four years transferred from the 2004-05 Budget measure *Preventative Health – Bowel Cancer Screening*, for which provision has already been made in the forward estimates.

This measure builds on the findings of the recent Bowel Cancer Screening Pilot. Bowel cancer can be treated successfully if detected in its early stages, and this screening programme will help improve rates of early detection and reduce the number of Australians who die each year of bowel cancer.

Screening will continue to be phased in and the results will be evaluated fully prior to the 2008-09 Budget, with the aim to extend this screening if successful on clinical grounds to all Australians over 55 and Indigenous Australians over 45. A re-profiling of funding from 2008-09 into prior years creates a saving against the forward estimates in 2008-09.

Budget Measures 2005-06

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — Breast Cancer Network Australia

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over four years to support the development of the Breast Cancer Network Australia, which will assist with the further development and dissemination of resources to help women newly diagnosed with breast cancer.

This funding will encourage support networks to help people with cancer during and after treatment.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — cancer research

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.3

The Government will provide \$17.6 million over four years to establish a dedicated cancer research budget to develop and deliver a research programme that will be guided by Cancer Australia, in conjunction with the National Health and Medical Research Council.

The initial priorities for this funding will include screening programmes; early detection of breast and ovarian cancers; the application of emerging new treatments and technologies, particularly for bowel and prostate cancer; and improvements in cancer outcomes through better coordination of care and a multi-disciplinary approach.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — clinical trials

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.4

The Government will provide \$21.7 million over four years to build on Australia's capacity to conduct clinical trials for cancer patients. This investment will be managed by *Cancer Australia*, the new cancer agency that is to provide national leadership in cancer control, in conjunction with the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Clinical trials give the medical profession the opportunity to compare the benefits of different treatments in a practical, real-world situation. These varied treatments may include different medications, surgical procedures, radiotherapy, new technology, counselling and palliative care.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — developing training courses for cancer nurses

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.2	0.6	0.6	0.7

The Government will provide \$4.1 million over four years to the Peter McCallum Cancer Institute to develop and implement, in association with other Australian cancer care institutions and professional colleges and associations, a training package for nurses to become specialised in cancer care.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — evaluation of initiatives

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	0.9	0.3

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over two years from 2007-08 for an overarching evaluation of the initiatives announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

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The evaluation will examine the effectiveness of the initiatives in achieving their intended objectives and outcomes, along with assessing the overall effectiveness of the *Strengthening Cancer Care Package*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — mentoring for regional hospitals and cancer professionals

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6

The Government will provide \$14.1 million over four years to assist regional hospitals, providers and support networks to develop and implement cancer care mentoring.

This measure will establish a mentoring system linking major urban hospitals in each State and Territory with a number of regional and bush nursing hospitals in regional centres. It will encourage specialists and other leading health professionals from centres of excellence (such as the Peter McCallum Cancer Institute) to spend more time in rural and regional areas and to be available to confer with regional colleagues.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — National Research Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.3	1.7	1.7	1.8

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over four years as start-up funding for a National Research Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases.

The Centre will conduct research to prevent asbestos-related cancer and find cures, guided by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — palliative care grants programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9

The Government will provide \$23.1 million over four years to fund a local palliative care grants programme.

The programme will provide grants through a competitive tendering process to help local groups, aged care providers and church and charitable hospices to provide better support to cancer patients and their families. Grants will be available in four streams: purchase of equipment and fit-out; support for pastoral care and counselling staff and training; step-down or transition to home services; and care planning by medical practitioners and allied health professionals. These grants will improve access to appropriate palliative care services in the local community, and encourage communities and organisations to implement their own local visions in caring for their members.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — professional development for cancer professionals

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	3.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.3 million in 2005-06 to improve professional development for cancer professionals, counsellors and general practitioners.

This measure will focus on developing professional education modules in the latest treatments for priority cancers including breast, bowel and prostate cancer, and providing advice and counselling to people with cancer and their families.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — quitting smoking during pregnancy

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.1	1.1	1.1	-

The Government will provide \$4.3 million over three years to encourage doctors, health workers and midwives to give advice to pregnant women — particularly Indigenous women — about the damage caused by smoking, and to assist these women to quit smoking and not commence again after giving birth. The initiative will also provide an opportunity to educate partners or family members on their role in supporting a pregnant woman who wants to stop smoking.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government’s election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — skin cancer national awareness campaign

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.6	4.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over two years to deliver a national mass-media skin cancer awareness campaign. The campaign will involve advertisements on television and in suburban and regional press, magazines, and non-English speaking and Indigenous press. Supporting materials will also be produced in various languages to complement the campaign.

This campaign will encourage personal action to prevent unnecessary exposure to ultra-violet rays, and help increase the early diagnosis of skin cancer.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government’s election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — Sydney Children’s Hospital Magnetic Resonance Imaging unit — Medicare Benefits Schedule eligibility

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4

The Government will provide \$5.1 million over four years to provide assistance to the Sydney Children’s Hospital by giving access to recurrent Medicare funding for the hospital’s Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) facilities.

This initiative builds on the extension of similar Medicare-funded MRI facilities to three other children's hospitals in 2003.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Strengthening Cancer Care*.

Treatment of breast cancer — continued funding for Herceptin

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$80.0 million over two years to continue to fund Herceptin, a drug used to treat metastatic breast cancer. Funding beyond 2006-07 will be considered following a further review of the Herceptin programme.

This measure involves funding of \$38.1 million in 2005-06 and \$41.9 million in 2006-07. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

HUMAN SERVICES

Australian Organ Donor Initiative

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Health Insurance Commission	3.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.9 million over two years (including \$0.8 million in 2004-05) to process inquiries and registrations for the Australian Organ Donor Register arising from a joint project with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia to send every Australian household an organ donation consent form as part of a new campaign to increase organ donation rates.

This initiative follows a decision by all Australian Health Ministers to change the Australian Organ Donor Register to a register of consent, rather than intent. Under the new arrangements, clinicians will not need to seek families' consent when a person has registered legally valid consent through the Australian Organ Donor Register. Instead, clinicians will advise families of the individual's legally expressed wishes and ask whether the deceased person may have changed his or her mind since registering.

Further information can be found in the press release of 18 February 2005 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

Electronic Commerce for Medicare Claiming — cease funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Health Insurance Commission	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2

The Government will cease funding for the Electronic Commerce for Medicare Claiming programme, resulting in savings of \$4.8 million over four years.

This funding was originally provided to the Health Insurance Commission to process Medicare claims on behalf of providers who do not have access to the Internet. As these costs are now minor they will be absorbed by the Health Insurance Commission.

Medicare — two new Medicare offices

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Health Insurance Commission	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Health Insurance Commission</i>	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.9 million over four years, including \$0.5 million in capital funding, to open two new Medicare offices in Wynnum (Qld) and Tuncurry (NSW). It is anticipated that the offices will open early in 2006.

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Addressing Indigenous Needs

The 2005-06 Budget represents a new approach to addressing the needs of Indigenous people, following the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission. At the national level, a National Indigenous Council has been appointed to advise the Government. At the community level, Shared Responsibility Agreements are being negotiated. These two initiatives allow Indigenous communities to provide advice on how government investment can meet their specific needs, and ensure effective service delivery based on partnerships between the Government and Indigenous Australians.

The transfer of Indigenous programmes to mainstream portfolios has facilitated greater prioritisation of Indigenous needs. A new Ministerial Taskforce on Indigenous Affairs has examined needs and spending across all areas of Government. This has resulted in the redirection of some resources towards Indigenous Programmes within mainstream departments as well as more effective targeting of Indigenous expenditure.

The Australian Government's Indigenous Expenditure is expected to increase to \$3.1 billion in 2005-06, up from \$2.9 billion in 2004-05. Indigenous Budget Measures for 2005-06, including Election Commitments and decisions to extend lapsing programmes, account for \$123 million of this total.

Table 5: Addressing Indigenous Needs

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-	-
Native Title System – extension of funding	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.5	5.1
Northern Territory Indigenous Interpreter Service – extension of funding	1.1	-	-	-	1.1
<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>					
Native Title System – extension of funding	-	-	-	-	-
<i>National Native Title Tribunal</i>					
Native Title System – extension of funding	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.5	-5.1
Sub Total	1.1	-	-	-	1.1
COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS					
<i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>					
Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING					
<i>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</i>					
Cultural resource collection – digitisation	2.5	3.2	3.2	-	8.9
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>					
Remote Indigenous Students – tutorial support for students leaving their communities	1.8	2.9	2.9	1.1	8.7
Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	4.3	6.0	6.1	1.1	17.5
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-	-
Aboriginal Employment Strategy – continuation of funding	5.2	4.3	4.4	3.1	17.0
Community Development Employment Projects – reform	-	-	-	-	-
Indigenous Economic Development Strategy	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	5.2	4.3	4.4	3.1	17.0
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES					
<i>Department of Family and Community Services</i>					
Healthy Indigenous Housing – continuation	24.9	25.4	26.0	26.6	102.8
Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	24.9	25.4	26.0	26.6	102.8

Table 5: Addressing Indigenous Needs (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HEALTH AND AGEING					
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
Indigenous health – Healthy for Life	11.2	21.3	30.4	39.4	102.4
Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-	-
National Illicit Drugs Strategy – capacity building in Indigenous communities	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	8.0
Primary Health Care Access Programme – additional funding	7.0	9.0	11.0	13.0	40.0
Hearing Services Programme – extend eligibility	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.8	10.1
Combating Petrol Sniffing	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	9.6
Sub Total	24.6	37.3	48.6	59.7	170.1
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
Native Title System – extension of funding	-	-	-	-	-
Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-	-
Shared Responsibility Agreements and community representation – Implementation Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Torres Strait Regional Authority</i>					
Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations – extension	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES					
<i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i>					
Indigenous Communities Mining Industry Working in Partnership programme – extension	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expense measures	60.1	73.0	85.0	90.5	308.6
CAPITAL MEASURES					
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING					
<i>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</i>					
Cultural resource collection – digitisation	3.2	-	-	-	3.2
Sub Total	3.2	-	-	-	3.2
Total Capital measures	3.2	-	-	-	3.2

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Fringe Benefits Tax supplementation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	-	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-
Torres Strait Regional Authority	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-
Department of Family and Community Services	-	-	-	-
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$59.7 million over four years to continue the supplementary funding provided to certain public benevolent and not for profit organisations providing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to assist with the cost of the new fringe benefits tax arrangements implemented as part of *The New Tax System*.

The additional funding enables affected organisations to continue to offer remuneration at competitive market rates, in order to attract and retain professional and other staff.

This measure involves funding of \$14.5 million in 2005-06, \$14.7 million in 2006-07, \$15.1 million in 2007-08 and \$15.4 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Native Title System — extension of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.5
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-
Federal Court of Australia	-	-	-	-
National Native Title Tribunal	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.5
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$72.9 million over four years to extend funding for the native title system. This will allow the Government to continue to pursue a more efficient system that increasingly resolves native title issues through agreement-making and mediation, rather than litigation.

Of the total funding, \$13.3 million will be provided to the Attorney-General's Department, \$12.3 million to the Federal Court of Australia, \$31.6 million to the National Native Title Tribunal and \$15.7 million to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

The above apportionment includes a reallocation of \$5.1 million over four years, from the National Native Title Tribunal to the Attorney-General's Department. This will allow agencies to better meet the Government's native title priorities, including examining the linkage between native title and economic development and the effective administration of the native title respondent funding programme.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Northern Territory Indigenous Interpreter Service — extension of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	1.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.1 million in 2005-06 to continue the Northern Territory Indigenous Interpreter Service for another year. The current joint funding agreement with the Northern Territory Government expires on 30 June 2005.

The service is provided to facilitate better communication between Indigenous people, who do not speak English as their first language, and service providers in the areas of justice, health, employment, education and welfare.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Cultural resource collection — digitisation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	2.5	3.2	3.2	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</i>	3.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over three years (including \$3.2 million in capital funding) to expand the scope of the project to digitise the cultural resource collection held by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. The continuation of this project will enable 40 per cent of the institute's collection of Indigenous film, video, recorded sound and pictorial materials to be digitised. This will make the resources more accessible via the internet and help preserve them for future generations.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Remote Indigenous Students — tutorial support for students leaving their communities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	1.8	2.9	2.9	1.1

The Government will provide \$8.7 million over four years to provide one year's intensive tutorial assistance and support for Indigenous students who leave their remote communities to attend local or metropolitan schools or boarding schools. Students will be eligible for up to four hours individual tutorial assistance a week, for up to 32 weeks. This initiative will apply to all students who move from 1 January 2006.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Aboriginal Employment Strategy — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	5.2	4.3	4.4	3.1

The Government will provide \$17.0 million over four years to continue the Aboriginal Employment Strategy and expand the number of sites from the existing three sites to an additional six in New South Wales.

The Strategy involves working with local industry to identify job opportunities for Indigenous Australians. It also provides Indigenous Australians with assistance to find jobs and provides mentoring once they are in employment. The Strategy operates in parallel to other employment services for Indigenous Australians.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Community Development Employment Projects — reform

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.2 million over four years to establish 15 additional Indigenous Employment Centres.

Indigenous Employment Centres were established in 2002 to provide links between Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) and the mainstream labour market in areas with good job opportunities. The centres assist CDEP participants to find and prepare for work outside the CDEP and support them while they are in employment. The additional centres will be funded through a reprioritisation within the Indigenous Employment Programme.

This measure forms part of the broader reforms to the CDEP programme. The Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations outlined the reforms in Building on Success — CDEP discussion paper 2005, launched on 21 February 2005. The CDEP programme will be refocused on three clear outcome streams: mainstream employment, community activities and business development, with funding agreements and fee structures to support the pursuit of outcomes in those streams. The CDEP programme involves funding of \$561 million in 2005-06.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Indigenous Economic Development Strategy

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-

The Government will develop an overarching Indigenous Economic Development Strategy to guide the delivery of existing programmes that provide economic development assistance to Indigenous people. The Strategy will rationalise a range of existing business programmes into four key streams of assistance, including Business Viability, Business Readiness, Capital and Ongoing Support (Mentoring). The Strategy will also use existing funds to establish Indigenous Business Brokers in Indigenous Coordination Centres, who will identify and foster local Indigenous entrepreneurs and businesses.

The Strategy will draw on current mainstream and Indigenous-specific programmes, such as the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme, the Indigenous Employment Programme, business elements of the Community Development Employment Projects programme, and programmes managed by Indigenous Business Australia, including the Business Development and Assistance Programme. The Strategy will utilise funding already provided in the forward estimates.

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Addressing Indigenous Needs — Healthy Indigenous Housing — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	24.9	25.4	26.0	26.6

The Government will provide \$102.8 million over four years to continue the Healthy Indigenous Housing initiative, further improving indigenous housing and associated infrastructure.

The measure will provide assistance for Indigenous Community rental providers, fund infrastructure construction and maintenance, and extend the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance programme for a further four years.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Indigenous health — Healthy for Life

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	11.2	21.3	30.4	39.4

The Government will provide \$102.4 million over four years to help reduce adult chronic disease in Indigenous communities through targeted activities in maternal health, child health and chronic disease management.

The initiative will increase the availability of child and maternal health care and provide support for chronic disease self-management to improve prevention, early detection and management of chronic disease, providing improved long-term health outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

The initiative also includes a workforce component designed to increase, through scholarships, the number of Indigenous Australians with health professional qualifications, building the skill base of Indigenous communities to improve local service delivery and employment prospects.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — National Illicit Drugs Strategy — capacity building in Indigenous communities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over four years to develop and implement strategies to improve the capacity of Indigenous communities to address problems with alcohol and drug abuse.

The measure will involve working with Indigenous communities on broad-based prevention programmes to help reduce the adverse effects and harm caused by substance use.

Since 1997, the Government has spent approximately \$1 billion on the National Illicit Drug Strategy across a number of portfolios. In 2004-05, \$107.6 million was allocated to the Health and Ageing portfolio for the Strategy.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Primary Health Care Access Programme — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	7.0	9.0	11.0	13.0

The Government will provide \$40.0 million over four years to the Primary Health Care Access Programme to further improve access to health services for Indigenous Australians. This will build on the measures announced in the 1999-2000, 2001-02 and 2004-05 Budgets.

This additional funding will allow further primary health sites to be established and increase the capacity of existing clinics to further meet the range of health needs in Indigenous communities. This will include additional doctors, nurses and Aboriginal health workers.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Hearing Services Programme — extend eligibility

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.8

The Government will provide \$10.1 million over four years to extend eligibility for the community service obligations element of the Hearing Services Programme to Indigenous Australians aged 50 years and over and to Community Development Employment Programme participants.

The community service obligations element of the Hearing Services Programme entitles eligible people to a free hearing assessment, a free hearing aid, fitting of the device, and follow-up services.

Older Indigenous Australians play important leadership roles in their communities. This role can be hampered by hearing loss. Extending eligibility to Indigenous Australians aged over 50 years will improve access to hearing services for almost 6000 Indigenous adults over the next four years, thus helping them to maintain their roles in the community, such as youth mentoring. Extending eligibility to the 36,000 participants in the Community Development Employment Programme will enhance their ability to contribute to the programme and increase their chance of taking up other employment opportunities.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Combating Petrol Sniffing

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5

The Government will provide \$9.6 million over four years to help reduce the incidence of petrol sniffing in Indigenous communities through an expansion of the Comgas Scheme to an additional 23 communities. This will bring the total number of communities involved in the scheme to 60 by the end of the fourth year. The Comgas Scheme subsidises the cost of supplying alternative fuels to indigenous communities containing low levels of aromatic hydrocarbons, making them unattractive to petrol sniffers.

The initiative will also replace the current leaded fuel substitute Avgas with Opal, an unleaded fuel that also contains no aromatic hydrocarbons and was specifically designed for the Comgas Scheme.

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Shared Responsibility Agreements and community engagement — Implementation Assistance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$85.9 million over four years to continue the Shared Responsibility Agreements (SRA) Implementation Assistance programme and to extend it to include arrangements for community and regional engagements.

The SRA Implementation Assistance programme is a flexible pool used to fund activities (including cross-agency activities) under SRAs agreed between the Australian Government and Indigenous communities. The programme is to be extended to support the development of new arrangement for community engagement, replacing the existing formal network of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) Regional Councils.

The SRA process aims to ensure government investment meets community needs. The agreements spell out what all partners – communities, governments and others – will contribute to help bring about sustainable long-term changes.

Continued funding for SRAs and for community and engagement arrangements will be fully offset from the reallocation of resourcing for ex-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services programmes (of \$76.4 million over four years) and from Departmental funds earmarked for ATSIC Regional Council operations in 2004-05 but not required (\$4.7 million per year in 2005-06 and 2006-07 only).

Addressing Indigenous Needs — Indigenous Communities Mining Industry Working in Partnership programme — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over four years (\$0.5 million per annum) to continue the Indigenous Communities/Mining Industry Working in Partnership programme. Through workshops and case studies, the programme promotes working relationships between mining companies and Indigenous communities on issues including access to land, employment and business opportunities and education and training. This measure is aimed at helping indigenous communities share in the benefits of resource development and promoting the recognition of cultural differences.

The cost of this measure will be absorbed within existing resources of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Other measures in the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio

Australian immigration representation in Brasilia — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over four years to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to maintain funding for Australia's immigration services to the South American region.

This measure will involve funding of \$0.3 million in 2005-06 and \$0.4 million in each year from 2006-07 to 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Illegal Foreign Fishers — improving compliance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	8.8	7.7	7.9	8.1
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	8.3	9.5	9.6	9.8
Total	17.0	17.2	17.5	17.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	7.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$77.9 million over five years (including \$1.1 million in 2004-05) to establish the Coonawarra facility in Darwin as a joint fisheries/migration detention facility, and to continue the rapid repatriation programme for illegal foreign fishers.

This funding will also improve oversight and management of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority's foreign fishing compliance programme, improve quarantine arrangements for apprehended fishing vessels and establish transitional land-based accommodation at Horn Island, Queensland.

Migration Programme — improving integrity of the family stream

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over four years to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to help improve the integrity of the family stream of the migration programme by putting in place arrangements for the referral of disputed domestic violence cases to an independent service provider for consideration.

In addition, under this measure, partner visa holders will now only be eligible for a permanent visa two years after their provisional visa has been granted, rather than two years after applying for their visa, as is currently the case. This change will ensure that provisional visa holders and their partners reside together for a reasonable period before the provisional visa holder becomes eligible for the permanent visa.

Changes to tighten eligibility will also be made to the Remaining Relative category and the Close Ties provisions in light of minor abuses of the existing provisions.

Migration Programme — increase of up to 20,000 skilled places

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	15.3	20.6	30.5	35.9
Department of Family and Community Services	12.6	38.8	67.2	98.2
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	4.9	10.2	11.0	11.3
Department of Health and Ageing	2.8	8.7	28.5	62.9
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.5	0.5	12.5	32.8
Total	36.2	78.8	149.7	241.1
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>5.7</i>

The Government will provide \$37.4 million over four years to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to increase the number of Skill stream places by up to 20,000 in the 2005-06 Migration (non-Humanitarian) Programme.

The overall increase in the programme to a range of 130,000 to 140,000 places will also result in estimated increased revenue of \$21.6 million over four years from visa application charges.

This increase in the migration programme will require the provision of health, education, employment and other services and benefits for the additional permanent migrants. The costs of these services over four years are estimated at \$102.9 million for the Department of Health and Ageing, \$102.3 million for the Department of Education, Science and Training, \$46.4 million for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, and \$216.7 million for the Department of Family and Community Services.

Migration Programme — industry outpost positions

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2

The Government will provide \$4.9 million over four years to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to outpost officers to ten key industry peak bodies. These officers will provide a direct point of contact and expert support in order to maximise industry involvement in the skilled migration process.

Migration Programme — seasonal harvest workers — increased working holiday makers

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.5
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>2.1</i>
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$6.8 million (including \$0.5 million in capital funding) over four years to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to meet visa processing and program integrity costs associated with the increasing number of working holiday makers who undertake seasonal work in regional Australia.

Seasonal labour shortages affect agricultural industries in regional Australia. This funding will allow Working Holiday Maker visa holders to apply for a second visa if the applicant has worked in a regional area for three months during their initial stay.

Expanding the number of Working Holiday Makers will also result in an estimated increase in revenue of \$7.0 million over four years raised through visa application charges.

Migration Programme — Trade Skills Training Visa — arrangement for regional Australia

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.2
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.3	1.1	2.2	2.7
Total	1.3	2.5	3.3	3.9
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.1</i>
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$4.9 million over four years (including \$0.2 million in capital funding) to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, and \$6.3 million over four years to the Department of Education, Science and Training, to enable full fee-paying overseas trainees to undertake New Apprenticeships in regional Australia. On completion of apprenticeships, the overseas trainees will be able to apply for state-specific and regional migration visas. This funding will assist in addressing shortages of tradespeople in regional areas.

Introducing this visa category will also result in an estimated increase in revenue of \$11.9 million over four years, which will be raised through visa application charges.

Migration Programme — Two-Stage Skilled Designated Area Sponsored visa

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.8
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	..	..	..
Department of Family and Community Services	-	-1.3	-7.7	-17.9
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-2.8	-11.4	-21.3
Total	0.6	-3.9	-18.7	-38.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	0.4	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	0.4

The Government will provide \$2.3 million (including \$0.4 million in capital funding) over four years to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to improve the effectiveness of existing arrangements for Skilled Designated Area Sponsored visas, by replacing current arrangements with a two-stage process.

Under the new arrangements, Skilled Designated Area Sponsored visa holders will be required to live in the same designated area as their sponsor for a minimum of two years and work in the designated area for at least one year before they become eligible to apply for permanent residence. This will encourage better dispersal of skilled migrants to designated areas.

Introducing a two-stage visa process is expected to increase revenue by \$0.4 million over four years from visa application charges.

Implementing this initiative will also result in savings over the period 2006-07 to 2008-09 of \$35.4 million for the Department of Health and Ageing; \$26.9 million for the Department of Family and Community Services; and \$44,000 for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. These savings accrue because temporary visa holders will no longer have access to a range of government services and benefits, such as subsidised medical and pharmaceutical services and social security payments.

Onshore processing of students in the points tested categories — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to maintain funding to allow overseas students who have completed their study in Australia to apply for migration and to be processed under the General Skilled Migration points tested categories.

This measure will involve funding of \$1.0 million in each year from 2005-06 to 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Overseas skills recognition — establishment and maintenance of a web portal for information and registration processes

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will contribute \$1.0 million over four years towards the establishment and maintenance of a national skills web portal. The portal will be developed in conjunction with state and territory governments and will provide access to information about services for recognition and licensing in Australia of skills and qualifications gained overseas.

People smuggling — package to mitigate threats, gaps and vulnerabilities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	..	0.5	0.6	0.6
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-
Total	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	0.3	0.1	-	-
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	0.3	-	-	-
Total	0.6	0.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.3 million (including \$0.7 million in capital funding) over four years to enhance the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs' ability to respond to people smuggling developments and for intelligence support involving the Department of Defence and the Australian Secret Intelligence Service. The Department of Defence will absorb the costs of its involvement.

The capital funding will meet the cost of establishing secure communication networks and the cost of office fit-out for overseas posts.

Promotion of Australian Citizenship — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$1.0 million in 2005-06 for promotional activities to encourage a higher take-up rate of Australian Citizenship.

Since 2002-03, the Government has provided funding of \$1.0 million per annum to encourage eligible permanent residents to take out citizenship. This measure will further bolster the 2005-06 promotional campaign.

Skilled migration promotion

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.9
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>	9.5	9.7	9.9	10.2

The Government will provide \$19.7 million over four years to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) for the promotion of the temporary and permanent skilled migration mechanisms available to assist Australian employers in overcoming skills shortages. This will be undertaken through initiatives including seminars for employers, advertising DIMIA programmes in trade and industry publications, attendance at overseas trade fairs and the development of better links between trade and industry websites and the DIMIA website.

These promotional activities will also result in an estimated increase in revenue of \$39.2 million over four years from visa application charges, due to the increased number of applicants. This estimate is based on an expected 5,000 extra visa applications per annum because of promotional activities.

See also the related expense measure *Migration Programme – increase of up to 20,000 Skilled places* in the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

Australian Building Codes Board — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years (\$1.0 million per annum) to allow for the continuation of the Australian Building Codes Board. The Board works with the building industry and all levels of government to develop nationally-consistent building codes and standards. The cost of this measure will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: the Coalition's Policy for Australian Industry*.

Australian Tourism Development Programme — transfer of funds from Tourism Australia

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	3.5	2.5	1.5	-
Tourism Australia	-3.5	-2.5	-1.5	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will transfer funding of \$7.5 million over three years from Tourism Australia to the Australian Tourism Development Programme administered by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources. The funding will be used to support the development of new tourism projects in regional Australia.

Business Entry Point — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$36.4 million over four years to continue the Business Entry Point website (www.business.gov.au). The Business Entry Point provides a single point of contact for business to deal with all levels of government, including streamlined access to information and online transaction facilities in a range of areas, including start-up advice, taxation and licensing requirements, and business assistance programmes.

This measure involves funding of \$9.0 million in 2005-06, \$9.1 million in 2006-07, \$9.2 million in 2007-08 and \$9.3 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Small Business, Big Future*.

Industry Capability Network Limited and Supplier Access to Major Projects Programme — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i>	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-

The Government will provide \$1.3 million per annum over three years from 2005-06 to continue Industry Capability Network Limited (ICNL) and the Supplier Access to Major Projects (SAMP) programme, which assist small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to access supply-chain opportunities in major development projects. ICNL (a company controlled by the Australian, state, territory and New Zealand governments) promotes the capabilities of SMEs to project developers through a national database. The SAMP programme provides grants for consultants to identify and advise on potential Australian suppliers for major investment projects.

ICNL will retain revenues of \$0.3 million per annum from 2005-06 to 2007-08 generated through user-charging arrangements, which would have otherwise been returned to consolidated revenue. The remaining cost of \$1.0 million per annum for three years will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

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This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: The Coalition's Policy for Australian Industry*.

Lancefield Reserve — upgrade of amenities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10,000 in 2004-05 to upgrade the amenities block at Lancefield Reserve in the Macedon Ranges. The cost of this measure will be absorbed within existing resources of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

This election commitment was announced on 24 September 2004 by the Minister for Small Business and Tourism, the Hon Fran Bailey MP.

Queensland Alumina Limited — contribution to the conversion of refinery

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million in 2005-06 as a contribution to the costs of the conversion of Queensland Alumina Limited's refinery from coal to natural gas. The conversion is expected to bring about the abatement of more than 2.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.

The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Further information on this measure can be found in the press release of 27 September 2004 issued by the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Small Business Assistance Programme — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	14.1	14.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$30.0 million over four years (including \$0.9 million in 2009-10) to continue the Small Business Assistance Programme. The programme provides grants for skills development, small business incubators, mentoring and advisory services to help foster the growth and wealth creation of small businesses.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Small Business, Big Future*.

Small Business Mentoring and Succession Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	2.9	2.7	2.7	0.4

The Government will provide \$9.0 million over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2009-10) for the Small Business Mentoring and Succession Programme, which will help small business owners plan for their retirement through the provision of advice on maximising business value and exit strategies. This initiative will be administered as part of the Small Business Assistance Programme.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Small Business, Big Future*.

Small Business Mentoring Project — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	0.1	0.1	0.1	-

The Government will provide Mentor Resources Ltd with funding of \$50,000 per annum over three years to provide mentoring and advisory services tailored to the needs of small businesses in Tasmania.

This measure was announced on 7 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Strengthening Tasmania's Economy and Building a Better Community*.

Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Programme — savings

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-57.7	-	-	-

The Government has revised the level of estimated expenditure for the Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Strategic Investment Programme (SIP), providing an estimated saving of \$57.7 million in 2005-06. The saving in this year represents accumulated unspent TCF SIP funds since 2001-02, which under existing programme arrangements had earlier been carried forward to 2005-06.

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The TCF SIP provides grants to support capital investment and product innovation by TCF firms. This measure will not change existing eligibility criteria or subsidy levels for the current programme. This measure will not affect the new TCF SIP arrangements which commence in 2006-07, as announced in the 2003-04 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS

Citizenship Visits Programme — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the House of Representatives	0.1	-	-	-
Department of the Senate	0.1	-	-	-
Total	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$0.1 million in 2004-05 and \$0.2 million in 2005-06 to the Department of the House of Representatives and the Department of the Senate for the Citizenship Visits Programme.

This additional allocation will help meet recent increases in demand for the programme, which subsidises final-year primary and secondary school students to visit Parliament House and participate in a range of educational programmes.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Australia and New Zealand School of Government — grant

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million in 2004-05 to enable the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to make a one-off grant to the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG).

The grant, which will be paid into an endowment fund, will further the development of ANZSOG into a globally competitive centre for excellence for the development of public sector leaders.

Australian Honours and Awards System — enhanced administration

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide funding of \$1.9 million over four years to the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat for additional staff to research and process nominations in the National Awards system.

This will enable the Secretariat to manage more effectively the expanding workload and to ensure the standard of research meets the Government's expectations for conferring National Awards.

Australian National Audit Office — changes to the auditing environment

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian National Audit Office	3.5	2.3	2.4	2.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Australian National Audit Office	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4

The Government will provide \$12.8 million over five years, including \$2.2 million in 2004-05, to meet the costs of providing additional auditing services to Government departments and agencies.

The funding will help meet additional costs arising from the introduction of the Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards, the separation of the Defence Materiel Organisation from the Department of Defence, the enhanced auditing of the Department of Defence and price increases for contracted auditing services for *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act* (CAC) bodies due to the tight market for accounting skills.

Additional revenue of \$5.4 million over four years from 2005-06 will be received as full cost recovery for auditing services provided to CAC bodies.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet — increased activity

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.7	0.4	0.4	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$2.5 million over four years, including funding of \$1.0 million in 2004-05, for increased activities in the following areas:

- one-off funding of \$0.4 million in 2004-05 to establish a health task force to examine the interaction of elements of the health system with a view to making improvements;
- additional funding of \$1.5 million over four years, including funding of \$0.3 million in 2004-05, to co-ordinate water policy matters on a whole-of-government basis; and
- additional funding of \$0.6 million over two years, including \$0.3 million in 2004-05, to facilitate a whole-of-government approach to the development of policies aimed at reducing welfare dependency.

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Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman — review of workplace relations powers

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	0.2	0.2	0.1	-

The Government will provide \$0.6 million over four years (including \$0.1 million in 2004-05) to conduct an annual review and report to Parliament on the use of compliance powers in relation to the building industry under the *Workplace Relations (Codifying Contempt Offences) Act 2004*. Under the Act, the Secretary to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations or the Director of the Building Industry Taskforce, acting under delegation, can obtain information and documents in the course of undertaking compliance activity in the building and construction industry.

TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

Badgerys Creek properties — maintenance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	0.7	0.7	0.6	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over three years for repairs to, and maintenance of, properties owned by the Australian Government at Badgerys Creek in Western Sydney.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority — long-term funding strategy

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	6.9	5.8	5.6	9.6
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</i>	4.9	4.8	9.2	14.1
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	-	-	-	..
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	-	-5.0
<i>Total</i>	4.9	4.8	9.2	9.1

The Government will implement a long-term funding strategy for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to enable it to become financially self-sustainable. The net impact on the budget will be \$0.1 million over four years.

Prior to implementation of the strategy, CASA's resourcing was projected to fall short of its financial needs. The strategy will include the restructuring of CASA's operations to ensure more efficient delivery of services and an increased level of cost recovery through user charges.

The new cost recovery arrangements for CASA will be phased in from 1 January 2006. The current cost recovery arrangements are based on excise and customs duty applying to aviation gasoline and aviation turbine fuel. Changes in the aviation industry have resulted in lower fuel consumption, weakening CASA's financial position. The new cost recovery arrangements will apply across a broader range of industry beneficiaries and will be determined following industry consultation.

The excise and customs duty rates applying to aviation gasoline and aviation turbine fuel will decrease from 2008-09 once the new cost recovery and restructuring initiatives are fully in place.

Maritime Emergency Towage Services

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide funding in 2004-05 and 2005-06 to ensure the maintenance of current maritime emergency towage capability and services around the Australian coastline. As this funding will be made available on the basis of a competitive tender, provision for it has been made in the Contingency Reserve.

Maritime salvage capability and services

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide Adsteam Marine Limited with funding of up to \$2.0 million in 2004-05 to maintain the current maritime salvage capability and services.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 January 2005 issued by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

Maritime search and rescue — increased capability

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Maritime Safety Authority	1.5	17.2	17.3	18.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</i>	0.6	0.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$54.7 million over four years (including \$0.7 million capital funding) to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) to enhance search and rescue capability throughout Australia.

From mid-2006, dedicated search and rescue turbine-engine aircraft will be contracted to replace the current contracted fixed wing piston engine aircraft. The turbine-engine aircraft will provide a faster and longer-range search and rescue service, with an all-weather and night operations capability.

The capital funding will be used for improved technology systems supporting the enhanced search and rescue capability.

Motor vehicle standards — improved service standards and lower fees

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6

The Government will provide \$8.8 million over four years to the Department of Transport and Regional Services to continue vehicle safety regulation and research consistent with the Department's responsibilities under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*.

The Government will also reduce fees for motor vehicle identification compliance plates by 20 per cent in order to more closely align revenues with the cost of administering vehicle compliance arrangements.

Payment scheme for aircraft en route charges — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	5.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.6 million in 2005-06 to continue the scheme for meeting the cost of en route charges levied by Airservices Australia. Regional airline operators, whose aircraft have a maximum take-off weight of 15 tonnes or less, will continue to be eligible for the scheme. Assistance will also be extended for services provided on sole operator routes by aircraft between 15 and 21 tonnes used by operators wholly based in Western Australia and in recognition of its long distance regional destinations that require servicing by larger aircraft. Operators of aeromedical services, such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service, are also eligible for assistance under the scheme.

Pentagon Memorial Fund donation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide a donation of \$0.2 million in 2004-05 to the Pentagon Memorial Fund in the United States of America. This memorial will be built in remembrance of those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon (Arlington, Virginia) on 11 September 2001.

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Regional Partnerships programme — funding for election commitments

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	2.3	2.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.8 million over two years to contribute to regional infrastructure and community projects. Funding comprises:

- \$2.0 million for the Wallan multi-purpose community centre, Victoria;
- \$600,000 for the East Gippsland rail trail walk, Bairnsdale to Orbost, Victoria;
- \$460,000 for a study of a proposal for recycling of Brisbane water to the Darling Downs, Queensland;
- \$400,000 for the Tathra Wharf, New South Wales;
- \$300,000 for the Adaminaby Snowy Scheme Collection, New South Wales;
- \$250,000 for the Mandurah Memorial, Western Australia;
- \$200,000 for the Memorial Walkway through Bi-Centennial Park, Camden, New South Wales;
- \$200,000 for the Grafton Hockey Club boarding facilities, New South Wales;
- \$125,000 for the Central Coast Volunteer Rescue Squad, New South Wales;
- \$80,000 for the Imlay Special Needs Group Toy Library, New South Wales;
- \$62,000 for the Castledare miniature railway, Western Australia;
- \$60,000 for the Lakes Entrance Safe Beach, Victoria; and
- \$50,000 for the Newman Town Centre revitalisation, Western Australia.

Road safety — trial for a national driver education scheme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million in 2004-05 to establish a trial driver education scheme for new provisional licence holders. The course will assist novice drivers to understand their own limitations and how they can reduce the risks they face on the road. The motor vehicle industry and the New South Wales and Victorian Governments will also contribute to the costs of the trial.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Our National Transport Future*.

Road Safety Black Spot Programme — extension of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	45.0	45.0	-

The Government will provide \$90.0 million over two years from 2006-07 to continue the Road Safety Black Spot Programme. The programme seeks to identify and address dangerous locations on Australia's roads.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Our National Transport Future*.

Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over three years for a new Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will assist rural councils to establish community medical facilities and recruit and retain general practitioners. Funding will help meet the cost of purchasing and fitting out facilities required for general practitioner services.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing in Stronger Regions*.

TREASURY

Australian Energy Regulator

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	4.4	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$4.8 million (including \$0.4 million in capital funding) in 2005-06 to enable continued regulation of electricity transmission and wholesaling, and key rule enforcement functions in the National Electricity Market by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER). The funding will also enable the AER to assume regulatory responsibilities for the gas market.

The AER's responsibilities are to be extended to include electricity and gas distribution and retail regulation (other than retail pricing) by 2006, following the development of an agreed national framework.

The activities of the AER will strengthen the national character of energy markets, reduce regulatory complexity, and streamline and enhance the quality of economic regulation across energy markets.

Longer-term funding for the AER will be subject to agreement between the Australian Government, states and territories.

Australian Securities and Investment Commission — United States — Australian audit regulation programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	2.1	2.1	2.1	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>	..	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$6.3 million over three years (including \$17,000 in capital funding) to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to expand and upgrade its audit regulation programme. The funding will be subject to review in the 2007-08 Budget.

The additional funding will help secure recognition of the Australian system of audit regulation by United States regulatory authorities.

Recognition of Australia's system of audit regulation will result in substantial benefits for Australian companies seeking access to US capital markets, including an enhanced ability to gain cost-effective access to those markets, reduced audit costs and compliance burdens and, as a flow-on, reduced cost of capital.

Financial Literacy Foundation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Treasury	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4

The Government will provide additional funding of \$21.0 million over four years to establish the Financial Literacy Foundation. This additional allocation supplements funding of \$5.0 million in 2004-05 (including \$0.8 million in capital funding) provided as part of the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*.

The Foundation will be responsible for co-ordinating and improving financial education initiatives provided by public, private and community organisations. This includes establishing a website for financial literacy education and information resources, and working with state and territory governments to incorporate financial literacy into school curricula.

This measure was announced on 6 October 2004 as part of the Government election commitment *Super For All and Understanding Money*.

See the related expense measure titled *Superannuation Choice – implementation* in the Treasury portfolio.

Financial Reporting Council — improved accounting and auditing standards-setting arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$19.2 million over four years to support the Financial Reporting Council in its expanded role of overseeing auditor independence and audit standards-setting arrangements, and for the continuation of the Financial Reporting Panel. The expanded functions of the Financial Reporting Council and the newly established role of the Panel form part of the *Corporate Law Economic Reform Program (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Act 2004* (CLERP9).

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This measure involves funding of \$4.8 million in each year from 2005-06 to 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the Contingency Reserve.

Hosting of the Group of Twenty (G-20) in 2006

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Treasury	5.5	7.0	0.2	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	..	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.5 million over four years (including \$1.8 million in 2004-05) to host the G-20 meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of major industrialised and emerging market economies in 2006, and the OECD's Global Forum on Harmful Taxation Practices in 2005.

The G-20 meeting will provide a unique opportunity to enhance Australia's influence on the international economic and financial agenda. The funding provides for venue meeting expenses and supports the creation of a secretariat with policy coordination and administration responsibilities.

This measure also includes funding for the OECD's Global Forum on Harmful Taxation Practices in 2005, which will assess progress in meeting previously endorsed higher standards of transparency intended to minimise harmful tax practices.

James Hardie Taskforce investigation and litigation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	3.1	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>	..	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$7.5 million over two years (including \$4.3 million in 2004-05) to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to continue investigations and litigation arising from the James Hardie Special Commission of Inquiry into the separation of James Hardie's asbestos liabilities from the James Hardie Group. This amount includes \$20,000 in capital funding in 2005-06.

Labour force participation — modelling

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Treasury	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of the Treasury	..	..	..	..

The Government will provide \$6.1 million over four years (including \$0.1 million in capital funding) to develop and maintain a quantitative model identifying the labour force participation effects of Government policy proposals, including tax and income support changes.

Name-identified census information — retention

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Bureau of Statistics	2.0	12.2	4.8	0.1

The Government will provide additional funding of \$19.0 million over four years to support the retention of name-identified census forms for archival, historical and socio-historical research. Funding will support the cost of a community education campaign and storage of the census forms on microfilm.

Consistent with arrangements for the 2001 census, census forms will only be retained where individuals have consented, and will only be released for research purposes after having been stored for at least 99 years by the National Archives of Australia.

Official statistics — upgrade

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Bureau of Statistics	10.5	10.1	11.6	10.2
Australian Taxation Office	6.9	-	-	-
Total	17.4	10.1	11.6	10.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Bureau of Statistics	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.3

The Government will provide additional funding of \$45.0 million over four years (including \$2.6 million of capital funding) to upgrade official statistics. This will include strengthening key economic data, adopting new international statistical standards that comply with Australia's international reporting obligations, and improving the accuracy of population data used for electoral purposes and for allocating funding amongst the states and territories.

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The additional funding will also allow the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to publish the full range of its publications, free of charge, on the ABS website, support the creation of new statistical collections relating to Indigenous Australians and natural resource management, and conduct a food industry business longitudinal survey with a focus on small to medium enterprises.

The Government will also provide additional funding of \$6.9 million in 2005-06 to the Australian Taxation Office to align the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) capture processes with the ANZSIC 2006 standard. The funding will also facilitate conversion of the existing coded business records on the Australian Business Register to the new industry classifications.

One.Tel and Offset Alpine — ongoing litigation and investigation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	4.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$7.2 million over two years, (including \$3.2 million in 2004-05) to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to continue litigation arising from the collapse of One.Tel and ongoing investigation of alleged improper dealings relating to Offset Alpine.

Population Census

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Bureau of Statistics	5.4	6.6	0.2	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$12.2 million over three years to develop a secure, reliable and user-friendly eCensus system for the internet lodgement of census forms, and to meet costs associated with including additional census questions relating to unpaid work.

The inclusion of questions on unpaid work will assist the Government to determine the impact of unpaid work on labour force participation and service provision by government and private agencies.

Productivity Commission — microeconomic reform — increased support

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Productivity Commission	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9

The Government will provide additional funding of \$19.0 million over five years (including \$3.7 million in 2004-05) to the Productivity Commission to meet increased Government demand for its services in supporting the Government's microeconomic reform agenda.

Reform of state taxes — payment of Budget Balancing Assistance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Treasury	-	240.9	244.0	78.2

The Australian Government has put forward a timetable for the elimination of a range of inefficient state taxes consistent with the *Intergovernmental Agreement on the Reform of Commonwealth-State Financial Relations*.

The Australian Government's timetable involves the abolition of the following indirect state taxes on 1 July 2006: stamp duty on non-quotable marketable securities; stamp duty on leases; stamp duty on mortgages, bonds, debentures and other loan securities; stamp duty on credit arrangements, instalment purchase arrangements and rental arrangements; and stamp duty on cheques, bills of exchange and promissory notes.

Stamp duty on business conveyances other than real property would be abolished on 1 July 2007. Under the Australian Government's timetable, stamp duty on business conveyances of real property would cease to apply by a date to be determined by the Ministerial Council for Commonwealth-State Financial Relations on the basis that no state will be worse off in any one year.

To ensure that no state is worse off in any one year as a result of tax reform, the Australian Government will extend the transitional period beyond 30 June 2006 to June 2009 subject to the States agreeing to the Australian Government's proposal. This means that any state or territory which has a shortfall between its GST revenue provision and its Guaranteed Minimum Amount after the implementation of the Australian Government's proposal will be compensated through Budget Balancing Assistance.

Superannuation Choice — implementation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	18.6	8.0	7.2	13.8
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	7.6	6.4	5.8	4.8
Total	26.2	14.4	13.0	18.6
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	1.5	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-
Total	1.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$88.4 million over five years (including \$14.6 million in 2004-05) to assist with a smooth transition to superannuation choice. This includes capital funding of \$1.5 million in 2005-06. In addition to the funding provided, the Australian Taxation Office will offset a further \$28.7 million in implementation costs and \$8.3 million in capital expenditure.

From 1 July 2005, more Australians will be able to choose the superannuation fund for their superannuation guarantee contributions. The measure will enable the conduct of a comprehensive education campaign that explains the changes to employers and provides eligible employees with the information they need to choose the superannuation fund that works best for them.

In addition to education, the measure will support the superannuation choice-related compliance and enforcement activities of the ATO and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. It will also support the complaint resolution services of the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal (SCT).

The cost of the activities undertaken by the SCT will be fully offset by levies collected by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority through the financial sector supervisory levy on superannuation funds.

See the related expenses measure titled *Financial Literacy Foundation* in the Treasury portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 January 2005 issued by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

Trade Practices Act 1974 — implementation of the Dawson Amendments

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	5.3	4.6	4.7	4.8
Federal Court of Australia	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1
Total	6.6	5.6	5.8	5.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	0.6	-	-	-

The Government has provided the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) with additional funding of \$20.0 million over the next four years to implement and administer trade practices amendments recommended by the Dawson Committee's *Review of the Competition Provisions of the Trade Practices Act 1974* and proposed in the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005 (Dawson Bill).

The *Review of the Competition Provisions of the Trade Practices Act 1974* was a 2001 election commitment and the most comprehensive review of the competition provisions of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act) for a decade.

The Dawson review recommended changes to the Act aimed at improving the administration, timeliness and accountability of competition regulation. The amendments proposed in the Dawson Bill endorse the majority of these recommendations. This funding will enhance the ACCC's ability to ensure that consumers and other market participants are well-informed and have access to competitive, fair and efficient markets.

The Government will also provide \$4.5 million over four years to the Federal Court of Australia (Court) to extend the role of the Australian Competition Tribunal (Tribunal) to implement the reforms proposed in the Dawson Bill. New functions for the Tribunal will include the consideration of merger authorisation applications, and merit reviews of the ACCC's decisions on formal merger clearances and objections to small business collective bargaining notifications. This funding also provides for an additional judge of the Court following the recent full time appointment of an existing judge to the Tribunal.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Allied health professionals' fees for services provided to eligible veterans — ensuring access

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.7	3.5	5.4	7.6

The Government will provide \$18.2 million over four years to ensure that veterans and their dependants, in receipt of either Gold or White Repatriation Health Cards, retain access to allied health professionals as private patients.

Over four years the measure will provide a total average increase of 8 per cent for chiropractors, osteopaths, dieticians, occupational therapists and physiotherapists and 30 per cent for psychologists, social workers and speech pathologists, on current fees payable by the Government to these allied health professionals. The increases vary by profession depending on the relativity of current fees to average industry rates.

Anaesthetists' fees for services provided to eligible veterans — ensuring access

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	8.2	7.4	7.4	7.4

The Government will provide \$30.4 million over four years to ensure that veterans and their dependants, in receipt of either Gold or White Repatriation Health Cards, retain access to anaesthetists as private patients.

This measure will provide a one-off increase of 20 per cent in the fees payable by the Government to anaesthetists for providing services to eligible veterans and their dependants. This increase is in addition to normal indexation increases.

Dentists' fees for services provided to eligible veterans — ensuring access

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	3.8	6.3	8.9	11.5

The Government will provide \$30.5 million over four years to ensure that veterans and their dependants, in receipt of either Gold or White Repatriation Health Cards, retain access to dentists as private patients.

Over four years the measure will provide an average 13.6 per cent increase in the amounts payable by the Government to dentists for providing services to eligible veterans and their dependants. This increase is in addition to normal indexation increases.

This measure also increases the annual monetary limit of Schedule C (high cost) items from \$749 to \$2,000.

Extending Seniors Concession Allowance to all Gold Card holders of veteran pension age

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	9.6	8.9	8.9	8.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$36.1 million over five years (including \$164,000 in 2004-05) to extend the Seniors Concession Allowance (SCA) to all eligible Gold Card holders who are of veteran pension age. This measure includes \$121,000 in capital funding, of which \$24,000 is provided in 2004-05.

This decision extends the SCA to approximately 44,000 Veterans' Entitlements Gold Card holders who are of veteran pension age and who do not already receive the SCA or the twice yearly Utilities Allowance payable to senior Australians receiving an age or service pension or income support supplement.

The payment will be \$200 a year (indexed), paid in two instalments commencing 1 December 2005. Further payments will be made in June and December each year to assist eligible senior Australians meet the cost of state and government utilities.

Rural and Remote Service Delivery Arrangements programme — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.1 million over four years to continue the Rural and Remote Service Delivery Arrangements programme. This programme involves the use of other Commonwealth, state and local agencies to improve access to services, such as information regarding Department of Veterans' Affairs' services, pamphlets and internet-based information, for members of the veteran community in regional areas where direct access to the Department of Veterans' Affairs is not readily available.

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This measure involves funding of \$0.5 million in each of 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, and \$0.6 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Veterans' health services — reducing overpayments and improving debt recovery

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.9 million over four years (including \$0.2 million in capital funding) to continue strategies aimed at reducing the incidence of overpaying health providers and improving debt recovery in veterans' health services by focussing on areas of high payment risk. Based on statistical and other available information, payments made to service providers and veterans will be reviewed with the aim of identifying over-servicing or fraud. This is expected to generate \$10.5 million in savings over four years, resulting in net savings of \$5.6 million over four years.

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

Part 3: Capital Measures

Table 1: Capital measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S				
	<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>				
94	A new family law system – children's contact service	0.1	-	-	-
95	A new family law system – contact order programme	..	-	-	-
96	A new family law system – dispute resolution	0.1	-	-	-
97	A new family law system – Family Relationship Centres	0.4	-	-	-
98	A new family law system – National Education Campaign	..	-	-	-
100	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity – establishment	1.0	-	-	-
174	Australian Tsunami Warning System – Indian and Pacific Oceans	0.7	-	-	-
102	Identity security – pilot programmes	0.1	-	-	-
	Providing for Australia's Security				
84	– Continuity of Government Plan – implementation and maintenance	0.4	-	-	0.3
91	– regional counter-terrorism assistance – legal assistance	0.1	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Customs Service</i>				
99	Arming Australian Customs Service vessels	0.8	-	-	-
103	Imports – additional revenue compliance activities	1.6	-	-	-
72	Southern Ocean Surveillance – continuation	-	0.5	-	-
	Providing for Australia's Security				
87	– biometrics for border control – automated border processing	0.7	14.6	10.2	10.1
91	– regional counter-terrorism assistance – improved border control in the Sulu and Celebes Seas region	0.1	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Federal Police</i>				
177	Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands	15.6	9.5	8.4	10.2
	Providing for Australia's Security				
85	– Australian Federal Police surge capacity expansion	1.6	-	-	-
85	– diplomatic guarding	1.6	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>				
	Providing for Australia's Security				
272	– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building	1.3	2.4	20.9	28.4
82	– Australian Security Intelligence Organisation enhanced capability	2.1	-	-	-
82	– counter-proliferation intelligence enhancement	0.1	-	-	-
92	– counter-terrorism intelligence cooperation and joint training centre	0.7	-	-	-
88	– enhanced border control systems	0.9	0.9	-	-
	<i>Federal Magistrates Court</i>				
101	Family law disputes – increased capacity	-	0.3	-	-
	<i>High Court of Australia</i>				
100	Court security	0.2	-	-	-

Table 1: Capital measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO (continued)

Page	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)				
<i>Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia</i>				
11	1.7	-	-	-
<i>Office of Parliamentary Counsel</i>				
101	..	..	..	-
Portfolio total				
	31.7	28.1	39.5	48.9
COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS				
<i>Australian Film, Television and Radio School</i>				
108	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>				
111	2.3	-	-	-
Portfolio total				
	2.3	-	-	-
CROSS PORTFOLIO				
<i>Various Agencies</i>				
117	7.0	3.1	-	-
117	3.5	1.0	-	-
118	0.1	-	..	..
273	41.3	58.6	6.2	5.3
Portfolio total				
	51.9	62.7	6.2	5.3
DEFENCE				
<i>Department of Defence</i>				
121	3.4	-	-	-
123	21.8	5.4	2.0	-
123	10.6	4.3	-	-
274	-	-	-	-
<i>Providing for Australia's Security</i>				
82	1.0	-	-	-
86	4.1	4.2	-	-
86	-	8.4	-	-
Portfolio total				
	40.9	22.3	2.0	-
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING				
<i>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</i>				
221	3.2	-	-	-
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>				
127	-	-	-	-
129	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total				
	3.2	-	-	-

Table 1: Capital measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
275	Development of a Migrant Vocational Profile Capacity in Australian Job Search Welfare to Work	0.4	-	-	-
141	– improved information technology to support participation	40.1	12.8	5.8	0.5
137	– increasing participation of parents	0.2	-	-	-
135	– increasing participation of people with a disability	0.4	-	-	-
139	– increasing participation of the mature age	0.1	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	41.2	12.8	5.8	0.5
ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE					
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>					
174	Australian Tsunami Warning System – Indian and Pacific Oceans	2.0	4.0	7.6	4.1
152	Field Meteorological Offices – replacement	2.0	1.6	2.0	1.2
<i>Department of the Environment and Heritage</i>					
151	Australia-Antarctic Airlink	4.8	2.2	-	-
	Portfolio total	8.8	7.8	9.6	5.2
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES					
<i>Department of Family and Community Services</i>					
165	Family Assistance – maintenance income credit	2.7	-	-	-
166	Family Tax Benefit Part B Supplement	0.5	-	-	-
168	More Help for Families – departmental funding	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	3.2	-	-	-
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION					
<i>Australian Electoral Commission</i>					
276	Australian Electoral Commission's electoral and election management systems – replacement	5.3	2.6	1.7	2.6
<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>					
276	Enhanced budget information system – savings	-	-	-	-
277	Royal Australian Mint buildings – refurbishment	4.0	17.9	3.2	-
272	Providing for Australia's Security – Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building	3.6	17.6	37.5	4.5
<i>Future Fund Management Agency</i>					
173	Future Fund – implementation and administration	1.0	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	13.9	38.1	42.3	7.1
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Agency for International Development</i>					
278	Australian Agency for International Development central office fitout	1.5	6.0	0.2	-
178	Tsunami – Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development	-	-	-	-
179	Tsunami – Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development – administration costs	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
236	People smuggling – package to mitigate threats, gaps and vulnerabilities	0.3	0.1	-	-

Table 1: Capital measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (continued)				
179	Tsunami – Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development – administration costs	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>				
236	People smuggling – package to mitigate threats, gaps and vulnerabilities	0.3	0.1	-	-
	Providing for Australia's Security				
84	– Continuity of Government Plan – implementation and maintenance	-	2.7	1.7	-
82	– counter-proliferation intelligence enhancement	0.6	1.7	0.4	-
92	– regional counter-terrorism assistance – building regional capabilities	..	-0.2	1.9	-0.4
	<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>				
	Providing for Australia's Security				
89	– biometrics for border control – progressive introduction of ePassports	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
273	– purchase of land and construction of new chanceries	21.9	8.6	15.4	2.7
	Portfolio total	26.6	19.4	20.1	2.9
	HEALTH AND AGEING				
	<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>				
158	Accommodation bonds – exemption from assets tests	..	-	-	-
197	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator – continue funding	-	..	-	-
12	Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee – cost recovery arrangements	-	0.4	-	-
200	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – price reduction for new brand listings	0.2	-	-	-
207	Strengthening Cancer Care – bowel cancer screening	1.5	2.5	-	-
	<i>National Blood Authority</i>				
191	National Blood Authority – additional funding	0.4	0.4	-	-
	Portfolio total	2.1	3.3	-	-
	HUMAN SERVICES				
	<i>Centrelink</i>				
	Welfare to Work				
137	– increasing participation of parents	7.7	-	-	-
135	– increasing participation of people with a disability	7.3	-	-	-
	<i>Health Insurance Commission</i>				
215	Medicare – two new Medicare offices	0.5	-	-	-
194	National Immunisation Programme – childhood varicella vaccines	0.5	-	-	-
200	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – reinforcing safety net arrangements	0.1	-	-	-
179	Tsunami – financial assistance	-	-	-	-
171	Women's Safety Agenda	0.1	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	16.2	-	-	-

Table 1: Capital measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
	IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS				
	<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>				
230	Illegal Foreign Fishers – improving compliance	7.2	-	-	-
232	Migration Programme – seasonal harvest workers – increased working holiday makers	0.5	-	-	-
233	Migration Programme – Trade Skills Training Visa – arrangement for regional Australia	0.2	-	-	-
234	Migration Programme – Two-Stage Skilled Designated Area Sponsored visa	0.4	-	-	-
236	People smuggling – package to mitigate threats, gaps and vulnerabilities	0.3	-	-	-
	Providing for Australia's Security				
89	– biometrics for border control – phased application of identification technology	4.5	6.8	6.0	3.6
90	– enhancements to the Movement Alert List	5.5	5.0	2.0	2.0
93	– regional counter-terrorism assistance – regional border control	0.7	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	19.4	11.8	8.0	5.6
	INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES				
	<i>Geoscience Australia</i>				
174	Australian Tsunami Warning System – Indian and Pacific Oceans	4.2	1.7	0.4	-
	Portfolio total	4.2	1.7	0.4	-
	PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS				
	<i>Department of Parliamentary Services</i>				
279	Parliament House meeting rooms – audio-visual facilities and acoustic support	0.5	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	0.5	-	-	-
	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET				
	<i>Office of National Assessments</i>				
272	Providing for Australia's Security – Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building	-	-	6.0	6.1
	<i>Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security</i>				
280	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security – upgrading of information technology and communications infrastructure	-	-	-	-
	<i>Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General</i>				
280	Australian Honours and Award System – replacement building	-	1.0	-	-
281	Vice Regal Heritage Property Master Plan – implementation	0.5	1.3	1.5	1.0
	Portfolio total	0.5	2.3	7.4	7.1
	TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES				
	<i>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</i>				
248	Maritime search and rescue – increased capability	0.6	0.1	-	-
	Portfolio total	0.6	0.1	-	-

Table 1: Capital measures since the 2004-05 MYEFO (continued)

Page	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
TREASURY				
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>				
255	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.3
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>				
252	0.4	-	-	-
259	0.6	-	-	-
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>				
252	..	-	-	-
254	..	-	-	-
258	1.5	-	-	-
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>				
258	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>				
254	..	-	-	-
255	..	..	..	..
277	1.5	8.5	6.1	-
Portfolio total				
	4.9	9.2	6.7	0.3
VETERANS' AFFAIRS				
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>				
158	..	-	-	-
159	0.3	-	-	-
162	0.2	-	-	-
261	0.1	-	-	-
282	5.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
262	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total				
	5.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Depreciation expense(b)				
	-28.0	-53.4	-66.6	-67.5
Total capital measures(c)				
	250.6	166.3	82.8	16.0

(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in capital, no sign before an estimate indicates increased capital.

(b) Net Capital investment is reduced by depreciation expenses.

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding.

Table 2: Capital measures up to the 2004-05 MYEFO

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CROSS PORTFOLIO				
Flood inquiry into Australian intelligence agencies(d)				
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation - temporary accommodation	-	-	-	-
Office of National Assessments - additional accommodation	-	-	-	-
Maritime Security(e)				
Container examination facilities	-	-	-	-
Extension of closed circuit television network	5.9	-	-	-
Standardised information around the movement of cargo	-	-	-	-
Maritime Security Identification Card	-	-	-	-
Increased presence of immigration officers at seaports	-	-	-	-
Aviation Security(f)				
Counter-terrorism first response regional rapid deployment teams	-	-	-	-
Training for regional airline and airport staff	-	-	-	-
Cross portfolio total	5.9	-	-	-
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S				
Counter-terrorism - expanded exercise program	-	-	-	-
National Community Crime Prevention Programme				
Australia-wide	-	-	-	-
Western Sydney	-	-	-	-
Family law system - consultation on proposed reforms	-	-	-	-
Local Government - developing a national strategic plan	-	-	-	-
Local Grants Scheme - establishment	-	-	-	-
National Emergency Volunteers Support Fund - establishment	-	-	-	-
Office of Local Government Emergency Management	-	-	-	-
Australia's Outward Control Points - enhancing security	-	-	-	-
Australian Customs Service - biological and chemical agent screening capability	4.2	1.9	1.1	-
Australian Customs Service - additional funding	0.3	-	-	-
Australian Customs Service - Customs post in Beijing	-	-	-	-
Australian Customs Service - Customs post in Jakarta	-	-	-	-
Australian Customs Service - additional detector dogs	-	-	-	-
Australian Customs Service - new mail screening technology	-	-	-	-
Australian Federal Police -				
enhanced counter-terrorism capacity	-	-	-	-
Counter-terrorism teams	-	-	-	-
Intelligence officers and other specialists	-	-	-	-
Counter-terrorism surveillance	-	-	-	-
Capacity building	-	-	-	-
Language training	-	-	-	-
Australian Federal Police - national child sex offenders strike team	-	-	-	-
Australian Institute of Police Management - improved facilities	6.1	3.4	0.4	-

Table 2: Capital measures up to the 2004-05 MYEFO (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S (continued)				
Protective Security				
Electronic surveillance devices	-	-	-	-
Australian Federal Police National Operations Centre	-	-	-	-
Australian Federal Police surge capacity	-	-	-	-
Offshore Maritime Security - Oil and Gas Facilities and Ship Interdiction	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	10.6	5.3	1.5	-
DEFENCE				
Illegal foreign fishers - additional funding for deterrence(c)	0.7	-	-	-
Portfolio total	0.7	-	-	-
COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS				
National Museum of Australia - additional funding	1.1	3.5	5.2	1.1
Portfolio total	1.1	3.5	5.2	1.1
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING				
Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy - extending payments to New Apprentices(c)	2.7	1.2	-	-
Portfolio total	2.7	1.2	-	-
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES				
Seniors Concession Allowance for self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card(c)	-	-	-	-
Utilities Allowance for senior Australians on income support(c)	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-	-	-
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION				
National Portrait Gallery building(c)	20.0	30.0	-	-
Portfolio total	20.0	30.0	-	-
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE				
Export Hubs(c)	-	-	-	-
Australian overseas missions - blast proofing of windows	19.9	-	-	-
Australian overseas missions - improved security(c)	80.1	93.1	195.7	1.6
Portfolio total	100.1	93.1	195.7	1.6
HEALTH AND AGEING				
Investing in Stronger Regions - practice nurses in rural areas(c)	-	-	-	-
Medicare - eight new Medicare Offices	-	-	-	-
Medicare - increase the Medicare rebate to 100 per cent of the schedule fee for GP attendances	-	-	-	-
Private Health Insurance Rebate - increase for older Australians	-	-	-	-
Medicare - investing in after-hours GP services(c)	-	-	-	-
Medicare - extended opening hours for Medicare offices	-	-	-	-
Pneumococcal vaccination - universal childhood programme	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Capital measures up to the 2004-05 MYEFO (continued)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS				
Temporary Protection Visa - caseload resolution	-	-	-	-
Regional Movement Alert List Pilot Programme	0.4	-	-	-
Portfolio total	0.4	-	-	-
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET				
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2007 - additional funding to initiate security planning(c)	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	0.0	-	-	-
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES				
Norfolk Island memorial for Minister Buffet - proceeds for the transfer of crown land	-0.1	..	..	-
Norfolk Island airport runway resurfacing	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-0.1	-	-	-
TREASURY				
National Consumer and Financial Literacy Foundation	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	-25.3	-28.7	-30.8	-33.1
Total capital measures(b)	116.2	104.4	171.6	-30.4

* The nature of the measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil

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- b) Measures may not add due to rounding.
- c) This is a cross portfolio measure which is presented under the lead portfolio.
- d) The Flood inquiry into Australian intelligence agencies package of measures includes funding for the Attorney-General's portfolio and Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.
- e) The Maritime Security package of measures includes funding for the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio and the Attorney-General's portfolio.
- f) The Aviation Security package of measures includes funding for the Transport and Regional Services portfolio and the Attorney-General's portfolio.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Providing for Australia's Security

The following measures form part of the *Providing for Australia's Security* package but are shown in this part as they predominantly impact on net capital investment. Expense measures with a related capital component are described in detail in Part 2. *Providing for Australia's Security* package is summarised in Table 3.

Providing for Australia's Security — Australian Security Intelligence Organisation central office building

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Finance and Administration	3.6	17.6	37.5	4.5
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	1.3	2.4	20.9	28.4
Office of National Assessments	-	-	6.0	6.1
Total	4.9	20.0	64.4	39.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	-	1.2	2.4
Office of National Assessments	-	-	0.2	0.6
Total	-	-	1.4	3.0

The Government will provide \$132.6 million (including \$4.4 million in expense funding) over four years for the project management, construction and fit-out of an extension to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) central office building.

The building will accommodate an expanded and co-located ASIO and Office of National Assessments (ONA). The construction project will be managed by the Department of Finance and Administration and the fit-out will be managed by ASIO and ONA.

Providing for Australia's Security — Australian overseas diplomatic missions — improved security

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Various Agencies	41.3	58.6	6.2	5.3
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Various Agencies	8.5	12.0	8.1	9.5

The Government will provide \$149.5 million (including \$38.1 million in expense funding) over four years to implement enhanced security standards at overseas missions, including through the relocation of some missions. The majority of this funding will be provided to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

These new measures build on past improvements in security at Australia's overseas missions, which have been achieved through the provision of additional government funding in recent years. The measures will bring the Australian missions into line with the security standards at comparable foreign missions.

Capital funding will cover the purchase of land, the construction of new buildings and the fit-out of new premises. It will also provide for the introduction of various security detection systems, the upgrade of chancery and residential security and the enhancement of emergency communications. Expense funding will meet associated ongoing operational costs.

The total funding includes \$10.6 million over four years to be drawn from reserves held in the Overseas Property Special Account of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

This builds on the measure *Australian overseas missions – improved security* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*.

Providing for Australia's Security — purchase of land and construction of new chanceries

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	21.9	8.6	15.4	2.7

The Government will provide \$48.6 million over four years for the purchase of land and the construction of new chanceries in the Middle East and South-East Asia.

This measure will be funded from reserves in the Overseas Property Special Account of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

DEFENCE

Joint Combined Training Centres — implementation

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$22.9 million over three years from 2005-06 to develop training facilities for joint Australian and United States military exercises. The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Defence – A Force for the New Century*.

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Development of a Migrant Vocational Profile Capacity in Australian Job Search

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.4	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide capital funding of \$388,000 in 2005-06 to develop a system to enable prospective skilled migrants to be matched with vacancies which have not been filled by the Australian labour market. Visa applicants who have completed a Migrant Vocational Profile will be able to be matched with vacancies in occupations identified as having long term labour shortages and which have not been filled four weeks after listing on the Government's Australian Job Search employment database.

The Government will also provide related funding of \$195,000 in 2005-06 for activities associated with the development of the system and to develop information material to support its implementation.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Australian Electoral Commission's electoral and election management systems — replacement

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Electoral Commission	5.3	2.6	1.7	2.6
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Australian Electoral Commission	1.7	0.6	-1.2	-1.3

The Government will provide \$17.4 million over six years (including \$1.9 million in 2009-10 and \$1.0 million in 2010-2011), of which \$2.3 million will be expense funding.

The funding will enable the Australian Electoral Commission to replace its Roll Management System and Election Management System. The new IT systems will maintain the integrity of the electoral rolls and the electoral process, and improve the timeliness of election results. The redeveloped systems will result in reduced expenses from 2007-08, reflecting lower mainframe costs and more efficient development and maintenance.

Capital expenditure of \$5.7 million will be funded from within the existing resources of the Australian Electoral Commission.

Enhanced budget information system — savings

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Finance and Administration	-	-	-	-

The Government will achieve a capital saving of \$4.0 million in 2004-05 (and reduced depreciation funding of \$0.8 million per year from 2005-06) as a result of successful negotiations with a preferred supplier for the provision of system development, implementation and support services for the enhanced budget information system.

The reduction in depreciation does not impact on the fiscal balance.

Royal Australian Mint buildings — refurbishment

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Finance and Administration	4.0	17.9	3.2	-
Department of the Treasury	1.5	8.5	6.1	-
Total	5.5	26.4	9.3	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>	-	-	-	0.9

The Government will provide \$41.2 million over three years to enable the Department of the Treasury as lessee, and the Department of Finance and Administration (Finance) as owner, to refurbish the Royal Australian Mint buildings. The Mint buildings, purpose built in 1965, are a significant landmark and are used to produce Australia's coinage. The buildings have not had any major upgrade works since their construction.

The refurbishment will address occupational health and safety requirements, improve the buildings' energy efficiency and enable the Mint to meet its functional requirements more effectively, including upgrading the commercial office area, manufacturing and production environments, and the contemporary education and visitor gallery.

The refurbishment will also result in better space utilisation, enabling the smaller of the two buildings to be leased to new tenants. The additional net rent revenue from leasing will have a positive impact on the Budget of \$0.9 million in 2008-09.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Australian Agency for International Development central office fitout

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Agency for International Development	1.5	6.0	0.2	-

The Government will provide \$7.7 million over three years to the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) for a new fit-out for the agency's central office. The total cost of the fit-out is estimated at \$9.5 million, of which \$1.8 million will be funded internally by AusAID.

The new fit-out will provide for increased security and enhanced operational efficiency, and will facilitate greater levels of environmental performance.

PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS

Parliament House meeting rooms — audio-visual facilities and acoustic support

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Parliamentary Services	0.5	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Parliamentary Services</i>	..	..	..	..

The Government will provide capital funding of \$0.5 million in 2005-06 and annual funding of \$18,000 per year to upgrade and maintain the audio-visual facilities and to provide acoustic support in the Cabinet Room and the two Party rooms used by the Government and the Opposition in the House of Representatives wing of Parliament House.

This will ensure that these rooms have the same level of facility as committee meeting rooms in Parliament House.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Australian Honours and Award System — replacement building

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	-	1.0	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	0.3	0.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over two years (including \$0.5 million expense funding) for the construction of a new building for the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat to replace the existing accommodation, which is inadequate from Occupational Health and Safety, functional and operational perspectives.

The expense funding will be used for project management costs associated with construction and for temporary accommodation during construction.

The remaining cost of this measure (\$2.7 million over two years) will be funded internally by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General and has already been factored into the forward estimates.

Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security — upgrading of information technology and communications infrastructure

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	-	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

The Government provided additional capital of \$0.2 million in 2004-05 to the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security for the upgrade of its information and communications infrastructure.

Funding of approximately \$38,000 per year will be provided for ongoing operational and maintenance costs.

Vice Regal Heritage Property Master Plan — implementation

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	0.5	1.3	1.5	1.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.0

The Government will provide \$7.7 million over four years (including \$3.4 million in expense funding) to support the implementation of the ten-year Heritage Property Master Plan for the repair, maintenance and development of the vice regal properties at Yarralumla and Kirribilli. There is a commitment to additional funding of \$7.3 million (including \$3.3 million expense funding) beyond the forward estimates to 2014-15. The remaining cost of this measure will be funded internally by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General (a provision of \$2.6 million over four years has already been factored into the forward estimates).

This investment will ensure that both properties are maintained to a standard that contributes to the constitutional and representational roles of the Governor-General in Australia, and preserves the buildings' history and significance for future generations.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Information Technology Application Development Framework — implementation

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	5.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	3.2	-1.2	-3.8	-5.2

The Government will provide \$7.1 million in capital funding over four years to implement an integrated and client-focussed information technology application framework, known as Cúram, within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. This investment will ensure that the department's systems are responsive, reliable and cost effective.

The Government will also provide related funding of \$3.2 million for development, support and maintenance of Cúram and associated applications. The cost of implementing this new framework will be offset by ongoing savings in administration and programme costs arising from the improved information technology framework.