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FOREWORD

Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2008-09* 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 2007-08*.

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 2007-08 Budget is included in each part. Measures introduced since the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*, 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 (GDP) deflator;
 - the budget year refers to 2008-09, while the forward years refer to 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12; 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.
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
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nfp	not for publication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	Victoria
QLD	Queensland
WA	Western Australia
SA	South Australia
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 2008-09* 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 2007-08 MYEFO^(a)

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		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
	<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i>					
339	Responsible Economic Management – Access Card(b)	-	-
	<i>Australian Customs Service</i>					
6	Customs duty on imported tobacco – revenue protection measure	-	..	..	..	..
22	Excise and customs duty – increased rates on 'other excisable beverages'	2.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
6	Excise-equivalent goods – coverage by Tariff Concession Orders	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
	Humanitarian migration program					
252	– additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09(b)	-	..	..	..	..
254	– additional 750 Special Humanitarian Program places from 2009-10(b)	-	-	..	..	0.1
7	Increase in the Passenger Movement Charge	-	106.3	111.2	117.7	124.1
	Migration Program					
257	– 37,500 place increase for 2008-09(b)	-	3.3	6.7	10.1	13.8
258	– additional 6,000 skill stream places for 2007-08(b)	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
263	Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees(b)	-	..	..	..	..
	Portfolio total	2.0	122.8	131.1	141.0	151.3
	BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY					
	<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
348	Responsible Economic Management – Do Not Call Register – cost recovery	-	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.8
	<i>Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</i>					
369	Responsible Economic Management – Australia Post Special Dividend	-	150.0	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	151.1	1.2	1.0	0.8
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
	<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
8	Increase in Passport Fees	-	6.4	7.4	8.1	8.8
	Portfolio total	-	6.4	7.4	8.1	8.8

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HEALTH AND AGEING						
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>						
206	Health and Hospitals Reform – Aged Care – Residential aged care – zero real interest loans(b)	-	1.6	4.9	6.9	6.8
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme						
242	– listing of Sensipar® (cinacalcet)(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
243	– listing of Tysabri® (natalizumab)(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
9	– maintaining the capacity for listing drugs through cost recovery	-11.1	-1.6	2.9	2.8	2.8
Portfolio total		-11.1	..	7.8	9.7	9.6
IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP						
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>						
Migration Program						
257	– 37,500 place increase for 2008-09(b)	-	96.0	98.4	121.3	124.3
258	– additional 6,000 skill stream places for 2007-08(b)	-	1.5	-	-	-
262	United States of America – Australia Work and Holiday visas – expanded eligibility(b)	-	0.4	1.0	1.6	2.0
10	Visa Application Charge – increase	-	39.1	43.4	46.6	50.2
Portfolio total		-	137.1	142.8	169.5	176.6
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT						
<i>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</i>						
11	Civil Aviation Safety Authority – revision to long-term funding strategy	-	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
Portfolio total		-	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET						
<i>Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator</i>						
117	Tackling Climate Change – Renewable Energy Target – expansion(b)	1.0	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.9
Portfolio total		1.0	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.9
RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM						
<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>						
19	Crude oil excise – condensate	-13.4	-109.1	-127.7	-127.7	-127.7
Portfolio total		-13.4	-109.1	-127.7	-127.7	-127.7
TREASURY						
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>						
378	Responsible Economic Management – Choice of Superannuation Fund(b)	-	-	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1

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		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	TREASURY (continued)					
	<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
123	Afghanistan – continued funding for Australian Defence Force deployments(b)	-	-10.1	-1.6	-	-
16	Albatrosses and Petrels Conservation Secretariat – tax relief	-	..	..	..	..
	Australian Defence Force					
120	– general medical and dental care(b)	-	0.2	0.9	1.0	1.0
297	– recognition of the service of the Australian Training Support Team in the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor(b)	-	-	-	-	-
	Capital gains tax					
16	– cancellation of interests in widely held entities	-	-	-	-	-
17	– demutualisation of health insurers	-	-	-	-	-
17	– extend small business concessions	-	-	-	-	-
18	– modify the scrip for scrip roll-over provisions for corporate restructures	-	*	*	*	*
18	Capital protected borrowings – change to benchmark interest rate	-	10.0	15.0	20.0	25.0
19	Crude oil excise – condensate	107.2	673.1	763.1	753.4	753.4
20	Depreciation of computer software	-	15.0	300.0	681.0	318.0
	Employee share schemes					
20	– election requirements	-	-	31.0	36.0	10.0
21	– removal of double taxation	-	-	-	-	-
21	Entrepreneurs' tax offset – restrict eligibility through an income test	-	-	30.0	30.0	30.0
22	Excise and customs duty – increased rates on 'other excisable beverages'	95.9	628.1	704.0	787.3	880.6
12	Family trusts – savings measure	-	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
288	First Home Saver Accounts(b)	-	-5.0	-15.0	-40.0	-65.0
	Fringe benefits tax					
22	– exemption for eligible work-related items	-	50.0	140.0	205.0	255.0
23	– jointly held assets	-	4.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
24	– meal cards	-	110.0	165.0	205.0	250.0
24	GST – relief for charities	*	*	*	*	*
25	GST and international telecommunications – mobile telephone global roaming	-	-	-	-	-
	GST and the sale of real property					
25	– integrity measure	-	90.0	150.0	175.0	205.0
26	– not to proceed with previously announced deferred integrity measure	*	*	*	*	*
	Humanitarian migration program					
252	– additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09(b)	-	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
254	– additional 750 Special Humanitarian Program places from 2009-10(b)	-	-	1.9	3.9	6.2

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	TREASURY (continued)					
12	Increased funding for the Australian Taxation Office compliance dividend	-	105.0	295.0	785.0	795.0
26	Increasing the Luxury Car Tax	-	130.0	140.0	140.0	145.0
27	Indirect tax – refund restrictions and four year amendment period	-	*	*	*	*
	International tax					
13	– a final withholding tax on certain distributions of Australian managed investment trusts to foreign residents	-	-60.0	-125.0	-210.0	-235.0
27	– Australia-Japan double tax convention	-	-40.0	-100.0	-100.0	-105.0
28	– Australia-South Africa tax protocol	-	..	..	..	..
126	Iraq – continued funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities(b)	-	-9.3	-1.1	-	-
28	Managed funds – changes to the eligible investment rules	-	*	*	*	*
	Means-testing of government support					
29	– expanded definitions of income to include certain 'salary sacrificed' contributions to superannuation	-	-	-	23.0	24.0
30	– expanded definitions of income to include net losses from investments	-	-	-	18.0	20.0
31	– expanded definitions of income to include reportable fringe benefits	-	-	-	9.5	9.0
	Migration Program					
257	– 37,500 place increase for 2008-09(b)	-	222.5	474.9	729.2	1,021.8
258	– additional 6,000 skill stream places for 2007-08(b)	-	41.5	47.0	47.7	48.4
	Overseas development assistance					
189	– enhanced Australian Federal Police deployment to Afghanistan(b)	-	-0.4	-0.4	-	-
196	– Pacific Police Development Program(b)	-	-0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
197	– Timor-Leste Police Development Program(b)	-	-1.4	-3.4	-	-
31	PAYG annual instalments – deferring the 2007-08 Budget measure	-	135.0	-115.0	-	-
	Personal income tax					
32	– exemption for rent assistance paid to Austudy recipients	-	-	-	-	-
32	– increasing the Medicare levy low-income thresholds	-	-65.0	-35.0	-35.0	-35.0
33	– increasing the Medicare levy surcharge thresholds	-	-	-195.0	-235.0	-230.0
33	– tax exemption for Queensland early completion bonuses for apprentices	-	-	-	-	-
34	– tightening eligibility for the dependency tax offsets	-	5.0	27.0	45.0	48.0

Table 1: Revenue measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	TREASURY (continued)					
14	Personal income tax cuts – tax plan for Australia's future	-	-	1,150.0	2,000.0	2,160.0
	Philanthropy					
34	– additional prescribed private funds	-	-17.0	-5.2	-5.5	-5.7
35	– improving the integrity of prescribed private funds	-	-	-	-	-
35	– updating the list of deductible gift recipients	-	..	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
15	Political donations – removing tax deductibility	-	-	10.1	10.3	11.0
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform(b)	-	-0.4	3.2	-0.8	-1.0
366	Responsible Economic Management – Australian Defence Force – fewer non-operational overseas postings and exchanges(b)	-	0.5	1.6	2.2	2.3
	Superannuation					
36	– access to tax free lump sums for persons with a terminal medical condition	-5.0	-	-	-	-
37	– payment of temporary residents' superannuation to the Australian Government	-	-15.0	5.0	5.0	-
37	Tax exemption for Carer Adjustment Payment	-	-	-	-	-
37	Taxation of Financial Arrangements – extension of transitional arrangements for Upper Tier 2 instruments	-	*	*	*	*
38	Taxation of Financial Arrangements Stages 3 and 4	-	*	*	*	*
128	Timor-Leste – continued funding to help restore peace and stability(b)	-	-13.1	-1.7	-	-
38	Tourist refund scheme – not to proceed with private provider proposal	62.0	56.0	58.0	61.0	63.0
263	Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees(b)	-	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.6
	Portfolio total	260.1	2,046.6	3,935.6	6,168.7	6,426.7
	Decisions taken but not yet announced	-	-	1.0	1.1	1.1
	Total impact of revenue measures(c)	238.6	2,352.3	4,097.5	6,369.7	6,646.2

* 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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(a) This statement reports all measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO. All financial impacts are changes since the 2007 *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook*. 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.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Customs duty on imported tobacco — revenue protection measure

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Customs Service	-

The Government will amend the customs legislation to clarify the existing references to 'tobacco content' so that the non-stick excise-equivalent customs duty on tobacco is calculated on the total weight of the goods, as intended. This measure has a negligible ongoing revenue impact. The measure will have effect from the date of Royal Assent of the amending legislation.

Excise-equivalent goods — coverage by Tariff Concession Orders

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Customs Service	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7

The Government will address an unintended outcome where importers are able to avoid paying excise-equivalent customs duties on certain imported products by obtaining a Tariff Concession Order. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$2.5 million over the forward estimates period. The measure will have effect from the date of registration of the amending regulations.

Excise-equivalent duty is imposed on certain imports to provide consistent treatment with the excise on domestically manufactured goods. Tariff Concession Orders remove the protective tariff from imported goods where no substitutable goods are produced in Australia. Most excise-equivalent goods are currently prevented from being covered by Tariff Concession Orders.

Increase in the Passenger Movement Charge

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Customs Service	-	106.3	111.2	117.7	124.1

The Government will increase the Passenger Movement Charge from 1 July 2008 by \$9, from \$38 to \$47 per passenger. This increase is estimated to raise \$459.3 million over four years. The increase will contribute to offsetting the cost of a range of aviation security initiatives that until now have not been cost recovered. The Passenger Movement Charge also recovers the costs of processing international passengers at international airports and maritime ports, and the cost of issuing short-term visas overseas.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Increase in Passport Fees

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	6.4	7.4	8.1	8.8

The Government will increase passport fees by 4 per cent, with effect from 1 July 2008. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$30.7 million over the forward estimates period. The forward estimates already include a provision for the indexation of passport fees, which has offset part of the revenue impact of this measure.

The standard adult passport fee will increase from \$200 to \$208, while the passport fee for children and seniors will increase from \$100 to \$104. All other categories of passport fees will also increase.

HEALTH AND AGEING

Election Commitments

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — maintaining the capacity for listing drugs through cost recovery

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-11.1	-1.6	2.9	2.8	2.8
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	-	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2

The Government will provide an additional \$9.2 million over four years for the administration of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee and the system for listing drugs on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Costs associated with evaluating drugs for listing on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme have increased over time as the result of more stringent evaluation requirements and the increased complexity of submissions to list new drugs. The increases will ensure that Australians continue to have reliable, timely and affordable access to effective and safe medicines. The measure includes the increased cost of remunerating Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee members, conducting pharmaceutical evaluations, and increasing the frequency of updates to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme listings from three to twelve times per year.

The additional funding provided under this measure will be recovered through cost-recovery arrangements commencing on 1 July 2008. Companies making submissions to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee will be charged fees, resulting in revenue to offset the additional costs. The cost-recovery arrangements were previously to commence on 1 July 2007 but this has been delayed until 1 July 2008 resulting in a reduction in the revenue estimate for 2008-09. Total additional revenue over four years is expected to be \$7.0 million, resulting in a net cost of this measure of \$2.2 million.

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Visa Application Charge — increase

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	39.1	43.4	46.6	50.2

The Government will increase the visa application charge for tourist visas by \$25 from \$75 to \$100 per application overseas, and from \$215 to \$240 for all related visa extensions in Australia. The Government will also increase visa application charges for temporary residence visas by \$60 from \$190 to \$250, and residents return visas by \$120 from \$120 to \$240. These increases will be implemented on 1 July 2008.

The measure also includes an increase to the fee for certificate of evidence of residency from \$70 to \$100.

The changes will better reflect visa processing costs, and more closely align Australian visa application charges with other countries international competitors while still maintaining Australia's competitiveness in tourism and skilled migration.

This measure will increase revenue by \$179.4 million over four years.

INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Civil Aviation Safety Authority — revision to long-term funding strategy

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	-	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0

The Government will not proceed, in 2008-09, with the next phase of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) long-term funding strategy, announced in 2005-06, that included increased fees and a reduction in the excise and customs duty rates applying to aviation gasoline and aviation turbine fuel which were to apply from 1 July 2008. The Government will review CASA's long-term funding strategy later in 2008.

TREASURY

Election Commitments

Family trusts — savings measure

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0

The Government will reduce the scope for family trusts to be used to lower income tax by utilising losses. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$24.0 million over the forward estimates period.

The Government will change the definition of family in the family trust election rules to limit lineal descendants to children or grandchildren of the test individual or of the test individual's spouse. This will have effect from 1 July 2008.

This measure will also preclude family trusts making a once-off variation to the test individual specified in a family trust election (other than in relation to a marriage breakdown). This will have effect from the 2007-08 income year.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Increased funding for the Australian Taxation Office compliance dividend

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	105.0	295.0	785.0	795.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	39.0	63.6	76.7	77.6

The Government will provide additional funding of \$256.9 million over four years from 2008-09 to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to allow it to enhance compliance activities, particularly for large businesses and high wealth individuals. This additional investment in ATO activities is expected to increase revenue by \$1,980 million over four years.

The increased resources will help ensure greater equity and confidence in the taxation system and provide for increased and better targeted enforcement activity.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

International tax — a final withholding tax on certain distributions of Australian managed investment trusts to foreign residents

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-60.0	-125.0	-210.0	-235.0

The Government will replace the existing 30 per cent non-final withholding tax applying to distributions of Australian source net income (other than dividends, interest and royalties) of Australian managed investment trusts to foreign residents with a final withholding tax regime. The measure will have effect for fund payments made in relation to the first income year after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation, intended to be the 2008-09 income year. This has an ongoing cost to revenue which is estimated to be \$630.0 million over the forward estimates period.

Residents of jurisdictions with which Australia has effective exchange of information arrangements, to be specified by regulation, will be subject to a non-final withholding tax at the rate of 22.5 per cent for the first income year (intended to be 2008-09); a final withholding tax of 15 per cent for the second income year (intended to be 2009-10); and a final withholding tax of 7.5 per cent for the third (intended to be 2010-11) and later income years.

For the first income year, as an interim measure, such residents will be eligible to claim deductions for expenses relating to their fund payments. These residents will be taxed at a new rate of 22.5 per cent on an amount net of any deductions.

Residents of other jurisdictions will be subject to a 30 per cent final withholding tax.

The new withholding tax regime furthers the Government's objectives to establish Australia as a financial services centre in the Asia-Pacific region. The reduced withholding tax rate will be restricted to residents of information sharing jurisdictions. This safeguards the integrity of the measure and signals Australia's commitment to effective exchange of information to reduce opportunities for international tax evasion and avoidance.

The cost of this measure reflects the estimated revenue loss from reducing the withholding tax rate based on data for distributions from managed funds and observed investor behaviour. The costing does not assume any change in investor behaviour were existing arrangements to remain in place.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Personal income tax cuts — tax plan for Australia's future

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	1,150.0	2,000.0	2,160.0

The Government will deliver in full the tax cuts it announced during the 2007 election campaign. These tax cuts included deferring the previously budgeted reductions in the top marginal tax rate for taxpayers on incomes of more than \$180,000 per annum until beyond 2010-11. The savings of \$5.3 billion over the forward estimates period will be diverted to the Government's other spending priorities including the Education Tax Refund, reducing elective surgery waiting lists and to the budget surplus.

The tax cuts will enhance individual incentive and workforce participation. The estimated impact of the tax cuts on participation is to encourage around 65,000 new entrants into the workforce. There will be an estimated overall gain of around 2.5 million hours of work each week. They will also deliver a significant reduction in taxes for all Australian taxpayers and help prepare Australia for its future economic challenges.

Current		From 1 July 2008		From 1 July 2009		From 1 July 2010	
Taxable income (\$)	Rate (%)	Taxable income (\$)	Rate (%)	Taxable income (\$)	Rate (%)	Taxable income (\$)	Rate (%)
0 - 6,000	0	0 - 6,000	0	0 - 6,000	0	0 - 6,000	0
6,001 - 30,000	15	6,001 - 34,000	15	6,001 - 35,000	15	6,001 - 37,000	15
30,001 - 75,000	30	34,001 - 80,000	30	35,001 - 80,000	30	37,001 - 80,000	30
75,001 - 150,000	40	80,001 - 180,000	40	80,001 - 180,000	38	80,001 - 180,000	37
150,001 +	45	180,001 +	45	180,001 +	45	180,001 +	45

From 1 July 2008 the 30 per cent threshold will increase from \$30,001 to \$34,001, the 40 per cent threshold will increase from \$75,001 to \$80,001 and the 45 per cent threshold will increase from \$150,001 to \$180,001. In addition, from 1 July 2009 the 30 per cent threshold will increase to \$35,001 and the 40 per cent marginal tax rate will be reduced to 38 per cent. From 1 July 2010, the 30 per cent threshold will increase to \$37,001 and the 38 per cent marginal tax rate will be reduced to 37 per cent.

Low income tax offset

From 1 July 2008, the low income tax offset will increase from \$750 to \$1,200. From 1 July 2009 it will increase further to \$1,350 and from 1 July 2010 to \$1,500. The offset will continue to be withdrawn once income exceeds \$30,000. Those eligible for the full low income tax offset will have an effective tax free threshold of \$14,000 in 2008-09, \$15,000 in 2009-10 and \$16,000 in 2010-11. New withholding schedules will be created so that low and average income earners will receive half of the benefits of the low income tax offset through their regular pay, rather than all of the offset as a lump sum when their income tax returns are assessed.

Senior Australians

The amount of income a senior Australian eligible for the senior Australians tax offset can earn before they incur an income tax liability will increase to \$28,867 for singles and \$24,680 for each member of a couple from 1 July 2008. These income levels will increase to \$29,867 for singles and \$25,680 for each member of a couple from 1 July 2009 and to \$30,685 for singles and \$26,680 for each member of a couple from 1 July 2010. The relevant Medicare levy low-income threshold will be increased to ensure that senior Australians do not pay the Medicare levy until they begin to pay income tax.

Tax aspiration

The Government has also set an aspirational tax goal over six years for a personal income tax system which reduces the number of rates from four to three with a personal income tax scale of 15 per cent, 30 per cent and 40 per cent. The effective tax free threshold for those eligible for the low income tax offset will also increase to \$20,000 by 2012-13, through an increase in the value of the offset. This goal is dependent on national and international economic conditions and maintaining, as a general principle, sound budget surpluses. Provision of \$6 billion in 2011-12 has been made in the forward estimates in preparation for the next step in achieving the Government's tax aspiration.

Political donations — removing tax deductibility

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	10.1	10.3	11.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will remove the tax deductibility of contributions and gifts made by individuals and businesses to political parties, members and candidates, with effect from 1 July 2008. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$31.4 million over the forward estimates period.

The Government will ensure that removing income tax deductibility for contributions and gifts to political organisations will not affect existing GST concessions for these groups. The GST component of this measure has no revenue impact. The Government is consulting with the States on the GST component of this measure.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Albatrosses and Petrels Conservation Secretariat — tax relief

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-

The Government will provide income tax, customs duty, GST and other Australian Government tax relief to the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels and the Secretariat's non-Australian staff. This relief is in line with that granted to other international organisations in Australia.

Australia will permanently host the Secretariat in Hobart. The measure will have a negligible ongoing revenue impact and will commence from the date of effect of the enabling regulations.

Capital gains tax — cancellation of interests in widely held entities

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will allow taxpayers to calculate their capital gains or losses using the actual proceeds received where shares or units in widely held entities are cancelled or surrendered, with effect from the 2006-07 income year. This measure has an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact which has already been accounted for in the forward estimates.

The current tax law provides that when shares or units in widely held entities are cancelled, surrendered or similarly brought to an end, a taxpayer is required to calculate any capital gains tax liability using the asset's market value rather than the proceeds they actually receive.

This measure ensures that for shares or units in widely held entities, any capital gains tax liability will be calculated according to the proceeds that the taxpayer receives, rather than the share or unit's market value at the time of cancellation.

Capital gains tax — demutualisation of health insurers

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide relief from capital gains tax (CGT) to policy holders of health insurers who receive shares when their insurer demutualises, with effect from 1 July 2007. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue for which a provision of \$4.0 million has already been included in the forward estimates.

The CGT demutualisation relief for non-life and general insurers is currently available for members of the demutualising entity but not for policy holders. This measure ensures consistency between the CGT rules and the requirements of the private health insurance legislation. As part of these changes, pre-CGT policy holders will receive a market value cost base for their shares and post-CGT policy holders will receive a cost base that is based on their share of the health insurer’s net tangible assets. Post-CGT policy holders who surrender rights for a cash payment (rather than shares) as part of a demutualisation will also receive a similar ‘net tangible assets’ based cost base.

Further information can be found in the press release of 26 February 2008 issued by the Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs.

Capital gains tax — extend small business concessions

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will increase access to the small business capital gains tax (CGT) concessions for taxpayers owning a CGT asset used in a business by a related entity and for partners owning a CGT asset used in the partnership business, with effect from the 2007-08 income year. This measure has an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact, which has already been accounted for in the forward estimates.

Currently, the small business entity test does not cover business structures where the CGT asset is owned by an entity but is used in a related entity which carries on the business. In addition, for partnerships, the small business entity test requires the taxpayer making a capital gain to be a partner in the partnership and for the asset to be an asset of the partnership.

This measure will allow these structures and assets to qualify for the CGT small business concessions.

Capital gains tax — modify the scrip for scrip roll-over provisions for corporate restructures

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will modify the scrip for scrip capital gains tax roll-over provisions to ensure that, for corporate restructures, the acquiring entity's cost base of shares in the target entity reflects the tax costs of the target entity's net assets, with effect from 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008. This cost base will also be used in determining the value of the target entity's assets in consolidation if the target entity subsequently joins the acquiring entity's consolidated group. This measure has an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact.

Under the current provisions, the acquiring entity obtains a market value cost base for the shares it acquires in the target entity. This can result in significant unintended tax benefits arising if, for example, the target entity subsequently joins the acquiring entity's consolidated group. The measure will prevent companies from obtaining unintended tax benefits if they restructure.

Capital protected borrowings — change to benchmark interest rate

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	10.0	15.0	20.0	25.0

The Government will adjust the benchmark interest rate that applies to capital protected borrowing arrangements to increase the capital component of the overall expense, for arrangements entered into from 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008. The measure abolishes a tax concession and a tax expenditure. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue estimated to be \$70.0 million over the forward estimates period.

Under a typical capital protected borrowing arrangement, the investor uses borrowed funds to buy listed shares but is protected from a fall in their price by a capital protection feature. The benchmark interest rate is used to determine how much of the interest on the borrowing is attributable to the cost of this capital protection.

The new benchmark interest rate will be the Reserve Bank of Australia's indicator variable rate for standard housing loans. Interest expense on a capital protected borrowing in excess of this level will be treated as the cost of capital protection and not deductible if on capital account. The current law will continue to apply to existing arrangements for five years or the life of the product, whichever is the shorter.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Crude oil excise — condensate

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	107.2	673.1	763.1	753.4	753.4
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-13.4	-109.1	-127.7	-127.7	-127.7
Total	93.8	564.0	635.4	625.7	625.7
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	<i>80.0</i>	<i>72.3</i>	<i>84.1</i>	<i>85.1</i>	<i>85.1</i>
<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>	<i>-8.9</i>	<i>-72.8</i>	<i>-85.1</i>	<i>-85.1</i>	<i>-85.1</i>
Total	71.1	-0.5	-1.0	-	-

The Government will remove the current exemption of condensate from crude oil excise, with effect from midnight (AEST) on 13 May 2008. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue, which is estimated to be \$2.5 billion from Budget night and over the forward estimates period. This measure is also estimated to increase net Government expenditure by \$69.6 million over the same period. The measure abolishes a tax concession and a tax expenditure.

Under the new arrangements, condensate production from petroleum fields located in the North West Shelf project area and onshore Australia will be subject to the same excise rates as those applicable to petroleum fields discovered after 18 September 1975. For example, the maximum rate of excise applicable to production from a field in excess of 800 megalitres (around 5 million barrels) per annum will be 30 per cent of the value of production.

Under the crude oil excise arrangements, the first 4,767 megalitres (30 million barrels) of oil produced from a field is exempt. Past production of condensate from a petroleum field will contribute towards meeting this threshold before crude oil excise becomes payable. This threshold means that certain petroleum fields may not pay any crude oil excise as a result of this measure.

This measure results in a reduction in revenue from the offshore petroleum royalty which is shared between the Australian Government (one third) and the Western Australian Government (two thirds). The loss of royalty revenue to the Western Australian Government from 2007-08 to the end of the forward estimates is estimated to be \$337.1 million.

The Australian Government will provide the Western Australian Government with ongoing compensation for the loss of its share of offshore petroleum royalty revenue as a result of the imposition of crude oil excise on condensate, at an estimated cost of \$406.6 million over the forward estimates period. An initial payment of \$80 million will be made to the Western Australian Government in 2007-08, with payments in subsequent years adjusted to equal the impact of removing the condensate exemption on payments to Western Australia relating to the offshore petroleum royalty.

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This measure will increase the return to the Australian community for allowing the extraction of non-renewable energy resources located in the North West Shelf project area and onshore.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Depreciation of computer software

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	15.0	300.0	681.0	318.0

The Government will increase the period over which capital expenditure on in-house computer software is depreciated from 2.5 years to 4 years. This will apply to expenditure incurred on or after 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008. The measure reduces a tax concession and tax expenditure. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$1.3 billion over the forward estimates period.

In-house software is computer software, or the right to use computer software, that is acquired, developed or developed by someone else and that is mainly used by the taxpayer in performing the functions for which the software was developed (that is, not for resale). This would include off-the-shelf software acquired for use by a taxpayer. Expenditure on in-house computer software will continue to be depreciated on a straight line basis.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Employee share schemes — election requirements

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	31.0	36.0	10.0

The Government will improve the integrity of employee share schemes to ensure that income from these schemes is correctly reported by taxpayers. The measure will take effect with respect to shares and rights acquired from 1 July 2008. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue estimated to be \$77.0 million over the forward estimates period.

Currently an employee can elect to be assessed on discounts provided on shares or rights in the year of income the shares or rights are acquired. If an election is not made, taxation of the discount (which includes gains on shares or rights) is deferred until a later time (such as when restrictions on the shares or rights are lifted).

The measure will ensure that the value of the discount (where it exceeds \$1,000) is included in assessable income if a taxpayer elects to be assessed upfront. Where the amount is not included in the employee's tax return, then the employee will be taxed under the deferral option. The Commissioner retains the power to allow a taxpayer an extension of time to make the election.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Employee share schemes — removal of double taxation

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will remove double taxation that arises in relation to certain employee share schemes (ESS) that use employee share trusts. The changes will apply in relation to capital gains tax (CGT) events occurring from 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008. This measure has no estimated revenue impact.

Currently there is no CGT relief for the trustee (or beneficiary) of an employee share trust on the transfer of shares to an employee because shares acquired by an employee as a result of exercising ESS rights are not ESS shares. Double taxation arises because the capital gains made by the trustee while the shares are held in the trust are also assessable to the employee either under ESS provisions or later as a capital gain. This measure will ensure that CGT relief is provided.

Entrepreneurs' tax offset — restrict eligibility through an income test

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	30.0	30.0	30.0

The Government will introduce an income test for the entrepreneurs' tax offset (ETO), with effect from 1 July 2008. The measure reduces the existing concession and tax expenditure through better targeting. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$90.0 million over the forward estimates period.

The ETO provides a 25 per cent tax offset for small businesses with annual turnover of less than \$75,000, which begins to phase out for turnover greater than \$50,000.

The income test will focus the benefit of the ETO towards genuine small businesses, by restricting eligibility for singles from \$75,000 and families from \$120,000 adjusted taxable income per year.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Excise and customs duty — increased rates on ‘other excisable beverages’

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	95.9	628.1	704.0	787.3	880.6
Australian Customs Service	2.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Total	97.9	640.1	716.0	799.3	892.6
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
Department of the Treasury	8.7	57.1	64.0	71.6	80.1

The Government has increased the excise and excise-equivalent customs duty on ‘other excisable beverages not exceeding 10 per cent alcohol by volume’ to the same rate as for full strength spirits, on and from 27 April 2008. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$3.1 billion from 27 April 2008 and over the forward estimates period. This will help fund increased investment in preventative health. The measure is expected to increase GST payments to the States by \$281.5 million over this period.

These ‘other excisable beverages’, which include ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages, are now subject to excise duty and an equivalent customs duty at \$66.67 per litre of alcohol content. This will be increased in line with movements in the consumer price index. The *ad valorem* customs duty for these goods, in those instances where it applies, has not been changed.

Fringe benefits tax — exemption for eligible work-related items

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	50.0	140.0	205.0	255.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
Department of the Treasury	-	5.0	20.0	45.0	50.0

The Government will tighten the current fringe benefit tax (FBT) exemption for certain work-related items (including laptop computers, personal digital assistants and tools of trade) by ensuring the exemption only applies where these items are used primarily for work purposes. The FBT exemption will generally be limited to one item of each type per employee per year. The measure will apply to items purchased after 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008. The measure reduces the FBT concession and tax expenditure for work-related items. This measure will have an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$650.0 million over the forward estimates period. This measure is also expected to increase GST payments to the States by \$120.0 million over this period.

The measure will ensure consistency with the rules applying to mobile phones, computer software, and protective clothing. The current list of FBT exempt work-related items will also be updated to reflect changes in technology.

The Government will also deny employees depreciation deductions for FBT exempt items (that is, items purchased primarily for work purposes) purchased from 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008. For items purchased before that time, employees will be denied depreciation deductions for the 2008-09 and later income years. This measure will ensure that employees are no longer able to gain a double benefit by obtaining an FBT exempt item (such as a laptop computer) from their pre-tax income, and then claim a deduction for depreciation.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Fringe benefits tax — jointly held assets

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	4.0	15.0	15.0	15.0

The Government will amend the fringe benefits tax (FBT) law to ensure that the full value of a benefit that has been provided to both an employee and an associate in relation to a jointly held asset will be subject to FBT. This tax integrity measure will have effect for new arrangements from 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008. This measure will have an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$49.0 million over the forward estimates period.

The measure will re-establish the principle that income and deductions arising from jointly held assets should be allocated between joint owners according to their legal interests.

Employees who have already entered into salary sacrifice agreements with their employer will be able to utilise existing arrangements until 31 March 2009 (that is, the end of the current FBT year). This will provide time for employers and employees to renegotiate salary packages to avoid incurring a FBT liability.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Fringe benefits tax — meal cards

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	110.0	165.0	205.0	250.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	15.0	30.0	35.0	40.0

The Government will tighten the fringe benefits tax (FBT) exemption that applies to the private use of business property on an employer's premises by excluding meals under a salary sacrifice arrangement, with effect from 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008. The measure reduces the FBT concession and tax expenditure associated with property provided on the employer's business premises. This measure will have an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$730.0 million over the forward estimates period. This measure is also expected to increase GST payments to the States by \$120.0 million over this period.

The existing FBT exemption allows employees with a meal card arrangement to purchase meals out of their pre-tax income. The change will ensure equity with other employees who have to purchase meals out of their after-tax income. Existing balances on meal cards as at 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008 will remain eligible for the FBT exemption, provided they are used by 31 March 2009. Any supplementation of existing balances after 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008 will be subject to FBT.

The measure will not affect subsidised canteens that are provided to all staff and that are not part of a salary sacrifice arrangement.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

GST — relief for charities

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	*	*	*	*	*

The Government will not proceed with the package of GST changes for charities and other not-for-profit organisations announced by the previous government. This measure has an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact.

The package would not have been effective in improving integrity, certainty or in reducing regulatory compliance costs for the sector as a whole.

GST and international telecommunications — mobile telephone global roaming

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will amend the measure, previously announced in the 2007-08 Budget, that ensures certain telecommunications services would remain GST free, with effect from 1 July 2000, to apply only to mobile telephone global roaming services. This measure has no revenue impact as it is consistent with existing practice.

The measure will ensure that Australia's GST treatment of these global roaming supplies remains consistent with Australia's obligations under the International Telecommunications Regulations (the Melbourne Agreement). Consistent with these obligations, supplies of mobile global roaming services provided to visitors to Australia remain not subject to GST, with effect from 1 July 2000.

This measure is subject to the unanimous agreement of the States.

GST and the sale of real property — integrity measure

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	90.0	150.0	175.0	205.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	90.0	150.0	175.0	205.0

The Government will ensure that the interactions between a number of provisions in the GST law do not allow real property transactions to be structured to reduce the GST liability. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$620.0 million over the forward estimates period. This measure is also expected to increase GST payments to the States by \$620.0 million over this period. The measure will have effect from the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

The GST provisions dealing with real property are intended to ensure that GST is payable on the value added to land once it enters the GST system. The margin scheme achieves this outcome by applying GST to the 'margin', that is, the difference between the purchase price paid by the seller and the price paid by the buyer. This measure provides that, where the margin scheme is used after a GST free or non-taxable supply, the value added by the registered entity which made that supply is included in determining the GST subsequently payable under the margin scheme. The measure will also strengthen the GST anti-avoidance provisions to ensure that they can apply to contrived arrangements entered into to avoid GST.

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This measure will include amendments to address a previously announced but deferred tax integrity measure. See the related revenue measure titled *GST and the sale of real property – not to proceed with previously announced deferred integrity measure* in the Treasury portfolio.

This measure is subject to the unanimous agreement of the States.

GST and the sale of real property — not to proceed with previously announced deferred integrity measure

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	*	*	*	*	*

The Government will not proceed with a tax integrity measure previously announced in the 2005-06 Budget and then deferred in the 2006-07 Budget. This measure has an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact.

This was an integrity measure designed to prevent the interaction of the margin scheme with the GST free going concern and the GST free farmland provisions from inappropriately reducing GST revenue.

Instead, the Government has decided to introduce a better targeted integrity measure – see *GST and the sale of real property – integrity measure* in the Treasury portfolio.

Increasing the Luxury Car Tax

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	130.0	140.0	140.0	145.0

The Government will increase the luxury car tax rate from 25 per cent to 33 per cent, with effect from 1 July 2008. There will be no change to the luxury car tax threshold (currently \$57,123) from which the luxury car tax applies. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$555 million over the forward estimates period.

Indirect tax — refund restrictions and four year amendment period

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will amend the law to ensure that the GST refund provisions apply even if the transaction for which the tax was paid is found not to be a supply. This will have effect from 1 July 2008. The Government will also restore the intended four year time limit on refunds and liabilities for indirect taxes, with effect from 1 July 2008. This measure has an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact.

The GST refund provisions are intended to ensure that businesses cannot obtain a refund of overpaid GST unless they have reimbursed affected consumers. Similarly overpaid GST is not generally refundable in business to business transactions where the purchasing business is entitled to input tax credits for the overpaid GST.

This measure is subject to the unanimous agreement of the States.

International tax — Australia-Japan double tax convention

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-40.0	-100.0	-100.0	-105.0

The Government signed a tax treaty to update taxation arrangements with Japan on 31 January 2008. The convention will enter into force 30 days after both countries advise that they have completed their domestic requirements. This has an ongoing cost to revenue which is estimated to be \$345.0 million over the forward estimates period.

The arrangements will reduce withholding tax on certain dividend, interest and royalty payments. The convention will also align capital gains tax treatment more closely with OECD practice and provide for improved integrity measures.

Further information can be found in the press release of 1 February 2008 issued by the Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs.

International tax — Australia-South Africa tax protocol

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-

The Government signed a protocol to revise the tax treaty with the Republic of South Africa on 31 March 2008. The convention will enter into force 30 days after both countries advise that they have completed their domestic requirements. This has a negligible ongoing revenue impact.

The protocol introduces new rules to prevent tax discrimination and protects Australian nationals and businesses operating in South Africa and vice versa. The protocol updates the exchange of information rules and also amends the withholding tax rates that are imposed on cross-border flows of dividends, interest and royalties.

Further information can be found in the press release of 1 April 2008 issued by the Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs.

Managed funds — changes to the eligible investment rules

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will modify the eligible investment business rules to reduce compliance costs and uncertainty for managed funds, especially property trusts. This measure has an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact. The measure will have effect from the date of Royal Assent of the amending legislation.

Under the eligible investment rules, managed funds that limit their activities to certain investments, such as investing in land primarily for rent, retain trust taxation treatment rather than being taxed like companies.

The measure will clarify the scope and meaning of investment in land for the purpose of deriving rent, introduce a 25 per cent allowance for non-rental income from investments in land (excluding capital gains), and expand the range of financial instruments that a managed fund may invest in or trade.

Means-testing of government support — expanded definitions of income to include certain ‘salary sacrificed’ contributions to superannuation

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	23.0	24.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	3.2	-31.7	-26.8	-38.2
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	2.8	-89.7	-80.1	-80.2
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.7	-39.9	-34.8	-34.8
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	4.6	5.9	7.7
Total	-	6.7	-156.8	-135.8	-145.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	1.3	-	-	-

The Government will expand the definition of income that is used to determine eligibility for government support programs, to include certain ‘salary sacrificed’ contributions to superannuation, with effect from 1 July 2009. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$47.0 million over the forward estimates period. The measure is also expected to decrease Government expenditure by \$430.2 million over this period.

The measure resolves an inconsistency in the treatment of ‘non-wage’ remuneration in the income tax and transfer system that allows individuals and families to access more government support payments than would be possible if their salary sacrificed contributions were paid as salary or wage income. It ensures employees who have access to salary sacrifice arrangements are treated equally as those who do not.

The measure affects government support programs such as income support payments for people below Age Pension age, family assistance, child support, superannuation co-contributions and financial and retirement savings assistance delivered through the tax system.

This is one of several measures designed to make income tests for various tax and transfer programs fairer and better targeted to those in need of government assistance.

Means-testing of government support — expanded definitions of income to include net losses from investments

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	18.0	20.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>	-	3.8	-2.8	-4.7	-4.7
<i>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	-	1.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	1.1	..	-1.5	-2.6
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	-	-	5.0	8.0	10.0
<i>Total</i>	-	11.3	3.7	2.9	3.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	0.6	-	-	-
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	0.1	-	-	-
<i>Total</i>	-	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will expand the definitions of income used to determine eligibility for particular government support programs to include net financial investment losses, and net rental property losses where appropriate, with effect from 1 July 2009. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$38.0 million over the forward estimates period. The measure is also expected to increase Government expenditure by \$10.8 million over this period.

Currently, net rental property losses are included in adjusted taxable income definitions used for the purposes of family assistance programs, some parental income tests, the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, child support and loan repayment obligations under the Higher Education Loan Program.

Net financial investment losses are not included in the definition of income for any program, although some financial investment losses would be captured by income definitions that include a concept of net passive business losses.

This measure will expand the adjusted taxable income definitions to include net financial investment losses. The measure will also expand the definition of income used for particular tax programs to include net rental property losses and net financial investment losses. Affected tax programs include the Senior Australians Tax Offset, Medicare levy surcharge and dependency tax offsets.

This is one of several measures designed to make income tests for various tax and transfer programs fairer and better targeted to those in need of government assistance.

Means-testing of government support — expanded definitions of income to include reportable fringe benefits

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	9.5	9.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1

The Government will expand the definitions of income used to determine eligibility for certain tax offsets to include reportable fringe benefits, with effect from 1 July 2009. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$18.5 million over the forward estimates period.

Currently, the senior Australians tax offset and pensioner tax offset use taxable income in their income definition. Eligibility for the dependency tax offsets is determined on the basis of the dependant’s income.

This measure will expand the income definitions used for the dependency tax offsets, senior Australians tax offset and pensioner tax offset to include reportable fringe benefits.

The Government will provide the Australian Taxation Office with additional funding of \$1.1 million over the forward estimates period to implement this measure.

This is one of several measures designed to make income tests for various tax and transfer programs fairer and better targeted to those in need of government assistance.

PAYG annual instalments — deferring the 2007-08 Budget measure

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	135.0	-115.0	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	35.0	-30.0	-	-

The Government has deferred until 1 July 2009 the measure to align the pay as you go (PAYG) instalments and GST payment and reporting requirements for taxpayers who are voluntarily registered for GST. This measure has a gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$20.0 million over the forward estimates period.

The measure is expected to increase GST payments to the States by \$5.0 million over the forward estimates period.

Personal income tax — exemption for rent assistance paid to Austudy recipients

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide a tax exemption for rent assistance paid to Austudy recipients, with effect from 1 July 2007. This measure has no revenue impact.

Rent assistance has been payable to Austudy recipients from 1 January 2008. This measure will ensure that Austudy recipients will not be required to pay tax on rent assistance amounts. Providing an income tax exemption for rent assistance paid to Austudy recipients is consistent with the tax treatment of rent assistance paid to Youth Allowance, Newstart Allowance and ABSTUDY recipients.

As no specific provision has been made in the forward estimates for anticipated tax revenue from rent assistance paid to Austudy recipients, exempting the payment from income tax has no cost to revenue.

Personal income tax — increasing the Medicare levy low-income thresholds

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-65.0	-35.0	-35.0	-35.0

The Government will increase the Medicare levy low-income thresholds to \$17,309 for individuals and \$29,207 for individuals who are in families, with effect from 1 July 2007. This measure has an ongoing cost to revenue which is estimated to be \$170.0 million over the forward estimates period.

The additional amount of threshold for each dependent child or student will also increase to \$2,682. The increase in these thresholds takes into account movements in the Consumer Price Index and ensures that low-income families and individuals are not liable to pay the Medicare levy.

The Government will also increase the Medicare levy threshold for pensioners below Age Pension age to \$22,922, with effect from 1 July 2007. This increase will ensure that pensioners below Age Pension age do not pay the Medicare levy when they do not have an income tax liability.

Personal income tax — increasing the Medicare levy surcharge thresholds

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-195.0	-235.0	-230.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	-	-232.0	-236.5	-245.6	-245.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	-	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will increase the Medicare levy surcharge (MLS) thresholds for singles from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and for those who are members of a family from \$100,000 to \$150,000, with effect from 1 July 2008. This measure has an ongoing cost to revenue which is estimated to be \$660.0 million over the forward estimates period. In addition, there will be a reduction in Government expenditure on the private health insurance rebate of \$959.7 million over this period.

This measure includes \$0.6 million in capital funding over the four years from 2008-09 to upgrade IT facilities that manage the change in thresholds.

The thresholds, above which MLS is payable if a taxpayer does not have adequate private health insurance, have not been changed since the MLS was introduced on 1 July 1997. This measure will refocus the MLS on those with higher incomes.

The financial impact of premium growth on the forward estimates for the private health insurance rebate is currently allocated to the Contingency Reserve. The savings from this measure relating to projected premium growth have also been allocated to the Contingency Reserve.

Personal income tax — tax exemption for Queensland early completion bonuses for apprentices

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an income tax exemption of up to \$1,000 to apprentices who receive early completion bonuses in skill shortage occupations from the Queensland Government. The measure will have effect from 1 July 2008. This measure has an ongoing cost to revenue for which a provision of \$3.8 million has already been included in the forward estimates.

Early completion bonuses seek to alleviate skill shortages in industries that are experiencing strong demand growth by providing an incentive for apprentices to complete their apprenticeships early.

Personal income tax — tightening eligibility for the dependency tax offsets

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	5.0	27.0	45.0	48.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.4	0.1	..	..
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will introduce an income threshold of \$150,000 for the claimant to determine eligibility for the Dependent Spouse, Housekeeper, Child Housekeeper, Invalid Relative and Parent/Parent-in-law tax offsets, with effect from 1 July 2008. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$125.0 million over the forward estimates period.

This measure will better target the benefit provided by these offsets.

From 1 July 2009, the Government will align the definition of income for these offsets with that applying to family assistance payments. In addition, the income threshold of \$150,000 will be indexed from 1 July 2009.

This measure is designed to align the eligibility criteria more closely with those applying to family assistance.

The Government will provide the Australian Taxation Office with additional funding of \$0.9 million over the forward estimates period to implement this measure.

This is one of several measures designed to make income tests for various tax and transfer programs fairer and better targeted to those in need of government assistance.

Philanthropy — additional prescribed private funds

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-17.0	-5.2	-5.5	-5.7

The Government has approved 17 funds for prescription as prescribed private funds (PPFs). This has an ongoing estimated cost to revenue of \$36.8 million over the forward estimates period. Five PPFs were approved prior to the *2007 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook*, for which a provision of \$3.4 million has already been included in the forward estimates.

PPFs allow businesses, families, and individuals to establish and donate to a charitable trust of their own, for the purposes of disbursing funds to a range of other deductible gift recipients.

Philanthropy — improving the integrity of prescribed private funds

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will legislate guidelines to improve the integrity of prescribed private funds (PPFs), with effect from 1 July 2009. This integrity measure has no impact on revenue as the measure will initially have greatest impact on new PPFs which are not currently included in the forward estimates until prescription (see, for instance, the measure *Philanthropy – additional prescribed private funds*). The estimated potential savings are expected to be \$20 million in 2010-11 and \$40 million in 2011-12.

PPFs allow businesses, families, and individuals to establish and donate to a charitable trust of their own, for the purposes of disbursing funds to a range of other deductible gift recipients.

This measure will provide the trustees of PPFs with greater certainty as to their philanthropic obligations by amending and legislating the PPF guidelines, including to ensure regular valuation of assets at market rates, to increase the size of compulsory distributions and to give the Australian Taxation Office greater regulatory powers.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Philanthropy — updating the list of deductible gift recipients

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	..	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2

Qualifying gifts of \$2 or more to six organisations admitted to the Register of Harm Prevention Charities have been made tax deductible at a cost of \$0.6 million over the forward estimates period.

Prior to the *2007 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO)*, qualifying gifts of \$2 or more to the following organisations were made tax deductible. Approving these organisations reduces revenue by \$3.3 million over the forward estimates period, a provision for which was included at PEFO.

- Finding Sydney Foundation, until 30 June 2009;
- Ian Thorpe's Fountain for Youth Limited;
- AE 2 Commemorative Foundation Ltd, until 28 February 2010; and
- Dunn & Lewis Youth Development Foundation Limited, until 31 December 2008.

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In addition, there were also:

- two admissions to the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme;
- seven admissions to the Register of Environmental Organisations;
- 22 admissions to and eight removals from the Register of Cultural Organisations; and
- one admission to the Register of Harm Prevention Charities.

The list of overseas aid relief funds can be found on the AusAID website at www.ausaid.gov.au. The Register of Environmental Organisations can be found on the environment section of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts website at www.environment.gov.au. The Register of Cultural Organisations can be found on the arts section of the Department the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts website at www.arts.gov.au. The Register of Harm Prevention Charities can be found on the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs website at www.fahcsia.gov.au.

Superannuation — access to tax free lump sums for persons with a terminal medical condition

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-5.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will back-date the commencement of the previously announced measure to make superannuation lump sum benefits tax free for people with a terminal medical condition to 1 July 2007. Back-dating this measure has an estimated cost to revenue of \$5.0 million in 2007-08.

Provision for the cost of allowing access to tax free lump sums for persons with a terminal medical condition is already included in the forward estimates on the basis of the original commencement date of 12 September 2007.

Further information can be found in the press release of 13 February 2008 issued by the Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law.

Superannuation — payment of temporary residents' superannuation to the Australian Government

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-15.0	5.0	5.0	-

The Government will defer the start date for the payment of temporary residents' superannuation to the Australian Government to the date of Royal Assent (expected before the end of 2008). The deferral has an estimated cost of revenue of \$5 million over the forward estimates period.

The payment of temporary residents' superannuation to the Australian Government was announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08* with a start date of 1 July 2008. The deferral will allow consultation on administrative and legislative design features of this policy.

Tax exemption for Carer Adjustment Payment

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an income tax exemption for the Carer Adjustment Payment (CAP), with effect from 1 July 2007. The CAP provides financial assistance to families who have a child, aged up to six years, who has suffered a catastrophic event at some point after 1 January 2007. This measure has no revenue impact.

This measure ensures that CAP recipients are not required to pay income tax on these amounts. Providing an income tax exemption for the CAP is consistent with the tax treatment of other one-off payments made to carers in previous income years.

Taxation of Financial Arrangements — extension of transitional arrangements for Upper Tier 2 instruments

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will extend the debt/equity transitional arrangements to 1 July 2008 to ensure that the income tax law preceding the debt/equity tax rules continues to apply to Upper Tier 2 instruments. This measure has an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact.

Taxation of Financial Arrangements Stages 3 and 4

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will amend and reintroduce the Taxation of Financial Arrangements Stages 3 and 4 measures, with effect from 1 July 2009. The measures lapsed when Parliament was prorogued in October 2007. The amendments have an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact.

The amendments will also address further interactions with other parts of the tax law, remove an elective start date of 1 July 2008 and deal with various technical issues.

Tourist refund scheme — not to proceed with private provider proposal

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	62.0	56.0	58.0	61.0	63.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	<i>61.0</i>	<i>55.0</i>	<i>57.0</i>	<i>60.0</i>	<i>62.0</i>

The Government has decided that it will not proceed with the proposal to allow private providers to offer refunds in relation to the Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS), as announced in the 2007-08 Budget. This measure has an ongoing gain to revenue which is estimated to be \$300.0 million in 2007-08 and over the forward estimates period. The measure is expected to increase GST payments to the States by \$295.0 million over this period.

The Government supports the following previously announced changes which will have effect from the date of registration of the amending legislation:

- extending the period during which travellers can purchase goods and be eligible to claim a refund of GST and wine equalisation tax through the TRS from 30 days to 60 days;
- allowing travellers using the TRS to aggregate multiple invoices from single retailers in order to meet the \$300 threshold for TRS claims; and
- extending the period during which travellers can make tax free purchases through the sealed bag system from 30 days to 60 days.

These measures are subject to the unanimous agreement of the States.

Part 2: Expense Measures

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO^(a)

Page		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY					
	<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>					
232	Australian Equestrian Olympic Team – support following equine influenza	-	-	-	-	-
163	Caring for our Country	-	-2.5	-2.5	-0.5	2.0
	Drought assistance					
80	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers – additional declarations	-	-	-	-	-
80	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small business – additional declarations	-	-	-	-	-
81	– transitional income support	-	-	-	-	-
	Equine influenza					
81	– eradication	97.2	-	-	-	-
82	– extension of assistance	26.1	-	-	-	-
77	Fisheries Research Program – expansion	-	1.9	2.2	0.3	-
82	International Agriculture Cooperation – Live Animal Trade Program – continuation	-	-	1.0	1.1	1.1
77	National Weeds and Productivity Research Program	-	3.2	4.2	4.0	4.0
78	Preparing Australia's Forestry Industry for the Future	-	5.9	6.9	7.2	-
78	Promoting Australian Produce Program	-	2.0	2.0	1.0	-
78	Quarantine Research and Preparedness Plan	0.5	1.8	1.9	1.2	-
79	Recreational Fishing Industry Development Strategy – development and implementation	-	0.5	0.5	1.0	-
79	Regional Food Producers' Innovation and Productivity Program	-	6.0	8.2	8.0	12.8
	Responsible Economic Management					
340	– Advancing Australia – Advancing Agricultural Industries	-0.4	-6.4	-8.6	-8.8	-8.8
340	– Advancing Australia – FarmBis	-4.1	-8.0	-7.9	-8.0	-9.0
341	– Advancing Australia – FarmHelp	-22.2	-19.4	-19.5	-17.9	-18.3
363	– Asia-Pacific forestry skills and capacity building	-2.9	-4.3	-4.3	-4.3	-
342	– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.2	-0.4	-	-	-
346	– Defeating the Weed Menace	-0.3	-	-	-	-
385	– Drought Package 2007 – assistance to rural research and development corporations and companies	-2.0	-8.0	-	-	-
386	– Drought Package 2007 – communications	-	-5.5	-	-	-

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	AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (continued)					
	Responsible Economic Management					
386	– Drought Package 2007 – re-establishment assistance	-26.0	-72.8	-	-	-
391	– Flemington Racecourse – funding for alternative water strategy	-5.0	-	-	-	-
355	– National Food Industry Strategy – Food Innovation Grants	-11.6	-12.4	-12.6	-12.9	-13.2
356	– New Industries Development Program	-0.2	-2.4	-2.7	-1.3	-
357	– Onshore Assistance of Fisheries Adjustment Package	-5.5	-	-	-	-
409	– Pandemic influenza preparedness – rapid deployment teams	-	-2.8	-2.9	-	-
83	Securing the Future: protecting our industries from biological, chemical and physical risks – continuation	-	4.9	-	-	-
	Tackling Climate Change					
108	– Australia’s Farming Future – Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships Program	-	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
109	– Australia’s Farming Future – Climate Change Adjustment Program	-	15.0	15.0	15.0	10.0
109	– Climate Change and Productivity Research Program	-	6.0	5.0	4.0	-
112	– Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	0.8	0.8	-	-	-
79	Torres Strait Commercial Line Fishery buyback scheme – establishment	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	44.1	-82.1	0.8	4.1	-4.4
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL’S					
	<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i>					
339	Responsible Economic Management – Access Card(b)(c)	-	-0.4	-0.5	-1.4	..
	<i>Attorney-General’s Department</i>					
84	Albert Hall, Canberra – restoration assistance grant	-	-	0.5	-	-
85	Clarke Inquiry into the case of Dr Mohamed Haneef	-	2.2	-	-	-
	Closing the Gap					
309	– Northern Territory – Aboriginal Interpreter Service	-	0.8	-	-	-
317	– Northern Territory – legal assistance for Indigenous Australians	-	2.0	-	-	-
318	– Northern Territory – night patrol operational equipment	3.9	-	-	-	-
318	– Northern Territory – night patrol services	-	17.7	-	-	-
281	COAG – Inter-jurisdictional exchange of criminal history information on people working with children – scoping study	-0.2	-	-	-	-

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	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)					
91	Equine Influenza Commission of Inquiry – additional funding	2.5	0.1	-	-	-
85	Human rights and civil responsibilities – national consultation	-	-	-	-	-
92	Legal aid funding for national security trials	9.0	-	2.0	-	-
85	Lismore Flood Management Plan – Infrastructure upgrade	-	-	-	-	-
436	Ministerial Residences and Diplomatic Missions – Protective Security(b)	0.1	..	..	..	..
	<i>National Security</i>					
436	– Attorney-General's Department secure communications(b)	-	-	-	-	-
93	– critical infrastructure protection	-	-	-	-	-
94	– Critical Infrastructure Protection Modelling and Analysis program	-	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
94	Natural Disaster Mitigation Program – continuation	-	19.2	-	-	-
277	Office of National Security – establishment	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
196	Overseas development assistance – Pacific Police Development Program	-	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.4
95	Queensland Flood Relief Appeal – government assistance	0.5	-	-	-	-
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	<i>Responsible Economic Management</i>					
342	– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.1	-0.2	-	-	-
375	– Chemical, biological and radiological incident response – provision of deployable mortuaries	-	-0.8	-0.8	-	-
390	– Family Relationship Centres – advertising	-2.2	-6.7	-3.2	-3.2	-3.2
405	– National Community Crime Prevention Program	-	-12.4	-12.6	-12.8	-13.0
88	Safer Suburbs program	1.5	6.0	7.5	-	-
88	Schools Security Program	1.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	5.0
89	Wallsend Flood Early Warning System	0.1	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity</i>					
90	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity – increased operational resourcing	-	0.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
	<i>Australian Crime Commission</i>					
313	Closing the Gap – Northern Territory – extension of the National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Task Force	-	4.2	-	-	-
384	Responsible Economic Management – Document Verification Service – Lost and Stolen Document Register	-0.5	-	-	-	-

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	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)					
	<i>Australian Customs Service</i>					
84	Anti-whaling – Oceanic Viking deployment	1.3	-	-	-	-
90	Australian Customs Service – replacement of vessels project team	-	-	-	-	-
91	Border protection – surveillance in Australia's northern waters	-	1.1	-	-	-
125	Illegal Foreign Fishing – intelligence support	-	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
94	Patrol Vessel in Australian Northern Waters – extension	-	-	-	-	-
86	Port security – increased inspection capacity	-	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.4
	<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
90	Australian Federal Police – Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands	5.6	-	-	-	-
84	Australian Federal Police retention and recruitment program	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
97	Cyber-safety Plan	-	8.7	12.7	13.2	13.0
	<i>National Security</i>					
92	– Air Security Officer program	-	-	-	-	-
93	– counter-terrorism rapid deployment capability	-	-	-	-	-
277	Office of National Security – establishment	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	<i>Overseas development assistance</i>					
191	– assistance to Iraqi Police Service	-	5.8	4.0	4.0	-
191	– Australian Federal Police contribution to Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	-
189	– enhanced Australian Federal Police deployment to Afghanistan	-	14.4	23.6	-	-
196	– Pacific Police Development Program	-	13.3	19.0	21.1	21.5
197	– Timor-Leste Police Development Program	-	16.5	34.6	-	-
	<i>Responsible Economic Management</i>					
368	– Australian Federal Police – termination of residential and accommodation leases in Papua New Guinea	-0.7	-	-	-	-
367	– Australian Federal Police airport liaison officer network	-	-1.5	-	-	-
367	– Australian Federal Police surge capacity	-	-2.5	-	-	-
399	– International Deployment Group workforce re-phasing	-	-10.0	-	-	-
407	– National Security – regional rapid deployment teams	-	-2.2	-	-	-
415	– Protecting Australian Families Online	-	-9.4	-13.6	-13.7	-13.7
89	Sworn Australian Federal Police officers – increase	-	5.3	10.3	16.9	53.4
	<i>Australian Institute of Criminology</i>					
91	Drug Use Monitoring in Australia	-	-	-	-	-
171	National plan to reduce violence against women and children	0.5	-	-	-	-

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	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)					
	<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
277	Office of National Security – establishment	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	<i>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</i>					
196	Overseas development assistance – strengthening regional financial intelligence units	-	-	-	-2.7	-2.7
	<i>Family Court of Australia</i>					
92	Federal Magistrates Court of Australia – providing an additional magistrate for increased family law workloads	-	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
	<i>Federal Magistrates Court of Australia</i>					
92	Federal Magistrates Court of Australia – providing an additional magistrate for increased family law workloads	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	<i>Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission</i>					
427	Responsible Economic Management – Work Choices – Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission	-0.5	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-
	<i>National Capital Authority</i>					
	Responsible Economic Management					
396	– Griffin Legacy Infrastructure – redevelopment of Constitution Avenue	-	-3.0	-3.2	-3.3	-3.3
355	– National Capital Authority – streamlining responsibilities	-1.6	-3.7	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5
	<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>					
97	Cyber-safety Plan	-	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9
415	Responsible Economic Management – Protecting Australian Families Online	-	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	-2.9
	Portfolio total	25.0	79.5	95.3	33.3	67.1
	BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY					
	<i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i>					
96	ABC NewsRadio Rollout	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
101	Digital radio – introduction extended	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
	<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
97	Cyber-safety Plan	-	5.5	3.0	2.8	2.8
102	Digital Television Switchover – additional funding	-	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.5
93	National Security – critical infrastructure protection	-	-	-	-	-
	Responsible Economic Management					
347	– Digital Action Plan	-1.3	-1.2	-1.3	-	-
415	– Protecting Australian Families Online	-	-5.1	-3.1	-3.2	-3.2

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BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY (continued)						
<i>Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</i>						
96	Australian Broadband Guarantee – extension	-	89.7	76.0	59.9	44.9
97	Australian Music Radio Airplay Project	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
100	Clever Networks – additional funding for connecting rural independent Victorian schools	1.7	3.5	-	-	-
100	Community Broadcasting National Training Program – continuation	-	-	-	-	-
97	Cyber-safety Plan	-	7.3	32.5	6.6	4.9
101	Digital radio – introduction extended	-	-5.8	4.8	-	-
102	Digital Television Switchover – additional funding	-	11.5	6.2	5.8	5.9
National Broadband Network						
98	– establishment and implementation	2.1	5.2	0.4	0.5	0.5
99	– roll-out	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
93	National Security – critical infrastructure protection	-	-	-	-	-
Responsible Economic Management						
364	– Australia Connected – cancellation of the OPEL contract	-99.1	-634.2	-226.0	-	-
342	– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.2	-0.3	-	-	-
373	– BroadbandNow	-2.4	-	-	-	-
347	– Digital Action Plan	-2.1	-4.6	-4.9	-	-
415	– Protecting Australian Families Online	-46.7	-32.7	-6.0	-	-
99	Television Blackspots	-	0.9	-	-	-
<i>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</i>						
101	Digital radio – introduction extended	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total		-147.9	-557.7	-115.9	74.8	57.9
CLIMATE CHANGE						
<i>Department of Climate Change</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
109	– Climate change adaptation strategies for the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire and the City of Mandurah (Peel-Kwinana Growth Corridor), Western Australia – contribution	-	0.2	-	-	-
111	– Department of Climate Change – establishment	-	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5
112	– Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	6.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4
119	– Garnaut Climate Change Review – contribution	1.6	0.7	-	-	-
Portfolio total		7.9	15.6	14.6	14.8	14.9

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		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	CROSS PORTFOLIO					
	<i>Various Agencies</i>					
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform	-	-	-1.0	-1.1	-1.6
	Responsible Economic Management					
365	– Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	-	-1.1	-	-	-
348	– Efficiency Dividend	-96.1	-411.9	-414.4	-416.4	-420.3
	Portfolio total	-96.1	-413.0	-415.4	-417.5	-421.9
	DEFENCE					
	<i>Department of Defence</i>					
123	Afghanistan – continued funding for Australian Defence Force deployments	-	-	50.2	2.9	-
120	Asia-Pacific Centre for Civil-Military Cooperation	-	-	-	-	-
	Australian Defence Force					
120	– general medical and dental care	-	-	-	-	-
123	– improvements to Sea King helicopter safety	-	-	-	-	-
121	Australian Military Mobility Centre – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
124	Australia-United States Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty – implementation	-	-	-	-	-
121	Defence Funding – continuation of three per cent real growth	-	-	-	-	-
124	Establishment of 2008-09 Defence operations reserve to fund overseas operations	-	-304.6	-	-	-
125	HMAS Adelaide – gifting	-	-	-	-	-
125	Illegal Foreign Fishing – intelligence support	-	-	-	-	-
126	Iraq – continued funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities	-	-	23.6	-	-
122	Kings Highway – upgrade	-	-	-	-	-
294	Mental Health – support to the Australian Defence Force members and veterans	-	-	-	-	-
	National Security					
93	– critical infrastructure protection	-	-	-	-	-
94	– Critical Infrastructure Protection Modelling and Analysis program	-	-	-	-	-
126	– enhanced counter-terrorism support	-	-	-	-	-
127	– improved Defence intelligence capability	-	-	-	-	-
127	– National Threat Assessment Centre	-	-	-	-	-
277	Office of National Security – establishment	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
127	Operations CATALYST and SLIPPER – enhanced force protection electronic counter measures	-	-	-	-	-

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	DEFENCE (continued)					
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform	-	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.2
	Responsible Economic Management					
366	– Australian Defence Force – fewer non-operational overseas postings and exchanges	-	-	-	-	-
373	– Capability Technology Demonstrator Program	-	-	-4.3	-13.0	-13.0
415	– Provisioning for future requirements	-	-191.2	25.0	95.6	95.6
128	Solomon Islands – continued presence by the Australian Defence Force	-	-	-	-	-
122	Special Air Services Resources Trust – contribution	10.0	-	-	-	-
128	Timor-Leste – continued funding to help restore peace and stability	-	-	18.7	-	-
122	Widows' Pension – backdating	0.6	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	10.3	-493.5	115.4	87.8	85.1
	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
	<i>Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat</i>					
338	Responsible Economic Management – A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-2.3	-1.3	-1.3	-2.5	-2.5
	<i>Australian Industrial Registry</i>					
152	A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-	3.2	2.9	3.6	3.6
	<i>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
153	Australian Office for Youth	-	-	-	-	-
153	Australian Youth Forum	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
176	Carers – improved support	-	-	-120.0	-145.3	-152.0
155	Centre for Social Impact – endowment to establish the centre	-	-	-	-	-
177	Centrelink call centre supplementation – continuation	-	20.3	-	-	-
	<i>Closing the Gap</i>					
304	– contribution to Indigenous boarding colleges	-	18.8	5.1	2.5	2.5
304	– expansion of intensive literacy and numeracy programs and individual learning plans	-	8.1	16.1	16.1	16.1
305	– getting remote Aboriginal children to enrol in school	3.8	11.6	20.0	29.0	34.4
312	– Northern Territory – crèches	-	2.3	-	-	-
313	– Northern Territory – enhancing education	-	19.1	-	-	-
315	– Northern Territory – further welfare and employment reform	-38.6	66.4	-	-	-
320	– Northern Territory – school nutrition	-	7.4	-	-	-

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	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
	Drought assistance					
80	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers – additional declarations	-	-	-	-	-
80	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small business – additional declarations	-	-	-	-	-
	Education Revolution					
143	– Early Childhood – additional child care places	-	44.9	26.1	12.7	13.1
143	– Early Childhood – Australian Early Development Index – national rollout	3.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
144	– Early Childhood – Child Care Tax Rebate – increase from 30 per cent to 50 per cent	-	340.3	376.0	410.2	444.5
144	– Early Childhood – Early Childhood Education Workforce Strategy – 50 per cent HECS-HELP remission for early childhood education teachers with a HECS-HELP debt working in eligible regions	-	-	3.0	4.0	5.4
145	– Early Childhood – Early Years Learning Framework	-	2.5	-	-	-
145	– Early Childhood – Helping Parents Prepare their Children for School – Home Interaction Program	-	3.1	5.8	8.3	9.9
146	– Early Childhood – Jobs, Education and Training child care fee assistance – additional funding	-	7.7	6.9	4.6	4.7
146	– Early Childhood – Strong Quality Standards in Child Care	-	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.5
148	– Early Childhood – universal access	13.5	40.0	80.0	100.0	300.0
147	– Early Childhood – Workforce Strategy – additional university places for early childhood education	-	2.2	8.2	17.2	26.4
148	– Early Childhood – Workforce Strategy – removal of TAFE fees	-	8.9	16.3	17.4	17.7
149	– Higher Education – building better universities	500.0	-	-	-	-
149	– Higher Education – enhanced connectivity between Centrelink and university systems	-	0.5	-	-	-
133	– Higher Education – HECS reduction for Maths and Science students and HECS-HELP remission for Maths and Science graduates	-	37.5	117.7	197.7	272.8
134	– Higher Education – James Cook University Dental School	-	34.6	3.7	5.0	6.2
134	– Higher Education – phasing out full fee paying domestic undergraduate places at public universities	-	17.6	49.6	78.2	103.6

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	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
	Education Revolution					
135	– Higher Education – Scholarships for a Competitive Future	-	9.9	33.6	71.9	123.2
135	– Higher Education – University of Notre Dame – additional places and capital funding	-	8.3	2.2	3.5	4.6
138	– Improving our schools – Digital Education Revolution	100.0	400.0	300.0	200.0	200.0
139	– Improving our schools – Enterprise and Career Education Program – school and business linkages	-	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
139	– Improving our schools – establishing a National Curriculum Board for Australian Schools	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
140	– Improving our schools – Local Schools Working Together	20.0	20.0	17.5	5.0	-
140	– Improving our schools – Mentors for Our Students	-	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
152	– Improving our schools – National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy	-	95.5	157.6	160.7	163.5
141	– Improving our schools – National Schools Assessment and Data Centre	-	2.9	5.5	4.4	4.5
141	– Improving our schools – Orthodox Jewish Schools – additional funding	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	-
142	– Improving our schools – Preparing Australia for the Future – National Asian Language and Studies in Schools Program	-	10.0	21.2	31.2	-
142	– Improving our schools – Trade Training Centres in Schools Program	-	233.1	242.9	253.1	263.7
150	– Skilling Australia – Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship – extension of scholarship for early completion of apprenticeship	-	-	-	-	-
150	– Skilling Australia – Employer and apprentice incentives for apprentices in skills shortage – remove the prior- qualification rule	-	-	-	-	-
151	– Skilling Australia – Employer incentives for intermediate qualifications	-	-	-	-	-
136	– Skilling Australia – school grants for on-the-job training	-	14.0	28.0	28.0	27.9
136	– Skilling Australia – Skilling Australia for the Future	33.3	232.6	412.2	620.3	620.3
137	– Skilling Australia – Skills Australia	2.6	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0
151	– Skilling Australia – WesTrac National Skills Training Centre of Excellence and Television Technical Operators College – contribution	-	-	-	-	-

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	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
212	Health and Hospitals Reform – Health Workforce – additional higher education nursing places	-	8.4	21.2	31.1	38.8
178	Helping Seniors Make Ends Meet – Seniors Bonus	40.5	-	-	-	-
155	Higher Education Endowment Fund – funding reallocation	-	-304.0	304.0	-	-
	Humanitarian migration program					
252	– additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09	-	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.3
254	– additional 750 Special Humanitarian Program places from 2009-10	-	-	5.5	14.8	21.8
154	Local Community Centres – contribution	-	1.1	-	-	-
	Means-testing of government support					
29	– expanded definitions of income to include certain 'salary sacrificed' contributions to superannuation(c)	-	0.7	-39.9	-34.8	-34.8
30	– expanded definitions of income to include net losses from investments(c)	-	1.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5
	Migration Program					
257	– 37,500 place increase for 2008-09	-	59.0	77.5	109.2	152.8
258	– additional 6,000 skill stream places for 2007-08	-	8.0	3.3	12.1	10.7
277	Office of Work and Family – establishment	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
156	Public Policy Institute of the University of Melbourne – contribution	15.0	-	-	-	-
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform	0.1	11.8	-7.4	-30.3	-32.1
	Responsible Economic Management					
338	– A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-	-0.7	-3.3	-7.2	-7.2
363	– Apprenticeship Incentives for Agriculture and Horticulture	-7.7	-12.7	-13.5	-13.9	-0.9
342	– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.1	-0.2	-	-	-
365	– Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development Program	-	-5.1	-5.1	-5.2	-5.2
366	– Australian Apprenticeships State and Territory Incentives Program	-	-5.3	-15.6	-20.5	-22.2
343	– Australian Technical Colleges – rationalisation	-	-32.7	-31.5	-17.1	-18.2
374	– Career Advice Australia	-	-2.9	-2.9	-2.9	-2.9
344	– Carrick Institute	-5.4	-	-	-	-
374	– Centrelink – further call centre supplementation	-1.7	-	-	-	-
376	– Child Care Benefit – remove the minimum rate	1.8	-43.8	-51.1	-61.1	-68.1

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	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
	Responsible Economic Management					
345	– clinical training for enrolled nurses	-0.9	-4.3	-5.0	-5.4	-5.7
387	– Employment Entry Payment – Abolish from 1 July 2008	0.9	-10.7	-11.5	-11.4	-11.3
388	– Employment Services for 2009-10 to 2011-12	-	54.5	-38.9	-148.4	-157.7
392	– Fraud and compliance – assessments to verify income or assets	-	-69.7	-80.6	-79.4	-79.1
392	– Fraud and compliance – cessation of 'Keeping the System Fair' advertising campaign	-	-13.0	-13.1	-13.2	-13.3
394	– General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme – continue funding liquidators to pursue litigation	-	-8.0	-	-	-
353	– Institute for Trade Skills Excellence	-	-6.4	-4.8	-4.8	-4.9
400	– Learning and Teaching Performance Fund	-	-10.7	-10.7	-10.7	-10.7
400	– Living Away from Home Allowance – extension to Australian School-Based Apprenticeships	-0.1	-	-	-	-
410	– Partner Service Pension – cease payment to married partners who are separated but not divorced	-	0.6	1.2	1.3	1.3
412	– Pilot program addressing undeclared business income and assets – cessation	-0.5	-	-	-	-
416	– Quality Outcomes Program	-	-4.8	-7.3	-8.1	-8.5
417	– Realising Our Potential – Core Curricula Standards Program	-	-8.6	-	-0.1	-
417	– Realising Our Potential – National Literacy and Numeracy Vouchers Program	-	-60.6	-131.9	-134.7	-137.4
418	– Realising Our Potential – Rewarding Schools for Improving Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes Program	-	-17.1	-16.9	-17.0	-17.0
418	– Realising Our Potential – Summer Schools for Teachers Program	-	-24.9	-23.3	-23.7	-24.2
359	– Skills for the Future – business skills vouchers for apprentices	-	-2.7	-3.2	-4.0	-4.0
359	– Skills for the Future – work skills vouchers	-16.3	-190.4	-190.4	-190.6	-190.6
423	– Teaching Australia – Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership	-	-2.6	-2.0	-1.3	-1.3
278	Social inclusion agenda	-0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
275	South Australian Innovation and Investment Fund and Labour Assistance Package – supplementary funding to Mitsubishi Employees	5.5	1.5	0.3	0.2	-
260	Temporary Protection visa – abolition	..	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.7
261	Temporary working visas – enhanced arrangements	-	-	-	-	-

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EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)						
154	Textile, clothing and footwear outworkers – homeworkers code of practice	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-
263	Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees	-	5.8	4.9	5.0	5.1
174	Welfare Payments Reform – child protection pilot and school attendance and enrolment pilot	0.1	16.6	0.8	-	-
154	Work and family support for small businesses	-	3.6	4.0	4.4	-
156	Workplace relations reforms – protected action ballots	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner</i>						
338	Responsible Economic Management – A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-3.0	-	-	-	-
<i>Office of the Workplace Ombudsman</i>						
152	A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-	5.8	11.9	-	-
338	Responsible Economic Management – A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-	-	-	-1.0	-1.0
<i>Workplace Authority</i>						
338	Responsible Economic Management – A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-30.0	-30.0	-106.2	-97.3	-97.3
Portfolio total		638.0	1,064.9	1,491.1	1,407.7	1,821.4
ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS						
<i>Australia Council</i>						
<i>A Creative Australia</i>						
158	– support for Young and Emerging Artists – implementation	-	-	-	-	-
162	– Sydney Dance Company – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
158	Artists in Residence Education Initiative	-	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
158	Creative Communities Program – establishment	-	2.8	2.8	2.8	-
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>						
162	Bureau of Meteorology – Emerald weather radar station	-	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
425	Responsible Economic Management – Water for the Future – Bureau of Meteorology	-5.0	-	-	-	-

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	ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS (continued)					
	<i>Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</i>					
	A Creative Australia					
157	– Prime Minister’s Literary Award – establishment	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-
161	– Regional Arts Fund – continuation	-	-	-	-	-
157	– Resale Royalty Rights for Visual Artists – implementation	-	0.8	0.5	0.3	-
162	Anti-whaling action – aerial monitoring	0.7	-	-	-	-
163	Caring for our Country	-	-12.5	-10.5	0.5	5.0
306	Closing the Gap – National Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program – expansion	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	-
158	Creative Communities Program – establishment	1.8	-	-	-	-
164	Director of National Parks – extension	-	4.4	-	-	-
164	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Structural Adjustment Package – additional funding	-	-	-	-	-
164	Kokoda Track – assistance to Papua New Guinea for management of the Kokoda Track and the Owen Stanley Ranges	-	-	-	-	-
	Responsible Economic Management					
372	– Bimbimie Wildlife Park	-	-	-	-	-
372	– Biodiversity Hotspots – reduction in funding	-6.0	-	-	-	-
375	– Chamber Music Australia	-0.1	-	-	-	-
382	– Community Water Grants	-	-41.5	-26.5	-1.9	-3.7
350	– Green Vouchers for Schools	-99.6	-149.1	-51.3	-34.3	-
351	– Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program	-4.2	-0.6	-3.6	2.1	2.1
401	– Low Emissions Technology and Abatement program – reduction in funding	-2.2	-	-	-	-
402	– Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund	-47.0	26.0	47.7	-9.5	47.4
420	– Renewable Remote Power Generation Program – reduction in funding	-33.0	-9.0	-	-	-
426	– Water for the Future – Murray-Darling Basin Authority	-45.0	-26.0	-	-	-
	Tackling Climate Change					
111	– Deception Bay Pool – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
113	– Energy Efficiency of Electrical Appliances	-	2.0	4.1	4.0	3.9
114	– Green Loans	-	17.4	60.2	88.1	87.9
114	– Hot water system phase out – development and implementation	-	-	-	-	-
115	– Low Emission Plan for Renters – establishment	-	10.5	37.5	50.0	50.0
116	– National Solar Schools Plan	9.0	74.6	119.7	107.2	50.8

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	ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS (continued)					
	Tackling Climate Change					
116	– One Stop Green Shop – establishment	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	-
118	– Solar Cities and Green Precincts	1.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	-
118	– Solar Homes and Communities Plan	-	25.6	19.4	-27.4	-17.7
	Water for the Future					
159	– National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative	-	19.0	38.0	59.0	60.0
159	– National Urban Water and Desalination Plan	-	14.0	129.0	195.0	315.0
160	– National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns	10.0	39.8	55.0	75.0	75.0
160	– taking early action	96.2	110.0	193.8	-	-400.0
161	– Water Efficiency – Western Australia	35.0	-	-	-	-35.0
	<i>National Water Commission</i>					
416	Responsible Economic Management – Rainfall enhancement technology – cancellation of project	*	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-86.6	121.1	628.9	524.0	242.6
	FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
	<i>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
166	A Place to Call Home	-	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
175	Ageing Carers – additional support	100.0	-	-	-	-
175	Brendan's Fund – ex-gratia payment	-	-	-	-	-
175	Business Services Wage Assessment Tool – continuation	-	4.3	7.6	8.1	5.8
176	Carer Bonus	426.7	1.4	-	-	-
176	Carers – improved support	0.2	20.4	197.8	239.9	250.0
177	Centrelink call centre supplementation – continuation	-	38.8	-	-	-
	Closing the Gap					
308	– closing the evidence gap	-	1.1	0.6	-	-
305	– Indigenous early development and learning services – parenting support	0.6	3.1	4.8	8.1	-
306	– Indigenous mothers' accommodation fund	-	2.0	4.0	4.0	-
310	– Northern Territory – accommodation for government personnel in remote communities	-	0.3	-	-	-
311	– Northern Territory – community engagement	-	3.8	-	-	-
312	– Northern Territory – continuation of early childhood program	-	0.4	-	-	-
314	– Northern Territory – family support package	-	9.8	-	-	-

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	FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (continued)					
	Closing the Gap					
315	– Northern Territory – further welfare and employment reform	49.5	-	-	-	-
315	– Northern Territory – government business managers	-	30.8	-	-	-
316	– Northern Territory – income management	2.7	60.1	-	-	-
317	– Northern Territory – leadership and coordination	-	32.4	-	-	-
319	– Northern Territory – playgroups	-	0.7	-	-	-
319	– Northern Territory – promoting law and order	-	11.6	-	-	-
320	– Northern Territory – youth alcohol diversion	-	9.5	-	-	-
306	– reconciliation between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians – consultation	-	-	-	-	-
166	Disability Assistance Package – redirection of funds to the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement	-	-	-	-	-
	Education Revolution					
143	– Early Childhood – additional child care places	-	1.4	5.4	5.5	5.6
143	– Early Childhood – Australian Early Development Index – national rollout	-0.7	-1.0	-1.2	-	-
178	Financial Counselling – enhancing existing programs	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	Helping Seniors Make Ends Meet					
167	– Broadband for Seniors	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
178	– Seniors Bonus	1,165.1	0.5	-	-	-
167	– Seniors Concession Allowance – increase	-	-	-	-	-
168	– Telephone Allowance – assistance with home internet connections	6.8	31.5	36.0	42.4	47.5
168	– Utilities Allowance – increase and extend eligibility	-	-	-	-	-
169	Home in Queanbeyan Mental Health Service	-	1.0	1.0	-	-
169	Housing Affordability Fund	-	52.2	77.1	77.1	152.8
	Humanitarian migration program					
252	– additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09	-	1.4	2.2	2.2	2.3
254	– additional 750 Special Humanitarian Program places from 2009-10	-	-	2.1	5.4	8.9
179	Maternity Immunisation Allowance – eligibility change	-	-13.5	-32.1	-32.6	-7.3
	Means-testing of government support					
29	– expanded definitions of income to include certain 'salary sacrificed' contributions to superannuation(c)	-	2.8	-89.7	-80.1	-80.2
30	– expanded definitions of income to include net losses from investments(c)	-	3.8	-2.8	-4.7	-4.7

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FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (continued)					
Migration Program					
257	-	22.2	67.2	114.5	164.7
258	-	3.8	7.6	7.8	8.0
170	-	-	-	-	-
170	-	1.2	1.3	0.1	-
171	0.9	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
171	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	-
172	-	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
172	-	13.0	25.2	35.6	55.1
173	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
277	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
179	0.1	-	-	-	-
180	16.2	1.9	-	-	-
87	0.1	9.7	-18.5	-25.2	-30.5
180	-2.0	2.0	-	-	-
Responsible Economic Management					
339	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
370	-	-52.4	-96.5	-101.0	-104.7
370	0.5	-112.8	-132.4	-141.2	-158.0
371	-	1.7	-14.3	-0.5	0.6
371	-	2,139.5	2,171.4	2,210.8	2,250.2
374	-3.3	-	-	-	-
381	-	11.6	-9.7	-12.2	-13.0
345	-0.7	-0.5	-	-	-
382	-	-4.9	-4.9	-4.9	-5.0
387	0.1	-4.2	-4.3	-4.2	-4.2
390	41.6	13.3	121.1	-115.5	-137.6

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	FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (continued)					
	Responsible Economic Management					
392	– Fraud and compliance – assessments to verify income or assets	-	-32.4	-64.6	-86.4	-97.1
393	– Fraud and Compliance – Commonwealth Seniors Health Card compliance reviews	-	7.7	-7.6	-9.5	-11.3
410	– Partner Service Pension – cease payment to married partners who are separated but not divorced	-	4.7	10.2	11.6	13.0
412	– Pilot program addressing undeclared business income and assets – cessation	-0.5	-	-	-	-
425	– Tuggeranong Office Park – facilities management	-1.1	-0.6	-	-	-
278	Social inclusion agenda	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
181	Social Security Agreement with Finland	-	1.0	-0.2	-1.0	-1.1
181	Social Security Agreement with Poland	-	1.2	-2.3	-3.9	-6.5
173	Supporting Local Communities	-	0.7	-	-	-
260	Temporary Protection visa – abolition	-	-2.4	-2.2	-2.5	-3.4
263	Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees	-	1.7	2.6	2.7	2.8
173	Volunteer Grants program – expansion to help with fuel costs	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
182	Volunteer Management Program (Voluntary Work Initiative) – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-	-
174	Welfare Payments Reform – child protection pilot and school attendance and enrolment pilot	2.0	14.4	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	1,804.9	2,406.9	2,316.9	2,205.2	2,347.5
	FINANCE AND DEREGULATION					
	<i>Comsuper</i>					
437	ComSuper – administration of changed superannuation arrangements(b)	0.2	-	-	-	-
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform	-	1.6	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Finance and Deregulation</i>					
183	ANZAC Park East office building – proposed refurbishment	-	1.7	-	-	-
283	Council of Australian Governments – additional resources to support the COAG reform agenda	-	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0
183	Deregulation – implementing the Government's agenda	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	<i>Investing in our future</i>					
183	– Building Australia Fund	-	-	-	-	-
184	– Education Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
185	– Health and Hospitals Fund	-	-	-	-	-

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	FINANCE AND DEREGULATION (continued)					
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform	-	6.4	6.1	6.7	7.5
	Responsible Economic Management					
342	– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.1	-0.3	-	-	-
369	– Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program	-	-1.3	-	-	-
388	– Employment Services for 2009-10 to 2011-12	..	0.4	-	-	-
350	– Future Fund Advisory Unit	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
354	– Medibank Private Limited – not proceeding with the sale	-0.7	-13.3	-	-	-
355	– Ministerial and Opposition Staff – 30 per cent reduction	-15.4	-27.0	-27.5	-28.7	-27.7
357	– Parliamentarians' printing entitlement – reduction	-	-4.3	-6.1	-9.7	-4.3
423	– Telecommunications Improvement and Procurement Project	-0.6	-1.8	-1.9	-2.0	-2.0
272	Small Business Advisory Committee – establishment	-	-	-	-	-
185	Uninsured superannuation liability – managing claims stemming from the Cornwell Case	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-17.0	-35.5	-27.1	-32.4	-25.2
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
	<i>AusAID</i>					
199	Orangutan conservation in Indonesia – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
	Overseas development assistance					
189	– access to clean water and effective sanitation	-	8.0	99.4	192.0	-
192	– Asian Development Fund replenishment	-	9.6	-	-	-
192	– Australia's contribution to international debt relief	-	69.3	-	-	-
193	– emergency and humanitarian relief	-	-	-	-	-
190	– fighting avoidable blindness	-	-	-	-	-
193	– investing in Pacific public sector capacity	-	4.1	27.7	34.1	38.6
194	– Iraq humanitarian and reconstruction assistance	-	60.0	40.0	40.0	-
195	– Pacific land program	-	4.3	8.8	16.8	21.8
195	– Pacific region infrastructure facility	-	5.5	30.5	40.5	50.5
197	– United Nations Partnership for the Millennium Development Goals	-	6.0	40.0	60.0	90.0
198	– World Food Program Emergency Appeal – contribution	-	22.5	-	-	-
108	Tackling Climate Change – adaptation to climate change	-	20.3	49.4	65.0	-

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	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (continued)					
	<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
125	Illegal Foreign Fishing – intelligence support	-	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
199	National Security – enhanced intelligence capability	-	3.5	3.3	-	-
	<i>Australian Trade Commission</i>					
198	Export Market Development Grants Scheme – additional funding	-	-	50.0	-	-
395	Responsible Economic Management – Global Integration – export facilitators to the United States market	-	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0
	<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
199	Afghanistan – Australian diplomatic presence – continuation and expansion	-	8.8	9.8	-	-
277	Office of National Security – establishment	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
	Responsible Economic Management					
342	– Australia on the World Stage – enhancement	-1.3	-4.0	-6.8	-6.9	-6.9
342	– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-2.1	-4.1	-	-	-
347	– Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – budget sustainability	-0.5	3.1	-11.3	-11.3	-9.4
200	Shanghai World Expo 2010 – Australian participation	-	10.0	31.0	20.0	-
	Portfolio total	-4.0	223.3	368.0	446.4	180.8
	HEALTH AND AGEING					
	<i>Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority</i>					
233	Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority – facilitating compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code	-	4.3	-	-	-
398	Responsible Economic Management – Illicit drugs in sport – advertising and information campaigns	-	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4
	<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>					
232	Australian Equestrian Olympic Team – support following equine influenza	-	-	-	-	-
232	Australian Paralympic Committee – additional contribution	-	-	-	-	-
234	Australian Sports Commission – maintenance of sports grants funding	0.5	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.3
228	Local sporting champions – contribution	-	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
239	Netball Australia – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
228	Northern Territory Australian Football League and netball development – contribution	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
246	Special Olympics Australia – increased funding	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)					
	<i>Cancer Australia</i>					
	Health and Hospitals Reform					
214	– National Cancer Plan – increased funding for cancer research	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
215	– National Cancer Plan – National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers – additional funding	-	1.7	1.7	1.7	-
	<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
225	2011 World Sailing Championships	-	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.6
	Aged Care					
231	– Conditional Adjustment Payment – increase	-	80.0	84.4	88.8	91.7
231	– increased funding for the National Seniors' Association	-	-	-	-	-
232	Australian Equestrian Olympic Team – support following equine influenza	-	-	-	-	-
234	Bradman Centenary Project – contribution to the construction of two new wings at the Bradman Museum	-	-	-	-	-
225	Breastfeeding mothers – funding for a 24-hour helpline	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
226	Campbelltown Sports Stadium upgrade – contribution	6.0	2.0	-	-	-
	Closing the Gap					
303	– Bringing Them Home counsellors and Link-Up services	0.5	4.4	5.9	5.0	-
303	– child and maternal health services	0.8	9.9	20.3	27.1	32.3
308	– Indigenous drug and alcohol services	-	4.0	10.4	17.0	18.0
309	– Indigenous tobacco initiative	-	-	-	-	-
314	– Northern Territory – follow up care	-	13.6	-	-	-
307	– reducing rheumatic heart fever for Indigenous children	0.1	1.6	3.1	3.2	3.2
	COAG					
281	– Human Influenza Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness	-2.0	-2.7	-	-	-
282	– National Health Security Legislation	-0.9	-	-	-	-
226	Counselling services – funding for the Sisters of Charity Outreach	-	-	-	-	-
234	Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
	Drought assistance					
80	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers – additional declarations	-	-	-	-	-
80	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small business – additional declarations	-	-	-	-	-
226	EnergyAustralia Stadium redevelopment – contribution	7.0	3.0	-	-	-

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)					
227	Football Federation of Australia – contribution	8.0	8.0	-	-	-
235	Grafton Hospital	-	-	-	-	-
235	Greenslopes Private Hospital – funding for a clinical school	-	-	-	-	-
	Health and Hospitals Reform					
205	– Aged Care – Ministerial Council on Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
205	– Aged Care – National Elderly Commissioner – Ambassador for Ageing	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
206	– Aged Care – Residential aged care – zero real interest loans	-	-	-	-	-
206	– Aged care – review planning ratios	-	-	-	-	-
207	– Aged Care – transition aged care – additional places	-	12.2	39.7	86.1	155.3
207	– Better outcomes for hospitals and community health	142.0	71.9	55.0	57.3	63.3
208	– Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
208	– Child Health – Children’s Cancer Centre	-	3.0	12.0	-	-
208	– Child Health – health check for four year old children	-	7.3	5.9	6.1	6.3
209	– Child Health – Kitchen Garden Program	-	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
223	– COAG – additional funding for public hospitals	500.0	-	-	-	-
209	– Dental Health – Commonwealth Dental Health Program	-	92.0	96.6	101.4	-
210	– Dental Health – Teen Dental Plan	1.3	92.4	104.6	126.8	132.8
211	– Elective Surgery Waiting List Reduction Plan	75.0	155.0	150.0	220.0	-
211	– GP Super Clinics	33.1	75.9	64.2	46.4	46.5
212	– Health Workforce – specialist breast cancer nurses	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	-
213	– Health Workforce – supporting nurses back into the workforce	0.7	5.4	10.3	11.2	11.8
213	– National Advisory Council on Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-
223	– National Binge Drinking Strategy – community partnerships	-	-	-	-	-
224	– National Binge Drinking Strategy – early intervention	-	-	-	-	-
224	– National Binge Drinking Strategy – education and information campaign	-	-	-	-	-
225	– National Cancer Plan – additional funding for the National Tobacco Strategy	-	2.5	5.0	5.0	2.5
214	– National Cancer Plan – breast prostheses	0.2	14.5	2.4	6.8	7.2
214	– National Cancer Plan – Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Sydney	-	2.0	40.0	8.0	-
215	– National Cancer Plan – National Bowel Cancer Screening Program	-	30.7	27.1	29.3	-

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)					
	Health and Hospitals Reform					
216	– National Cancer Plan – Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre	-	5.0	10.0	-	-
216	– National Cancer Plan – prostate cancer research centres	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
217	– National Cancer Plan – youth cancer networks	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
217	– National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission – establishment	2.2	4.6	-	-	-
217	– Preventative Health – Healthy guidelines for early childhood obesity reduction	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
218	– Preventative Health – Healthy Habits for Life Guide	1.4	1.5	-	-	-
218	– Preventative Health – National Preventative Health Strategy	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
219	– Preventative Health – Obesity Reduction – learning from successful community initiatives	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	-
219	– Preventative Health – Osborne Division of General Practice's Obesity Program	-	-	-	-	-
220	– Radiation oncology – funding contribution for services in Cairns	-	1.0	3.3	2.0	2.0
220	– Radiation oncology – funding for Lismore Integrated Cancer Centre	-	3.5	3.5	-	-
221	– Rural Health – additional funding for John Flynn Placement Program	-	0.3	0.9	1.4	2.0
221	– Rural Health – additional funding for the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
221	– Rural Health – Australian Allied Health Rural and Remote Clinical Placement Scholarship program	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	-
222	– Rural Health – National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program	-	-	-	-	-
222	– Rural Health – Specialist Obstetrician Locum Scheme	-	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0
235	Hepatitis C Litigation Settlement Scheme – continuation	-	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
236	Human Papilloma Virus Register – completion	4.7	6.9	4.9	2.5	-
	Humanitarian migration program					
252	– additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09	-	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9
254	– additional 750 Special Humanitarian Program places from 2009-10	-	-	0.7	2.1	3.5
227	Illicit drug use – targeting young people who use methamphetamines	-	-	-	-	-
236	Insulin Pumps – subsidy for young people with type 1 diabetes	-	1.0	1.4	1.5	1.6
227	Leichhardt Oval upgrade – contribution	3.0	-	-	-	-

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)					
237	Life Saving Drugs Program – funding for Naglazyme® (galsulfase)	-	4.9	6.3	6.8	7.3
	Means-testing of government support					
29	– expanded definitions of income to include certain ‘salary sacrificed’ contributions to superannuation(c)	-	-	4.6	5.9	7.7
30	– expanded definitions of income to include net losses from investments(c)	-	-	5.0	8.0	10.0
237	Medicare Benefits Schedule – knee and brain Magnetic Resonance Imaging services	-	-	-	-	-
238	Mental Health Nurses Training Subsidy – additional funding and redevelopment	-	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
	Migration Program					
257	– 37,500 place increase for 2008-09	-	24.8	80.2	138.8	202.0
258	– additional 6,000 skill stream places for 2007-08	-	7.4	8.3	8.7	9.1
238	National Cord Blood Collection Network	-	-	-	-2.8	-2.8
438	National Medical Stockpile – replenishment(b)	-	0.6	-	-	-
239	National recreation safety organisations – continuation of funding	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
93	National Security – critical infrastructure protection	-	-	-	-	-
239	Pambula Surf Life Saving Club – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
229	Penrith Valley Sports Hub – contribution	-	5.0	-	-	-
229	Perinatal depression – national plan	-	6.0	8.8	11.9	14.6
33	Personal income tax – increasing the Medicare levy surcharge thresholds(c)	-	-232.0	-236.5	-245.6	-245.6
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
240	– extension to the listing of Remicade® (infliximab)	-	-	-	-	-
240	– extension to the listing of Topamax® (topiramate)	-	-	-	-	-
241	– listing of Champix® (varenicline)	12.1	23.8	19.3	19.7	19.0
241	– listing of Renagel® (sevelamer)	-	-	-	-	-
242	– listing of Sensipar® (cinacalcet)	-	34.0	37.8	40.4	43.0
243	– listing of Tysabri® (natalizumab)	-	48.4	77.9	100.8	119.6
9	– maintaining the capacity for listing drugs through cost recovery(c)	-	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2
243	– minor new listings	12.7	29.8	36.0	39.8	41.8
244	Punt Road Oval – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
245	Ray Owen Sports Centre – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
230	RecLink – support for national programs	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform	-	0.3	0.9	0.9	1.0

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)					
	Responsible Economic Management					
361	– Adjusting the funding for specific health programs	-	-113.7	-138.1	-130.3	-123.1
362	– After-hours medical services – streamlining grants funding	-	-3.5	-5.7	-8.7	-8.2
362	– Alerting the Community to the Links Between Illicit Drugs and Mental Illness – advertising and information campaigns	-	-9.0	-0.7	-	-
368	– Australian National Rugby Academy	-5.0	-10.0	-10.0	-	-
376	– Chemotherapy Drugs – more efficient arrangements	-	4.4	-31.9	-33.6	-35.8
345	– clinical training for enrolled nurses	-15.5	-43.6	-30.9	-29.2	-29.5
381	– Commonwealth Seniors Health Card – adjusted taxable income test	-	-	-20.5	-20.1	-21.6
383	– Continence Management Strategy – advertising campaign	-	-1.5	-1.5	-	-
346	– Dental treatment – enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic conditions and complex conditions	-39.3	-113.8	-94.9	-110.8	-119.5
393	– Fraud and Compliance – Commonwealth Seniors Health Card compliance reviews	-	-3.7	-16.0	-18.3	-21.7
394	– generic medicines – advertising	-10.1	-2.4	-2.4	-	-
351	– Health and Medical Investment Fund	-	-	-103.8	-122.4	-125.5
352	– Healthy Active Australia – promoting healthy living	-0.2	-0.4	-	-	-
398	– Illicit drugs in sport – advertising and information campaigns	-	-9.7	-7.7	-7.2	-6.4
354	– Magnetic Resonance Imaging – improved access	-0.6	-9.7	-14.9	-14.6	-14.7
354	– Medibank Private Limited – not proceeding with the sale	-	-	-50.0	-101.3	-103.8
402	– Medicare Benefits Schedule – funding for reversing elective sterilisation	-	-2.3	-2.8	-3.5	-4.2
404	– Medicare Benefits Schedule – increase compliance audits	-	-21.2	-42.2	-41.5	-42.4
403	– Medicare Benefits Schedule – rationalise funding provided for multiple pathology tests performed on a single sample	-	-21.6	-23.1	-24.7	-26.4
403	– Medicare Benefits Schedule – reduction of repeat prescription requirements for patients with chronic conditions	-	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8
406	– National Psychostimulant Initiative	-	-2.0	-2.0	-	-
407	– National Training Centre for Aerial Skiing	-2.5	-	-	-	-
411	– Pathology Services – reduced collection fees	-	-17.0	-	-	-
412	– Practice Incentives Program – discontinue funding for the mental health incentive	-	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-1.9
413	– Practice Incentives Program – new e-Health incentive payment for General Practitioners	-	-16.7	-32.9	-31.8	-30.6

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)					
	Responsible Economic Management					
413	– Practice Incentives Program – removal of the General Practice Immunisation Service Incentive Payment	-	-14.8	-22.4	-22.9	-23.4
414	– primary care – review of the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives program	-	-4.2	-4.1	-4.2	-4.2
358	– Radiation oncology – redirect funds to establish oncology facilities in Cairns and Lismore	-	-8.3	-7.0	-	-
421	– residential aged care funding claims – audits	-	-6.2	-8.7	-	-
421	– Rugby League Hall of Fame	-3.0	-7.0	-	-	-
360	– Tasmanian Health Services Infrastructure	-6.0	-19.3	-7.5	-2.3	-2.2
424	– Townsville International Sports Centre	-3.0	-	-	-	-
245	Saving lives in the water	-	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0
230	Sport and Recreation Facilities – contribution to funding	-	13.9	6.9	-	-
246	Sydney 2009 World Masters Games – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
263	Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees	-	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
231	Western Australia's Children's Health Telethon – donation	1.5	-	-	-	-
	<i>National Blood Authority</i>					
233	Australian Red Cross Blood Service – support The Year of the Blood Donor initiative	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	729.6	275.3	191.0	316.0	104.0
	HUMAN SERVICES					
	<i>Centrelink</i>					
247	Centrelink – consolidating technology capability	-	13.3	-	-	-
310	Closing the Gap – Northern Territory – Centrelink's role	-	4.2	-	-	-
	Responsible Economic Management					
339	– Access Card	-50.0	-77.9	-64.2	-113.0	-77.1
358	– Parliamentary Local Liaison Officers	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
	<i>Department of Human Services</i>					
	Closing the Gap					
315	– Northern Territory – further welfare and employment reform	-1.9	-	-	-	-
316	– Northern Territory – income management	2.8	3.6	-	-	-
	Responsible Economic Management					
339	– Access Card	-80.9	-171.9	-119.0	-50.3	-47.4
377	– Child Support Reforms – revised advertising campaign	-4.9	-	-	-	-

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	HUMAN SERVICES (continued)					
	Responsible Economic Management					
362	– After-hours medical services – streamlining grants funding	-
376	– Chemotherapy Drugs – more efficient arrangements	-	0.6	0.1	..	..
346	– Dental treatment – enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic conditions and complex conditions	-2.1	-3.0	-2.7	-2.7	-2.6
387	– ECLIPSE System – discontinue development	-	-2.9	-5.7	-5.8	-5.8
354	– Magnetic Resonance Imaging – improved access	..	..	..	..	..
402	– Medicare Benefits Schedule – funding for reversing elective sterilisation	-	..	..	..	..
404	– Medicare Benefits Schedule – increase compliance audits	-	14.2	18.7	18.8	19.0
403	– Medicare Benefits Schedule – reduction of repeat prescription requirements for patients with chronic conditions	-	0.1	..	..	..
358	– Parliamentary Local Liaison Officers	..	..	..	..	..
411	– Pathology Services – reduced collection fees	-	..	-	-	-
413	– Practice Incentives Program – new e-Health incentive payment for General Practitioners	-	0.3	0.7	..	..
413	– Practice Incentives Program – removal of the General Practice Immunisation Service Incentive Payment	-	..	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
263	Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees	-	..	..	..	..
	Portfolio total	-139.6	-246.6	-222.7	-235.2	-161.8
	IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP					
	<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>					
249	Adult Migrant English Program – extension and enhancement	-	5.2	13.3	14.8	15.9
251	Case management and community care pilot – continuation	-	5.6	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>					
251	– enhancements to liaison and operational capability in the Middle East	-	-	-	-	-
252	– financial management improvements, training and review costs	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.4	-
	<i>Humanitarian migration program</i>					
252	– additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09	-	3.8	2.8	0.6	0.1
254	– additional 750 Special Humanitarian Program places from 2009-10	-	-	4.0	7.6	8.6
255	Immigration health screening process – strengthening	-	-	-	-	-

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	IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP (continued)					
255	Indonesian movement alert list system – continuation of funding	-	0.9	0.8	0.8	-
256	Medical examinations of visa applicants – increased scrutiny of overseas providers Migration Program	-	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9
257	– 37,500 place increase for 2008-09(c)	-	25.8	42.1	48.9	52.2
258	– additional 6,000 skill stream places for 2007-08	-	1.9	1.5	0.6	0.2
249	Mirrabooka Multicultural Centre – contribution	-	-	1.0	-	-
259	National Action Plan for social cohesion, harmony and security – continuation	-	-	-	-	-
190	Overseas development assistance – assistance for displaced Iraqis in the Middle East	-	10.0	-	-	-
259	Palmer and Comrie response – completing departmental reforms	-	20.0	15.0	10.0	5.0
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform	-	0.4	..	..	..
	Responsible Economic Management					
342	– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.1	-0.2	-	-	-
378	– Citizenship Test – advertising	-10.0	-5.6	-2.1	-2.1	-
379	– Citizenship Test – values statement component	-1.8	-4.1	-	-	-
383	– Department of Immigration and Citizenship – efficiency improvements	-	-8.0	-9.9	-12.1	-13.5
384	– Department of Immigration and Citizenship’s overseas posts – reduced Australia-based staffing	-	-5.9	-5.9	-6.0	-6.0
405	– Migration and Humanitarian Programs – integration criterion	-1.6	-1.4	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2
356	– Offshore processing centres in Nauru and Manus Province – closure	-2.3	-16.1	-16.4	-16.7	-17.2
260	Support for existing information technology systems	10.4	16.8	16.1	3.9	-
439	Systems for People – additional funding(b)	0.8	12.3	-	-	-
260	Temporary Protection visa – abolition	-	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3
261	Temporary working visas – enhanced arrangements	-	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.3
262	United States of America – Australia Work and Holiday visas – expanded eligibility	-	..	0.1	0.2	0.2
262	Villawood Immigration Detention Centre – redevelopment – scoping and design	-	-	-	-	-
250	Visa arrangements for international touring productions – ensuring opportunities for Australian musicians and technicians	-	-	-	-	-

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	IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP (continued)					
250	Visa options for Superyachts crew	-	-	-	-	-
263	Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees	-	3.7	3.3	0.7	0.1
	Portfolio total	-3.0	75.5	73.9	59.4	52.1
	INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT					
	<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government</i>					
265	Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme – increase in the passenger vehicle rebate to \$180 each-way	-0.5	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2
265	Better Regions	4.2	34.5	45.8	91.5	-
266	Fort Street High School – noise insulation	-	-	4.0	6.0	4.5
268	Heavy vehicle safety and productivity program	-	10.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
266	Infrastructure Australia – establishment	0.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	-
267	keys2drive	1.5	1.5	4.0	5.0	5.0
93	National Security – critical infrastructure protection	-	-	-	-	-
267	Office of Northern Australia – establishment	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
268	Remote Air Services Subsidy – continuation	-	7.2	5.9	5.8	5.7
	Responsible Economic Management					
364	– AusLink – inland rail – revision of measure	-10.8	-54.2	65.0	-	-
396	– Growing Regions Programme	-2.5	-30.0	-40.0	-75.0	-52.5
401	– Local Government Amalgamation – plebiscites in the Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
408	– Office of Transport Security – reduction in overseas representation	-	-1.6	-1.7	-1.9	-1.9
419	– Regional maritime security capacity-building	-0.9	-2.4	-2.4	-2.1	-1.5
419	– Regional Partnerships	-10.9	-22.9	-69.1	-66.1	-67.2
422	– Sustainable Regions	-10.4	-12.9	-	-	-
426	– Women’s representation in decision making	-	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1	-
269	Tackling urban congestion and planning	75.0	-	-	-	-
267	Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme – extension to King Island and Flinders Island	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
	Portfolio total	45.3	-59.7	42.5	-5.7	-82.1

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	INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH					
	<i>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</i>					
	Responsible Economic Management					
368	– Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	-	-2.1	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7
408	– Nuclear Collaborative Research Program	-1.4	-1.6	-1.8	-1.5	-
	<i>Australian Research Council</i>					
271	Future Fellowships – establishment	-	10.7	69.4	101.5	144.6
420	Responsible Economic Management – Research Quality Framework	-	-3.4	-3.7	-4.3	-5.4
	<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>					
	Responsible Economic Management					
381	– Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation dividend	-	-9.5	-9.8	-10.2	-10.3
352	– Healthy Active Australia – promoting healthy living	-0.4	-1.2	-	-	-
421	– Research Vessel – Southern Surveyor	-	-3.0	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>					
273	Australian Made Campaign – additional funding	-	-	-	-	-
270	Automotive review	0.7	0.4	-	-	-
273	Beaconsfield Community Fund – additional funding for Grubb Shaft Gold and Heritage Museum	-	-	-	-	-
270	Business Enterprise Centres	-	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
271	Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres – establishment	18.5	65.9	59.0	50.8	50.8
274	Excellence in Research for Australia	7.8	16.5	10.1	2.4	1.0
274	Liquified Petroleum Gas Vehicle Scheme	19.1	-	-	-	-
	Responsible Economic Management					
343	– Australian Industry Productivity Centres	-12.9	-35.5	-35.6	-36.1	-35.9
344	– Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business Program	-	-10.3	-0.3	-	-
380	– Commercial Ready	-	-70.0	-200.2	-213.8	-223.2
349	– Electronic Authentication and Verification	-6.0	-8.4	-	-	-
395	– Global Opportunities Program	-	-14.4	-14.2	-14.6	-15.0
398	– Innovation Ambassador Program	-	-1.4	-1.9	-1.7	-
399	– Intermediary Access Program	-0.5	-3.6	-4.5	-5.7	-5.0
353	– Invest Australia functions – merge into Austrade	-12.3	-23.8	-24.2	-24.2	-
406	– National Nanotechnology Strategy	-	-	-5.6	-5.6	-
411	– Pharmaceuticals Partnership Program	-2.7	-0.5	-	-	-
420	– Research Quality Framework	-7.8	-25.9	-9.7	-1.4	-

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Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH (continued)					
272	Scholarships for a Competitive Future – postgraduate scholarships increase	-	2.3	43.7	66.3	96.7
272	Small Business Advisory Committee – establishment	-	-	-	-	-
275	South Australian Innovation and Investment Fund and Labour Assistance Package – supplementary funding to Mitsubishi Employees	-35.0	5.0	11.4	11.1	-
	Tackling Climate Change					
110	– Clean Business Australia – Climate Ready Program	-	13.1	22.6	23.8	15.5
110	– Clean Business Australia – Green Building Fund	-	22.5	37.5	15.0	15.0
110	– Clean Business Australia – Retooling for Climate Change	-	10.9	21.8	24.5	17.8
114	– Green Car Innovation Fund	-	-	-	-	100.0
272	Textile, clothing and footwear industry review	0.5	0.4	-	-	-
	<i>IP Australia</i>					
342	Responsible Economic Management – Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.2	-0.3	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-32.5	-56.5	-27.4	-15.0	155.3
	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
	<i>Australian National Audit Office</i>					
276	Australian National Audit Office – defence equipment projects	-	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.5
	<i>Australian Public Service Commission</i>					
280	Career Transition and Support Centre	0.4	1.4	0.6	-	-
307	Closing the Gap – Australian Public Service Indigenous Employment Strategy – continuation	-	2.6	-	-	-
	<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
279	Accommodation costs – former Governors-General	..	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
279	Australia 2020 Summit	2.6	-	-	-	-
279	Bravery medals from the Battle of Long Tan	-	-	-	-	-
280	Cabinet Committee Secretariat Support – additional funding	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
	<i>COAG</i>					
281	– Human Influenza Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness	2.0	2.7	-	-	-
281	– Inter-jurisdictional exchange of criminal history information on people working with children – scoping study	0.2	-	-	-	-
282	– National Health Security Legislation	0.9	-	-	-	-
282	COAG Reform Council	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.4	-

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET (continued)					
276	Community Cabinets	1.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
283	Council of Australian Governments – additional resources to support the COAG reform agenda	0.3	3.1	3.1	1.6	1.6
283	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – enhanced strategic capacity	-	8.6	9.4	9.5	9.5
283	Homeland and Border Security – review	0.1	-	-	-	-
276	Lobbyists Register – establishment	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
277	Office of National Security – establishment	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.3
277	Office of Work and Family – establishment	1.3	2.1	1.5	1.5	1.5
284	One National Circuit – adjustment for leasing expenses	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.5
350	Responsible Economic Management – Government Communication Unit – abolition	-1.0	-2.1	-2.1	-2.1	-2.1
278	Social inclusion agenda	1.0	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.3
112	Tackling Climate Change – Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	1.0	-	-	-	-
	<i>Office of National Assessments</i>					
125	Illegal Foreign Fishing – intelligence support	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>					
311	Closing the Gap – Northern Territory – Commonwealth Ombudsman support	-	0.2	-	-	-
339	Responsible Economic Management – Access Card	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	-1.8	-1.8
	<i>Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator</i>					
379	Responsible Economic Management – Clean Energy Target	-0.5	-1.3	-1.7	-2.2	-2.2
117	Tackling Climate Change – Renewable Energy Target – expansion	0.3	2.2	4.1	5.3	6.1
	Portfolio total	12.2	30.0	25.9	23.0	23.0
	RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM					
	<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>					
286	Australian Energy Market Operator – establishment	-	6.6	-	-	-
308	Closing the Gap – extension of the Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism	-	1.8	-	-	-
286	Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – environmental impact assessment	-	1.4	2.4	-	-
19	Crude oil excise – condensate(c)	-8.9	-72.8	-85.1	-85.1	-85.1
287	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism – supplementary funding for establishment and management	1.4	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9

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Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM (continued)					
285	Management of Australia's uranium resources	-	1.5	2.1	3.0	4.0
93	National Security – critical infrastructure protection	-	-	-	-	-
	Responsible Economic Management					
341	– Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate	-2.5	-16.9	-22.9	-7.3	-
369	– Australian Tourism Development Program	-	-6.9	-4.3	-4.3	-
380	– Climate Change – Asia-Pacific Network for Energy Technology	-1.9	-3.1	-	-	-
389	– Ethanol Distribution Program	-5.0	-	-	-	-
389	– Ethanol Production Grants	-10.8	-	-	-	-
391	– Fishing Hall of Fame – abolition	-3.0	-	-	-	-
285	Supporting Regional Tourism – project funding	-	-	-	-	-
	Tackling Climate Change					
113	– Energy Innovation Fund	-	40.9	51.2	36.3	21.7
115	– National Clean Coal Fund	15.0	34.8	108.6	124.5	97.8
117	– Renewable Energy Fund	-	-	55.5	71.0	101.0
287	United Nations World Tourism Organisation – continuation of membership	-	-	-	-	-
286	World Youth Day 2008 – additional funding	20.0	-	-	-	-
	<i>Geoscience Australia</i>					
94	National Security – Critical Infrastructure Protection Modelling and Analysis program	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Tourism Australia</i>					
424	Responsible Economic Management – Tourism Australia	-	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
	Portfolio total	4.4	-10.9	109.3	139.9	141.3
	TREASURY					
	<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>					
112	Tackling Climate Change – Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	0.7	2.2	2.7	2.8	-
	<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>					
289	Monitoring of grocery prices	1.6	4.0	4.1	3.1	-
	Petrol price monitoring					
289	– appointment of a permanent Petrol Commissioner	1.3	4.3	3.6	2.1	-
291	– FuelWatch	-	5.8	4.5	4.5	4.5
	<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
	Responsible Economic Management					
378	– Choice of Superannuation Fund	-	-	-1.1	-2.3	-2.3
349	– Financial Literacy Foundation – transfer	-	-	-	-	-

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Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	TREASURY (continued)					
	<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
138	Education Revolution – Improving our schools – Education Tax Refund – refundable tax offset	-	1,015.0	1,095.0	1,135.0	1,165.0
288	First Home Saver Accounts	2.4	130.2	226.2	301.4	372.5
12	Increased funding for the Australian Taxation Office compliance dividend(c)	-	39.0	63.6	76.7	77.6
	Means-testing of government support					
29	– expanded definitions of income to include certain 'salary sacrificed' contributions to superannuation(c)	-	3.2	-31.7	-26.8	-38.2
30	– expanded definitions of income to include net losses from investments(c)	-	1.1	..	-1.5	-2.6
31	– expanded definitions of income to include reportable fringe benefits(c)	-	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1
172	National Rental Affordability Scheme	-	10.5	47.0	134.5	301.7
34	Personal income tax – tightening eligibility for the dependency tax offsets(c)	-	0.4	0.1	..	..
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform	-	-	0.9	0.6	0.4
	Responsible Economic Management					
371	– Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit – streamlining administration	-	-2,159.3	-2,196.4	-2,238.7	-2,278.7
378	– Choice of Superannuation Fund	-	-6.6	-13.8	-13.8	-13.8
397	– Heavy vehicle road user charging	-	-40.0	-110.0	-150.0	-190.0
407	– New Business Intensive Assistance Program	-	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0
358	– regulations for private rulings requiring valuations	-4.1	-13.3	-6.5	-6.3	-6.4
422	– Simplified Superannuation – advertising campaign	-14.4	-	-	-	-
290	Superannuation Clearing House Facility	-	-	4.0	6.0	6.1
159	Water for the Future – National Urban Water and Desalination Plan	-	-	29.0	49.0	77.0
	<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
16	Albatrosses and Petrels Conservation Secretariat – tax relief(c)	-	..	..	..	..
290	Australia's Future Tax System	-	5.0	5.0	-	-
283	Council of Australian Governments – additional resources to support the COAG reform agenda	-	3.1	3.1	1.6	1.6
19	Crude oil excise – condensate(c)	80.0	72.3	84.1	85.1	85.1
22	Excise and customs duty – increased rates on 'other excisable beverages'(c)	8.7	57.1	64.0	71.6	80.1
288	Financial Product Disclosure Simplification	1.0	2.0	-	-	-

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TREASURY (continued)					
Fringe benefits tax					
22	-	5.0	20.0	45.0	50.0
24	-	15.0	30.0	35.0	40.0
24	*	*	*	*	*
25	-	-	-	-	-
GST and the sale of real property					
25	-	90.0	150.0	175.0	205.0
26	*	*	*	*	*
Humanitarian migration program					
252	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
254	-	-	1.3	2.5	3.9
27	-	*	*	*	*
Indirect tax – refund restrictions and four year amendment period(c)					
Migration Program					
257	-	94.6	195.3	303.6	419.7
258	-	17.6	18.1	18.8	19.5
31	-	35.0	-30.0	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-
Political donations – removing tax deductibility(c)					
Responsible Economic Management					
342	-0.1	-0.3	-	-	-
383	-	-179.8	-184.3	-188.9	-193.6
349	-2.7	-5.4	-5.4	-	-
395	-	-286.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
112	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.2	-
38	61.0	55.0	57.0	60.0	62.0
263	-	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1
<i>National Competition Council</i>					
406	-	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2
Responsible Economic Management – National Competition Council					
Portfolio total	138.5	-1,029.3	-465.9	-110.4	247.1

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	VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
	<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
231	Aged Care – Conditional Adjustment Payment – increase	-	14.6	15.4	16.2	16.7
292	Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training – extension of program	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
297	Australian Defence Force – recognition of the service of the Australian Training Support Team in the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor	-	-	-	-	-
292	Ballarat Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial	..	..	..	..	-
292	Bereavement payment for single veterans	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
293	Graythwaite Estate – securing the future of the Estate	0.1	5.1	5.0	10.0	-
211	Health and Hospitals Reform – GP Super Clinics	-	0.8	2.2	2.9	3.4
	Helping Seniors Make Ends Meet					
178	– Seniors Bonus	168.9	-	-	-	-
168	– Telephone Allowance – assistance with home internet connections	0.6	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.1
168	– Utilities Allowance – increase and extend eligibility	-	-	-	-	-
293	Income Support Supplement – extend eligibility	0.4	5.3	4.9	5.1	4.7
30	Means-testing of government support – expanded definitions of income to include net losses from investments(c)	-	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
237	Medicare Benefits Schedule – knee and brain Magnetic Resonance Imaging services	-	-	-	-	-
294	Mental Health – support to the Australian Defence Force members and veterans	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	-
294	Mental Health Workers – increased training	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	-
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
240	– extension to the listing of Remicade® (infiximab)	-	-	-	-	-
240	– extension to the listing of Topamax® (topiramate)	-	-	-	-	-
241	– listing of Champix® (varenicline)	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
241	– listing of Renagel® (sevelamer)	-	-	-	-	-
242	– listing of Sensipar® (cinacalcet)	-	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9
243	– listing of Tysabri® (natalizumab)	-	3.8	5.5	6.7	7.6
243	– minor new listings	1.0	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.5
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform	-	1.2	3.7	3.4	3.7
297	Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – minor new listings	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
	Responsible Economic Management					
339	– Access Card	-0.8	-2.4	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4

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Page	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
VETERANS' AFFAIRS (continued)					
Responsible Economic Management					
376	-	-	-3.3	-3.2	-3.4
381	-	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
382	-	0.2	..	..	-
393	..	0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1
403	-	-1.9	-1.8	-1.8	-1.9
403	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
409	0.3	-4.3	-7.7	-10.4	-12.6
410	-	-8.6	-20.4	-23.0	-25.9
411	-	-0.6	-	-	-
421	-	-1.6	-1.6	-	-
295	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	-
Veterans' ex-service organisations					
295	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
296	-	0.2	-	-	-
298	-	-	-	-	-
296	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
296	-	0.7	1.5	2.3	3.2
174	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total					
Decisions taken but not yet announced					
Depreciation expense					
Total impact of expense measures(d)					
	177.0	28.4	15.7	20.1	5.6
	-	5.0	-	-	-
	9.1	-16.3	-10.5	-7.4	-7.1
	3119.5	1324.2	4204.4	4532.9	4843.3

* 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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(a) This statement reports all measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO. All financial impacts are changes since the *2007 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook*. A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in expenses, no sign before an estimate indicates increased expenses.

(b) Details of these measures can be found under Part 3: Capital measures.

(c) Details of these measures can be found under Part 1: Revenue measures.

(d) Measures may not add due to rounding.

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Election Commitments

Fisheries Research Program — expansion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	1.9	2.2	0.3	-

The Government will provide \$4.4 million over three years to expand the level of research on Commonwealth managed fisheries, particularly on fish species about which little is known, in recognition of the recent major structural adjustment to Commonwealth fisheries. The funding will support the expansion of the research currently conducted by the Bureau of Rural Sciences and the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics in relation to Commonwealth fisheries.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

National Weeds and Productivity Research Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	3.2	4.2	4.0	4.0

The Government will provide \$15.3 million over four years to establish a National Weeds and Productivity Research Program to investigate and address significant invasive plant problems and to improve advice to the farm and forestry sectors on managing invasive plants in forests, pastures and native vegetation.

This measure includes funding of \$0.3 million over two years from 2008-09 for research into the control of fireweed from the redirection of funds from the Defeating the Weed Menace program.

See also the related savings measure titled *Defeating the Weed Menace* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Preparing Australia's Forestry Industry for the Future

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	5.9	6.9	7.2	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over three years to assist in securing the future of Australia's forestry industry. The funding will be directed to five priorities: addressing forestry skills shortages; boosting the export of forest products; building a forestry industry database; addressing the importation of illegally logged timber; and preparing forest industries for climate change.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Promoting Australian Produce Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	2.0	2.0	1.0	-

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over three years in matching grants to the Australian farming and seafood industry to increase awareness of the premium quality of Australian produce.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Quarantine Research and Preparedness Plan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.5	1.8	1.9	1.2	-

The Government will provide \$5.4 million over four years to implement a comprehensive Quarantine Research and Preparedness Plan to minimise the impacts of pests, diseases and contaminants on Australia's agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries.

The funding includes provision for development and implementation of a National Fruit Fly Strategy, continued development of Australia's ability to rapidly and accurately diagnose plant pests and diseases, and development and piloting of a model for on-farm biosecurity planning.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Recreational Fishing Industry Development Strategy — development and implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	0.5	0.5	1.0	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over three years to develop and implement a strategy to improve recreational fishing opportunities and to develop a consistent approach to the management of recreational fisheries across Australia.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Regional Food Producers' Innovation and Productivity Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	6.0	8.2	8.0	12.8

The Government will provide \$35.0 million over four years in matching grants to Australia's regional food producers to assist them in becoming more competitive through productivity and innovation improvements. This will include funding of \$10.0 million for seafood industry projects.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Torres Strait Commercial Line Fishery buyback scheme — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$7.5 million in 2007-08 to establish a voluntary buyback scheme for the remaining commercial Torres Strait line fishing entitlements. This will allow reallocation of 100 per cent of the finfish fishery resource to traditional fishers through the Torres Strait Regional Authority.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Drought assistance — Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers — additional declarations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.4 million over two years from 2007-08 to continue support for primary producers in the Exceptional Circumstances declared areas of Duaringa-Bauhinia and Mount Morgan Shire in Queensland.

Exceptional Circumstances assistance provides 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.

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

Drought assistance — Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small business — additional declarations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.5 million over two years from 2007-08 to continue support for farm-dependent small businesses in the Exceptional Circumstances declared areas of Duaringa-Bauhinia and Mount Morgan Shire in Queensland.

The small business assistance provides interest rate subsidies and income support to help viable farm-dependent businesses and families who are adversely affected by the prolonged drought. Eligible recipients are also provided with a health care concession card and access to Youth Allowance for their children.

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

Drought assistance — transitional income support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.5 million over three years to provide up to 12 months of income support payments to eligible farm families in areas for which exceptional circumstances declarations are not extended. The program, commencing from 16 June 2008, will provide income support payments equivalent to NewStart Allowance payments to farm families that have not recovered from the impacts of the prolonged drought and are in need of income support.

Eligibility criteria for assistance will include a similar income test to NewStart Allowance and a limit on the net value of assets of \$1.5 million. Applicants will also be required to obtain and act on business viability advice and training available through the *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adjustment Program*.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

See also the related expense measure titled *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adjustment Program* in the Tackling Climate Change package of measures.

Equine influenza — eradication

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	97.2	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$97.2 million in 2007-08 towards the cost of the national response to eradicate equine influenza from Australia. Australia was declared provisionally-free of the disease on 14 March 2008.

The agreed limit for the national response is capped at \$108.0 million. Under Commonwealth, state and industry cost-sharing arrangements, the Government agreed to underwrite the horse industry's proportion.

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Further information can be found in the press release of 15 February 2008 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Equine influenza — extension of assistance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	26.1	-	-	-	-

The Government provided an additional \$142.9 million in 2007-08 to extend the equine influenza assistance package to 14 March 2008 to allow the horse industry more time to properly recover from the influenza outbreak.

The extension provided support through the Commercial Horse Assistance Payment, the Business Assistance Grant, Equine Workers Hardship Wage Supplement Payment and grants for non-government, not-for-profit equestrian organisation programs.

Extending the Business Assistance Grants and grants for non-government, not-for-profit equestrian organisations programs has enabled eligible businesses and organisations to apply for a second round of grants.

Provision for \$116.8 million has already been included in the forward estimates.

International Agriculture Cooperation — Live Animal Trade Program — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	1.0	1.1	1.1

The Government will provide \$7.6 million over four years to continue funding for Australia's veterinary counsellor in the Middle East and for projects aimed at improving animal welfare in countries importing Australian live animals.

This measure involves funding of \$1.8 million per annum in 2008-09 and 2009-10, and \$2.0 million per annum in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

The cost of this measure in 2008-09 will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Securing the Future: protecting our industries from biological, chemical and physical risks — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	4.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.9 million in 2008-09 to continue to improve Australia's ability to detect and respond to biosecurity threats, and to minimise the costs to industry and governments caused by established pests and exotic pest and disease incursions.

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Election Commitments

Albert Hall, Canberra — restoration assistance grant

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	0.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.5 million in 2009-10 to the Australian Capital Territory Government to assist with repairs to and restoration of the Albert Hall. The Albert Hall is an historic building in the Australian Capital Territory located close to Parliament House which has, for many years, been used for a wide range of community and commercial events, cultural and musical performances, and events of national significance.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Anti-whaling — Oceanic Viking deployment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Customs Service	1.3	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$1.3 million in 2007-08 to deploy the leased vessel, *Oceanic Viking*, to monitor the activities of the Japanese Whaling Fleet in the Southern Ocean.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Australian Federal Police retention and recruitment program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over five years to fund an Australian Federal Police retention and recruitment program. This will help enable the Australian Federal Police to meet its recruitment targets for new staff and implement programs to improve the retention of existing staff.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Clarke Inquiry into the case of Dr Mohamed Haneef

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	2.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.2 million in 2008-09 to establish an independent non-statutory inquiry headed by former New South Wales Supreme Court Judge, the Hon John Clarke QC, to inquire into the handling of the case of Dr Mohamed Haneef. The Inquiry will also examine and report on the effectiveness of cooperation, coordination and interoperability between Commonwealth agencies and with state law enforcement agencies relating to these matters.

Total costs for the Inquiry will be approximately \$4.2 million over two years from 2007-08. Funding of \$2.0 million will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Attorney-General's Department.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Human rights and civil responsibilities — national consultation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.8 million over two years from 2007-08 to facilitate national public consultations about the recognition and protection of human rights and the recognition of civil responsibilities. The consultation process will also facilitate discussion of possible frameworks to address these issues. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Attorney-General's Department.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Lismore Flood Management Plan — Infrastructure upgrade

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.1 million in 2008-09 to facilitate the upgrade of the Browns Creek Pumping Station and the Lismore Flood Levee as part of the Lismore Flood Management Plan.

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

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Budget Measures 2008-09

Port security — increased inspection capacity

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Customs Service	-	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Customs Service	-	3.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.0 million over four years to the Australian Customs Service to increase its capacity to inspect and examine containers at regional ports in Launceston, Darwin, Townsville and Newcastle for illicit and potentially dangerous goods and other border risks.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children — law reform

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	0.1	11.8	-7.4	-30.3	-32.1
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.1	9.7	-18.5	-25.2	-30.5
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	6.4	6.1	6.7	7.5
Department of Defence	-	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.2
Comsuper	-	1.6	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.2	3.7	3.4	3.7
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	0.4	..	..	..
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.3	0.9	0.9	1.0
Medicare Australia	-	0.2	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	0.9	0.6	0.4
Various Agencies	-	-	-1.0	-1.1	-1.6
Total	0.2	34.5	-12.4	-41.8	-48.2
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-0.4	3.2	-0.8	-1.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Comsuper	-	0.3	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.2	-	-	-
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total	-	0.6	-	-	-

The Government will prospectively remove differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children from Commonwealth laws (except where they rely on the *Family Law Act 1975* definitions and presumptions) in the areas of Australian Government (defined benefit) superannuation schemes, social security, veterans' entitlements, workplace relations, workers' compensation, taxation, health (including Medicare, pharmaceutical benefits and hearing services) and immigration and citizenship. The measure is expected to result in net savings of \$66.0 million over four years.

The majority of the expenditure in 2008-09 will be to implement changes to Centrelink's payment systems.

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Legislative changes are expected to take effect on 1 July 2009 with the exception of Medicare and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Safety Nets (1 January 2009) and Fringe Benefits Tax (1 April 2009). Amendments to the Australian Government (defined benefit) superannuation schemes will commence on a date to be set by proclamation, with amendments related to superannuation and taxation of death benefit payments having effect from 1 July 2008.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Safer Suburbs program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	1.5	6.0	7.5	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$15.0 million over three years to fund grants under the *Safer Suburbs program*. The program aims to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and gang activity through a range of measures, including the installation of closed circuit television cameras and improved street lighting

Funding for this measure will be provided from the redirection of funds from the *National Community Crime Prevention Program*.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

See also the related savings measure titled *National Community Crime Prevention Program* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Schools Security Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	1.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over five years to improve security at schools. Specific security needs will be identified through security assessments developed in consultation with relevant federal and state police and security organisations.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Sworn Australian Federal Police officers — increase

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	5.3	10.3	16.9	53.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	-	1.5	1.3	1.4	7.5

The Government will provide \$191.9 million over five years (including \$94.4 million in 2012-13) to deliver an additional 500 sworn Australian Federal Police officers. The additional officers will work on high impact criminal investigations relating to transnational and domestic crime, counter terrorism, high tech crime, fraud, money laundering, people smuggling, drug trafficking, and child sexual exploitation.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Wallsend Flood Early Warning System

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	0.1	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.1 million in 2007-08 to facilitate the operation of a flood early warning system at Wallsend as part of the Newcastle Flood Management Plan. The system will provide early warning of possible flooding of properties located in the Iron Creek catchment area near Wallsend. This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity — increased operational resourcing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	-	0.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	-	0.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.5 million over four years to the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity to enhance its capacity to undertake investigations and collect intelligence. This will support the Commission in its mission to investigate cases of, and help prevent, serious and systemic corruption issues in the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Crime Commission. The additional funding will also be used to enhance the agency's corporate governance and to allow it to assess the Australian Federal Police's and Australian Crime Commission's anti-corruption plans.

Australian Customs Service — replacement of vessels project team

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Customs Service	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.9 million over two years from 2008-09 to continue the project team that is developing replacement strategies for the maritime surveillance and response capability currently provided by the Bay class vessels.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Customs Service.

Australian Federal Police — Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	5.6	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$5.6 million in 2007-08 to continue the deployment of 37 Australian Federal Police personnel to the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands. This will allow the Australian Federal Police to maintain its 2006-07 staffing levels through 2007-08 in response to the civil unrest in the Solomon Islands in April 2006.

This funding relates to mission-based expenses only, and is in addition to funding for salaries, training and other general expenses, which has already been provided for in the forward estimates.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Border protection — surveillance in Australia's northern waters

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Customs Service	-	1.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.1 million in 2008-09 to the Australian Customs Service to continue providing 2,200 hours of aerial surveillance in Australia's northern waters to deter unauthorised arrivals. This funding is in addition to the funding already provided in the forward estimates (\$12.6 million in 2008-09, \$12.7 million in 2009-10, \$12.8 million in 2010-11 and \$13.0 million in 2011-12).

Future funding requirements will be reviewed in the 2009-10 Budget.

Drug Use Monitoring in Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Institute of Criminology	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years from 2008-09 to maintain the national collection of drug use data at seven designated sites. The *Drug Use Monitoring in Australia* program aims to monitor the impact of drug supply, harm and demand reduction initiatives. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Equine Influenza Commission of Inquiry — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	2.5	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$2.6 million over two years from 2007-08 to extend the administrative support provided to the Inquiry into the Outbreak of Equine Influenza in Australia. The additional funding will help allow the Commission to meet its reporting date of 25 April 2008.

Federal Magistrates Court of Australia — providing an additional magistrate for increased family law workloads

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Federal Magistrates Court of Australia	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Family Court of Australia	-	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.1 million over four years to appoint an additional federal magistrate to deal with increased family law workloads in the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia. Less complex family law matters can be more efficiently considered by the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia.

The cost of the additional magistrate will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Family Court of Australia, because new judges will not need to be appointed to fill recent vacancies.

Legal aid funding for national security trials

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	9.0	-	2.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.0 million over three years for the Expensive Commonwealth Criminal Cases Fund. This supplementation will allow the state-based legal aid commissions to meet trial costs arising from investigations into terrorism offences in Victoria and New South Wales (Operation Pendennis), without reducing the funding available for other areas of legal aid.

National Security — Air Security Officer program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.4 million in 2008-09 to continue funding for the *Air Security Officer* program, which provides a discreet anti-hijacking capability for Australian civil aviation by providing armed security personnel on board aircraft.

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

National Security — counter-terrorism rapid deployment capability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$34.1 million over four years from 2008-09 to maintain the Australian Federal Police's capacity to respond to terrorist attacks in regional countries and to assist in strengthening the counter-terrorism capabilities of regional law enforcement partners.

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

National Security — critical infrastructure protection

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.8 million in 2008-09 to continue the critical infrastructure protection program. The program helps to ensure there are adequate levels of protective security for critical infrastructure from natural and other disasters.

The Department of Defence will meet costs of \$1.5 million from within its existing resourcing and provision for the remaining funding for 2008-09 has already been included in the estimates. Funding requirements beyond 2008-09 will be reviewed in the 2009-10 Budget.

National Security — Critical Infrastructure Protection Modelling and Analysis program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Geoscience Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3

The Government will provide \$23.4 million over four years (including \$9.2 million in new funding) to further develop the Critical Infrastructure Protection Modelling and Analysis program, which uses computer models to simulate the effect of disasters on Australia's people, infrastructure and economy. The program helps to develop plans to protect communities from natural and human-made disasters.

Provision for funding of \$6.0 million over four years for the Attorney-General's Department and \$0.8 million over four years for Geoscience Australia has already been included in the forward estimates.

The Department of Defence will absorb costs of \$7.4 million over four years from within its existing resourcing.

Natural Disaster Mitigation Program — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	19.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$19.2 million in 2008-09 for the continuation of the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program, which assists the delivery of projects that mitigate the impact of natural disasters in Australia. The program operates under a cost-sharing agreement with the States and Territories to focus mitigation activities in areas of highest need.

Patrol Vessel in Australian Northern Waters — extension

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Customs Service	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$35.7 million over two years from 2007-08 to retain the Australian Customs Vessel TRITON in the Australian Northern Waters. The vessel will monitor illegal foreign fishing and people smuggling operations.

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This measure includes capital funding of \$1.1 million over two years for the improvement of onboard living conditions of Customs officers.

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

Queensland Flood Relief Appeal — government assistance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	0.5	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.5 million in 2007-08 to the Premier of Queensland's 2008 Flood Relief Appeal. The appeal relates to the mid-January 2008 floods in the Mackay and Whitsunday regions. This payment is in addition to assistance provided by the Government under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

Election Commitments

ABC NewsRadio Rollout

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will continue the extension of ABC NewsRadio services to the remaining towns with a population over 10,000. These extensions may take longer than originally anticipated while the Australian Communications and Media Authority undertakes further testing of available spectrum and investigates possible spectrum solutions. The remaining towns have spectrum limitations that require this further investigation to ensure there is no interference caused to existing radio and television services by an extension of NewsRadio services.

A provision for the funding of those transmission services will remain in the Contingency Reserve to protect the ABC's commercial position in any future tender processes.

Australian Broadband Guarantee — extension

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	89.7	76.0	59.9	44.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</i>	-	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide up to \$270.7 million over four years (including \$0.3 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to provide equitable access to broadband services in regional and remote communities and blackspot areas. Annual funding to be provided through the Australian Broadband Guarantee will be capped.

The Government has committed to establish a National Broadband Network to provide high speed broadband services to 98 per cent of Australian homes and businesses. The Australian Broadband Guarantee will provide access to 'metro-comparable' broadband services to underserved areas while the Network is being rolled-out and for the remaining 2 per cent of Australians in regional and rural Australia not covered by the Network.

See also the related expense measure titled *National Broadband Network – roll-out* in the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Australian Music Radio Airplay Project

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6

The Government will provide \$2.4 million over four years to support the Australian Music Radio Airplay Project to help promote contemporary Australian bands and musicians. The project produces and distributes radio content and promotes Australian music as well as developing an online resource for community broadcasters, musicians, industry bodies and audiences to learn about emerging artists.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Cyber-safety Plan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	8.7	12.7	13.2	13.0
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	7.3	32.5	6.6	4.9
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	5.5	3.0	2.8	2.8
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9
Total	-	24.3	51.1	25.4	23.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$125.8 million over four years to establish the *Cyber-safety Plan*.

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The *Cyber-safety Plan* will provide a range of initiatives to combat online threats and protect children from inappropriate material on the internet, through activities such as an education program for teachers and the community, Internet Service Provider level filtering of an expanded Australian Communications and Media Authority blacklist, examination of options to allow families to exclude other unwanted content, a Youth Advisory Group to assist the Government to formulate age-appropriate measures to protect children, an expanded Consultative Working Group focussed on cyber-safety issues, a dedicated website for children and research projects on cyber-safety issues.

From 2009-10, Internet Service Providers will receive a one-off subsidy towards the costs of installing Internet Service Providers filters. This funding will largely occur in 2009-10 with funding in following years only for new providers.

This measure will continue funding for the Australian Federal Police and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for the investigation and prosecution relating to incidents of child sexual exploitation.

See also the related savings measure titled *Protecting Australian Families Online* in the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

National Broadband Network — establishment and implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	2.1	5.2	0.4	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide \$8.6 million over five years to the National Broadband Network policy. This is in addition to the reallocation of \$1.8 million from the Australia Connected Expert Taskforce.

The funding will be used to develop and manage the competitive assessment process and to monitor the roll-out of the National Broadband Network, including costs associated with the establishment of a panel of experts and specialist advisers for the conduct and assessment of the recently commenced Request for Proposals process.

See also the related expense measures titled *National Broadband Network – roll-out* in the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

National Broadband Network — roll-out

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide up to \$4.7 billion to build a high-speed, open-access, fibre-based National Broadband Network. The new network will deliver minimum speeds of 12 megabits per second to 98 per cent of Australian homes and businesses.

The budget impact will be dependant on the outcome of the recently-commenced Request for Proposals process. A provision for the National Broadband Network has therefore been included in the Contingency Reserve pending the determination of the successful proponent.

See also the related expense measure titled *National Broadband Network – establishment and implementation* in the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Television Blackspots

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	0.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$850,000 in 2008-09 as a contribution towards improving television reception in the following locations:

- Broadford (Victoria)
- King Island (Tasmania)
- Elizabeth/Salisbury and surrounds (South Australia)

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Clever Networks — additional funding for connecting rural independent Victorian schools

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	1.7	3.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.2 million over two years for a new aspect of the *Clever Networks* program, which will assist with the provision of a managed virtual private network for independent schools across rural and regional Victoria. This will help improve learning opportunities and outcomes for students and support the professional development of their teachers.

Community Broadcasting National Training Program — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.6 million in 2008-09 to continue the community broadcasting *National Training Program*, which enables the community radio sector to plan and deliver accredited management and broadcasting skills training, particularly in regional, rural and remote Australia. The program also addresses the special training needs of radio for the print handicapped, Indigenous and ethnic community broadcasting. This maintains the level of funding provided in 2007-08.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Digital radio — introduction extended

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	-5.8	4.8	-	-
Total	-	-5.8	4.8	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will seek to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* to extend the legislated timetable for the commercial broadcasters to commence digital radio broadcasting from 1 January 2009 to 1 July 2009. The proposed extension will provide the commercial broadcasters with additional time needed to prepare for the introduction of digital radio.

This amendment will not prevent the commercial, community or national broadcasters from commencing digital radio earlier, subject to the necessary regulatory approvals being in place. The national broadcasters, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the Special Broadcasting Service, are still expected to commence limited digital radio transmissions in early 2009.

The delay will save the Government a net \$1.0 million over four years from 2008-09. Further savings will also be achieved by the national broadcasters in relation to capital and transmission costs. Due to the commercial nature of the associated tender arrangements, these savings cannot be disclosed. Provision for a capital injection for equipment for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the Special Broadcasting Service digital radio systems, and for funding for transmission services, will be made in the Contingency Reserve.

Digital Television Switchover — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	11.5	6.2	5.8	5.9
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.5
Total	-	13.6	8.1	7.7	7.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$37.9 million over four years to assist the switchover of analogue to digital television broadcasting.

The Government will establish a Digital Television Switchover Taskforce which is responsible for coordinating and overseeing Australia's transition from analogue to digital television.

This measure will provide funding for:

- implementing a Digital Tracker to measure household readiness to convert to digital television, intention to convert and the availability of digital equipment in the supply chain;
- research evaluating reception difficulties in multi-unit dwellings such as blocks of apartments, hospitals and schools that rely on communal reception systems; and
- development of a labelling scheme for television equipment to provide information to Australian consumers on what products are or are not 'digital ready'.

This measure includes funding of \$7.5 million over four years to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to conduct a technical program to support an evaluation of digital television signal deficiency. In addition, the Government will provide \$1.1 million over four years as capital funding to areas of ACMA to monitor and report on digital terrestrial television broadcast reception with a focus on problem areas.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Tackling Climate Change

The Government is committed to tackling climate change. The Government's climate change strategy is built on three pillars: reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions; adapting to the impacts of climate change that we cannot avoid; and helping to shape a global solution to climate change.

Funding of \$2.3 billion will be provided to implement a range of climate change measures. These include the Government's election commitments to introduce a domestic emissions trading scheme in 2010 (\$68.8 million over five years), expand the renewable energy target (\$15.5 million over five years) and establish the Department of Climate Change (\$21.8 million over four years).

The Government will support households and communities to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions through Green Loans, Solar Hot Water Rebates, the National Solar Schools Plan, the expanded *Solar Cities* program and rebates to install insulation in rental properties. The energy efficiency measures will help families identify the most energy efficient and cost effective electrical appliances for their homes and the One Stop Green Shop will help increase awareness of the benefits of energy efficiency.

The development and use of new clean energy technologies will be assisted through the Government's Energy Innovation Fund (\$150.0 million over four years), National Clean Coal Fund (\$500.0 million over eight years), Renewable Energy Fund (\$500.0 million over six years from 2009-10) and Green Car Innovation Fund (\$500.0 million over five years from 2011-12). These funds will provide industry with support to accelerate the development and deployment of low emission technologies.

Further support to business will be provided through the Clean Business Australia initiative (\$240.0 million over four years from 2008-09), which will assist businesses reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and bring to market new products that save energy and water. The Clean Energy Enterprise Connect Centre (\$20.0 million over four years) will provide business improvement services to small and medium sized clean energy enterprises.

The Government will provide funding to gather data on the impacts of climate change on Australia and its environment. The Government will invest \$150.0 million over three years in the Adaptation to Climate Change Initiative to strengthen adaptation efforts of countries in Australia's region that are at risk from the impacts of climate change. The Australia's Farming Future Initiative (\$130.0 million over four years) will improve the ability of primary producers to respond to climate change and manage their emissions and \$8.0 million will be provided to assess the capacity of forests to sequester carbon and to develop the Climate Change and Forestry Adaptation Action Plan.

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This funding will be in addition to the \$1.4 billion over four years to maintain existing climate change programs administered by the Department of Climate Change, the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism.

Table 3: Tackling Climate Change

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
REVENUE MEASURES						
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET						
<i>Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Renewable Energy Target – expansion	1.0	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.9	14.0
Sub Total	1.0	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.9	14.0
Total Revenue measures	1.0	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.9	14.0
EXPENSE MEASURES						
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY						
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships Program	-	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	60.0
– Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adjustment Program	-	15.0	15.0	15.0	10.0	55.0
– Climate Change and Productivity Research Program	-	6.0	5.0	4.0	-	15.0
– Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	0.8	0.8	-	-	-	1.5
Sub Total	0.8	36.8	35.0	34.0	25.0	131.5
CLIMATE CHANGE						
<i>Department of Climate Change</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Climate change adaptation strategies for the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire and the City of Mandurah (Peel-Kwinana Growth Corridor), Western Australia – contribution	-	0.2	-	-	-	0.2
– Department of Climate Change – establishment	-	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	21.8
– Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	6.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	43.5
– Garnaut Climate Change Review – contribution	1.6	0.7	-	-	-	2.3
Sub Total	7.9	15.6	14.6	14.8	14.9	67.8
ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS						
<i>Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Deception Bay Pool – contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Energy Efficiency of Electrical Appliances	-	2.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	14.0
– Green Loans	-	17.4	60.2	88.1	87.9	253.7
– Hot water system phase out – development and implementation	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Low Emission Plan for Renters – establishment	-	10.5	37.5	50.0	50.0	148.0
– National Solar Schools Plan	9.0	74.6	119.7	107.2	50.8	361.2

Table 3: Tackling Climate Change (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS (continued)						
Tackling Climate Change						
– One Stop Green Shop – establishment	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	3.0
– Solar Cities and Green Precincts	1.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	-	25.0
– Solar Homes and Communities Plan	-	25.6	19.4	-27.4	-17.7	-
Sub Total	10.0	139.1	250.0	231.0	174.9	804.9
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE						
<i>AusAID</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– adaptation to climate change	-	20.3	49.4	65.0	-	134.6
Sub Total	-	20.3	49.4	65.0	-	134.6
INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH						
<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Clean Business Australia – Climate Ready Program	-	13.1	22.6	23.8	15.5	75.0
– Clean Business Australia – Green Building Fund	-	22.5	37.5	15.0	15.0	90.0
– Clean Business Australia – Retooling for Climate Change	-	10.9	21.8	24.5	17.8	75.0
– Green Car Innovation Fund	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Sub Total	-	46.6	81.9	63.2	148.3	340.0
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET						
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	1.0	-	-	-	-	1.0
<i>Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Renewable Energy Target – expansion	0.3	2.2	4.1	5.3	6.1	18.0
Sub Total	1.3	2.2	4.1	5.3	6.1	19.0
RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM						
<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Energy Innovation Fund	-	40.9	51.2	36.3	21.7	150.0
– Renewable Energy Fund	-	-	55.5	71.0	101.0	227.5
– National Clean Coal Fund	15.0	34.8	108.6	124.5	97.8	380.7
Sub Total	15.0	75.6	215.3	231.7	220.5	758.1

Table 3: Tackling Climate Change (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
TREASURY						
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	0.7	2.2	2.7	2.8	-	8.3
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.2	-	13.0
Sub Total	3.8	5.5	6.1	6.0	-	21.3
Total Expense measures	38.8	341.6	656.3	650.9	589.8	2,277.3
CAPITAL MEASURES						
CLIMATE CHANGE						
<i>Department of Climate Change</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	0.5	-	-	-	-	0.5
Sub Total	0.5	-	-	-	-	0.5
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE						
<i>AusAID</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– adaptation to climate change	-	0.4	-	-	-	0.4
Sub Total	-	0.4	-	-	-	0.4
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET						
<i>Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Renewable Energy Target – expansion	-	1.1	1.1	-	-	2.2
Sub Total	-	1.1	1.1	-	-	2.2
TREASURY						
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	-	0.3	0.2	0.2	-	0.7
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>						
Tackling Climate Change						
– Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation	..	0.2	..	-	-	0.3
Sub Total	..	0.5	0.3	0.2	-	0.9
Total Capital measures	0.5	2.0	1.4	0.2	-	4.0
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE						
<i>Total expense measures</i>	38.8	341.6	656.3	650.9	589.8	2,277.3
<i>Total capital measures</i>	0.5	2.0	1.4	0.2	-	4.0
Total expenditure	39.3	343.6	657.6	651.1	589.8	2,281.4
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	1.0	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.9	14.0
Net additional expenditure	38.3	341.2	654.4	647.7	585.8	2,267.3

Election Commitments

Tackling Climate Change — adaptation to climate change

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	20.3	49.4	65.0	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
AusAID	-	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$150.0 million over three years (including \$0.4 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to strengthen climate change adaptation efforts, focusing on countries in Australia's region where communities are at risk from the impacts of climate change. This measure will help increase the scientific information base to improve planning and response, build the institutions implementing adaptation programs and contribute to major multilateral adaptation funds. This measure will also provide Australian skills and expertise to help our neighbours, particularly in the Pacific, to adapt to climate change.

Funding of \$15.0 million in 2008-09 will be met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment and is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Tackling Climate Change — Australia's Farming Future — Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0

The Government will provide \$60.0 million over four years to assist farmers in responding and adapting to the impacts of climate change, and preparing for an emissions trading scheme. This funding provides for investment in climate change partnerships to improve understanding and awareness of climate change impacts, promote education and training, and improve planning and on-farm management tools.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Australia's Farming Future — Climate Change Adjustment Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	15.0	15.0	15.0	10.0

The Government will provide \$55.0 million over four years to assist farmers in responding to climate change through the provision of professional advice and training grants. Re-establishment grants will also be available to eligible farmers who choose to leave their farm. The funding also includes \$10.0 million for the Rural Financial Counselling Service.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Climate change adaptation strategies for the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire and the City of Mandurah (Peel-Kwinana Growth Corridor), Western Australia — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Climate Change	-	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2008-09 to fund the application of climate change adaptation strategies in the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire and the City of Mandurah, Western Australia. This project will act as a pilot for other local government areas across Australia looking for ways to deal with the impact of climate change.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Climate Change and Productivity Research Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	6.0	5.0	4.0	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over three years for a coordinated research program to assist farmers to improve productivity and respond to climate change. Program funding will be coordinated across rural research and development corporations and companies, public and private research providers, and Australian and state government agencies.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Clean Business Australia — Climate Ready Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	13.1	22.6	23.8	15.5

The Government will provide \$75.0 million over four years to establish the Climate Ready program. The new competitive grants program will assist small and medium enterprises to develop and bring to the market new products that save energy and water and reduce pollution.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Clean Business Australia — Green Building Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	22.5	37.5	15.0	15.0

The Government will provide \$90.0 million over four years to establish a Green Building Fund to assist Australian business to implement energy efficient measures. The Fund will subsidise 50 per cent of the cost of retro-fitting and retro-commissioning existing commercial office buildings, up to a maximum of \$200,000 per building. Funds will be awarded to organisations on a competitive basis, with priority given to large buildings (over 5000m²).

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Clean Business Australia — Retooling for Climate Change

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	10.9	21.8	24.5	17.8

The Government will provide \$75.0 million over four years to assist Australian manufacturers to improve their production processes, energy and water efficiency and to reduce their carbon emissions. Grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000, up to a third of the cost of each project, will be provided to small and medium sized companies. Advice will also be provided to small and medium enterprises on how to improve water efficiency through the National Manufacturing Network.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Deception Bay Pool — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$250,000 in 2008-09 for the installation of solar water heating panels for the Deception Bay Pool in Caboolture Shire, Queensland.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Department of Climate Change — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Climate Change	-	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5

The Government will provide \$21.8 million over four years to establish the Department of Climate Change.

The Department will coordinate the Government's response to climate change including development of an Emissions Trading Scheme and increased initial activity following the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol and participation in ongoing international climate change negotiations.

This funding supplements resources transferred to the new department under the machinery of government changes.

See also the related expense measure titled *Tackling Climate Change – Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation* in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Emissions Trading Scheme — design and implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Climate Change	6.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4
Department of the Treasury	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.2	-
Australian Bureau of Statistics	0.7	2.2	2.7	2.8	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.8	0.8	-	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	1.0	-	-	-	-
Total	11.9	15.5	15.3	15.3	9.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>	-	0.3	0.2	0.2	-
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	..	0.2	..	-	-
<i>Department of Climate Change</i>	0.5	-	-	-	-
Total	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	-

The Government will provide \$68.8 million over five years to design and implement a domestic emissions trading scheme in Australia.

This measure will provide \$44.0 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in capital) to the Department of Climate Change to lead this activity and to coordinate climate change policy.

The Department of the Treasury will receive \$13.3 million over four years (including \$0.3 million in capital) to undertake modelling and analysis of the sectoral and distributional impacts of different emission reduction goals and trajectories.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics will receive \$9.0 million over four years (including \$0.7 million in capital) and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will receive \$1.5 million over two years, for the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, to assist with the modelling and analysis.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet received \$1.0 million in 2007-08 as reimbursement for the emissions trading scheme design activity that it undertook prior to the establishment of the Department of Climate Change.

See also the related expense measure titled *Tackling Climate Change – Department of Climate Change – establishment* in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Energy Efficiency of Electrical Appliances

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	2.0	4.1	4.0	3.9

The Government will provide \$14.0 million over four years to help improve the energy efficiency of electrical appliances. This measure includes funding to:

- expand the current 6-star Energy Rating Label to a 10-star system across a wider list of products;
- introduce Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards that ensure greenhouse benefits and energy savings are factored into standard appliance settings;
- review existing Minimum Energy Performance Standards every three years for all major appliances; and
- accelerate the introduction of the 1-watt standard for appliances with a standby mode function.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Energy Innovation Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	40.9	51.2	36.3	21.7

The Government will provide \$150.0 million over four years to support the development of clean energy technologies in Australia as part of the Government’s climate change strategy through an Energy Innovation Fund.

Initiatives to be supported through the Fund include: \$50.0 million for the Australian Solar Institute to expand Australia’s solar thermal research capacity and to build on the existing CSIRO centre in Newcastle, \$50.0 million for photovoltaic research and development, and \$50.0 million for general clean energy research and development, including energy efficiency, energy storage technologies and hydrogen transport fuels.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Green Car Innovation Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-	-	100.0

The Government will provide \$500.0 million over five years from 2011-12 to establish a Green Car Innovation Fund. The fund will assist the Australian automotive industry to develop and manufacture low emission vehicles. Industry will be expected to match the Government's contribution on a one to three dollar basis, generating a total of \$2 billion in investment.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Green Loans

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	17.4	60.2	88.1	87.9

The Government will provide \$300.0 million over five years (including \$46.3 million in 2012-13) to subsidise the provision of low-interest loans, of up to \$10,000 per home, for the installation of green technologies to improve water and energy efficiency. These include solar hot water, insulation, rainwater tanks and grey water recycling. The loans are intended to be provided by accredited financial institutions, selected by competitive tender, with the interest rate subsidised by the Government. Delivery arrangements will be finalised following consultation with the financial industry.

The funding will also provide for refunds for home energy and water audits and free 'green renovation packs'.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Hot water system phase out — development and implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.9 million over four years for a gradual phase-out of inefficient hot water systems used in Australian homes.

The Government will work with State and Territory governments and industry to develop nationally-consistent greenhouse performance standards for domestic hot water products to meet new performance requirements and introduce check testing for hot water products to ensure suppliers are providing products that meet the new performance requirements.

The cost of this measure (\$2.0 million in 2008-09, \$2.1 million in 2009-10 and \$1.9 million per annum in 2010-11 and 2011-12) will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Low Emission Plan for Renters — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	10.5	37.5	50.0	50.0

The Government will provide \$150.0 million over five years (including \$2.0 million in 2012-13) to provide 30 per cent rebates to owners of private sector rental homes towards the cost of installing insulation. The rebates, capped at \$500 per property, will be available for up to 300,000 rental properties helping renters to reduce their power bills and greenhouse gas emissions.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — National Clean Coal Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	15.0	34.8	108.6	124.5	97.8

The Government will provide \$500.0 million over eight years (including \$119.4 million from 2012-13 to 2014-15) to support clean coal and advanced fossil fuel technology development through a National Clean Coal Fund. Initiatives to be supported through the fund include:

- \$50.0 million for a national carbon mapping and infrastructure plan;
- \$75.0 million for a National Clean Coal Research Program;
- \$50.0 million for a pilot coal gasification plant in Queensland;
- \$50.0 million to demonstrate carbon capture and storage;

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- \$50.0 million for a large scale post combustion capture plant in the Latrobe Valley in Victoria;
- \$15.0 million to fund Australia's involvement in the FutureGen Alliance; and
- \$20.0 million for the Australia-China Clean Coal Co-ordination Group.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — National Solar Schools Plan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	9.0	74.6	119.7	107.2	50.8

The Government will provide \$480.6 million over eight years (including \$46.8 million in 2012-13, \$40.3 million in 2013-14 and \$32.2 million in 2014-15) to provide grants of up to \$50,000 to all Australian schools to install solar panels and for energy and water efficiency improvements.

Funding for this measure will be provided in part from the redirection of funds from the *Green Vouchers for Schools* program.

See also the related savings measure titled *Green Vouchers for Schools* in the Responsible Economic Management package of measures.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — One Stop Green Shop — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over three years to establish a user friendly government portal to link schools, businesses and families to all Commonwealth, State and local government household energy, water and other resource efficiency programs. This will assist Australians in implementing practical actions to save water and reduce greenhouse emissions.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Renewable Energy Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-	55.5	71.0	101.0

The Government will provide \$499.7 million over seven years (including \$101.0 million in 2012-13, \$100.9 million in 2013-14 and \$70.3 million in 2014-15) to establish a Renewable Energy Fund. The Fund will provide grants, on a competitive basis, of between \$10.0 million and \$75.0 million to develop, commercialise and deploy renewable energy in Australia. The private sector will be encouraged to contribute \$2 for every \$1 provided by the Government to generate \$1.5 billion worth of investment in renewable energy technologies.

This measure includes \$15.0 million over four years for the Second Generation (Gen 2) Biofuels Technology Research and Development program. This program will assist in developing next generation ethanol technology by providing grants to Australian companies to commercialise new technology using sugar cane waste and other woody material as alternative fuel sources.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Renewable Energy Target — expansion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator	0.3	2.2	4.1	5.3	6.1
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator	1.0	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator	-	1.1	1.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.5 million over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2007-08) for the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator to administer the expanded Renewable Energy Target of 45,000 gigawatt hours of electricity a year to be generated from renewable energy sources by 2020. The target is in addition to a baseline level of renewable energy generation estimated to be around 16,000 gigawatt hours annually. The target will assist in the transition towards an Emissions Trading Scheme and will be phased out between 2020 and 2030 as the Emissions Trading Scheme matures.

The Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator will also work with the states and territories in order to introduce a national approach to feed-in tariffs.

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This measure includes \$2.2 million over two years in capital funding to modify and expand the capacity of the renewable energy certificate online register and \$14.0 million over five years (including \$1.0 million in 2007-08) in administered revenue from the increased trade in Renewable Energy Certificates. Estimated refunds for participants who have overpaid the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator in the course of trading will partly offset the increased revenue (\$4.8 million over three years from 2009-10).

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

See also the related measure *Responsible Economic Management – Clean Energy Target* in the Government's Savings Initiatives package of measures.

Tackling Climate Change — Solar Cities and Green Precincts

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	1.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	-

The Government will provide an additional \$25.0 million over four years to extend the *Solar Cities program* by three years.

This measure will provide \$13.9 million for a new solar city in Perth, \$4.9 million for a new solar city in Coburg, Victoria, and \$6.2 million as a contribution to a new \$15.0 million Green Precincts program that will establish high profile green precincts around Australia.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tackling Climate Change — Solar Homes and Communities Plan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	25.6	19.4	-27.4	-17.7

The Government will bring forward funding of \$45.0 million from 2010-11 (\$27.4 million) and 2011-12 (\$17.7 million) to 2008-09 (\$25.6 million) and 2009-10 (\$19.4 million) to meet the increased demand for household rebates under the Solar Homes and Communities Plan, formerly known as the Photovoltaic Rebate Program.

The measure will provide rebates for up to 6,000 households each year under the program, and introduce a means test to target households with taxable incomes of less than \$100,000 per annum.

The program provides rebates of up to \$8,000 for the installation of solar power panels in homes and grants for up to half the cost of a 2 kilowatt system for up to 400 community buildings a year.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Tackling Climate Change — Garnaut Climate Change Review — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Climate Change	1.6	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.3 million over two years towards the costs of establishing a secretariat for the Garnaut Climate Change Review and for the Commonwealth's contribution to the review. The cost of the review will be shared with state and territory governments.

The Garnaut Climate Change Review is an independent review that will examine the impacts of climate change on the Australian economy. The review is due to report to governments by 30 September 2008.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

DEFENCE

Election Commitments

Asia-Pacific Centre for Civil-Military Cooperation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.1 million over four years from 2007-08 for the establishment of an Asia-Pacific Centre for Civil-Military Cooperation in Queanbeyan, New South Wales. The Centre will provide training and will liaise with Australian and international government and non-government organisations to help Australia to develop future responses to stabilisation, reconstruction and peace building needs in the Asia-Pacific region.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Australian Defence Force — general medical and dental care

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	0.2	0.9	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$12.2 million over four years from 2008-09 to trial the provision of basic medical and dental services to dependants of full-time Australian Defence Force members at bases in Tindal, Cairns, East Sale, Singleton and the Karratha area. The trial will provide free basic general practitioner services and free basic dental services up to a cap of \$300 per dependant per annum. The trial will commence in February 2009 to align with the Australian Defence Force posting cycle.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence. The measure will also lead to an increase in revenue of \$3.1 million over four years from fringe benefits tax paid by the Department of Defence.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Australian Military Mobility Centre — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$0.2 million in 2007-08 towards the cost of preparing a business case to determine Bendigo's suitability to host the Australian Military Mobility Centre. The Centre would be a cooperative research facility involving State, Federal and local governments, military, defence manufacturers and universities. It would be designed to coordinate research and manufacturing for the armed forces in the field of military mobility.

The cost of this measure was met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Defence Funding — continuation of three per cent real growth

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Defence</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will extend its commitment to growing the underlying Defence funding base on average by 3 per cent per annum in real terms beyond 2015-16 to 2017-18, at an estimated cost of \$2.8 billion (including \$0.3 billion in capital funding) over the two years 2016-17 and 2017-18. The funding will be applied across the Defence organisation, including the acquisition and sustainment of military capability and personnel expenses.

This commitment will provide greater certainty for Defence planning and will underpin the implementation of the Defence White Paper.

Growth rates in total defence funding vary between years due to slippage in acquisitions and other factors. However, average real growth over the forward estimates is expected to be 4.0 per cent per annum as the White Paper is implemented.

This measure delivers on and extends the Government's election commitment.

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Kings Highway — upgrade

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$23.3 million in 2008-09 to upgrade the Kings Highway between Queanbeyan and Bungendore. The Kings Highway is the main link to the new Defence Headquarters Joint Operations Command. The upgrade will improve road safety for local communities and reduce the impact of the new establishment on traffic volumes.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Special Air Services Resources Trust — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	10.0	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$10.0 million in 2007-08 to the Special Air Services Resources Trust to provide funding for education, medical and dental services for the children of Special Air Services personnel killed or seriously injured in the course of their duties.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Widows' Pension — backdating

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	0.6	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$0.6 million in 2007-08 to backdate to 1 July 2003 the payment of a Widows' Benefit where Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits pensioners commenced a marital relationship after 60, but died within five years of the relationship commencing.

The cost of this measure was funded from the special appropriation enabled by the *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973*.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Afghanistan — continued funding for Australian Defence Force deployments

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	50.2	2.9	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-10.1	-1.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$428.7 million over three years (including \$375.6 million in 2008-09) for the net additional costs of extending Operation SLIPPER, Australia's military contribution to international stabilisation and reconstruction operations in Afghanistan, until June 2009.

This measure is also expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$11.7 million over two years as Australian Defence Force personnel are taxed concessionally on their base pay and allowances while on deployment.

The 2008-09 cost of the measure will be funded from the operations reserve established to fund overseas operations in 2008-09.

See also related measure titled *Establishment of 2008-09 Defence operation reserve to fund overseas operations* in the Defence portfolio.

Australian Defence Force — improvements to Sea King helicopter safety

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.0 million over four years from 2008-09 to complete implementation of the recommendations of the Sea King Helicopter Board of Inquiry. The funding will be used to fit crash-resistant seating to the Sea King fleet and to provide additional ongoing personnel to enhance the governance framework for maintenance of the Sea King and its successor.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

Australia-United States Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty — implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$102.0 million over four years from 2008-09 for activities relating to the security and regulatory provisions flowing from the Australia-United States Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty. This includes the expansion of the Defence Industry Security Program and Defence export control arrangements, and enhancements to the Department of Defence's electronic vetting systems.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

Establishment of 2008-09 Defence operations reserve to fund overseas operations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-304.6	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Defence</i>	-	-62.6	-	-	-

The Government has established a \$1.0 billion operations reserve to fund major overseas operations in 2008-09. The reserve will comprise \$210.0 million of internal Defence savings and a further \$826.0 million from ongoing funding for Defence, including from the strong non-farm GDP deflator indexation received by Defence in 2008-09, with identified savings of \$367.3 million returned to the budget.

The reserve will fully fund the currently approved cost in 2008-09 of overseas operations in Afghanistan, Timor-Leste, Iraq and the Solomon Islands.

Defence operations will continue to be funded on a 'no win, no loss' basis. Therefore, additional funding will be made available if the actual costs of these operations are higher than expected.

See also the related expense measures titled *Afghanistan – continued funding for Australian Defence Force deployments; Timor-Leste – continued funding to help restore peace and stability; Iraq – continued funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities; and Solomon Islands – continued presence by the Australian Defence Force in the Defence portfolio.*

HMAS Adelaide — gifting

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million in 2008-09 for the gifting of the Royal Australian Navy Frigate HMAS Adelaide to the New South Wales Government. The funding will be used to prepare the ship for sinking for use as a dive wreck.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

Illegal Foreign Fishing — intelligence support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Office of National Assessments	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Australian Customs Service	-	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	-	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Total	-	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8

The Government will provide \$8.4 million over four years to continue intelligence support to Australia's response and law enforcement operations in the Southern Ocean. This funding will assist in protecting Australia's sovereign rights over our Exclusive Economic Zone, help ensure a sustainable fishery, and uphold the integrity of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence, the Office of National Assessments, the Australian Secret Intelligence Service and the Australian Customs Service.

This measure will provide savings of \$3.3 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

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Iraq — continued funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	23.6	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-9.3	-1.1	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Defence</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$155.4 million over two years (including \$131.8 million in 2008-09, of which \$8.8 million is for capital equipment) for the net additional costs of extending Operation CATALYST, Australia's military contribution to stabilisation efforts in Iraq, until December 2008. The Government has committed to drawing down Australia's military presence in Iraq.

This measure is also expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$10.4 million over two years as Australian Defence Force personnel are taxed concessionally on their base pay and allowances while on deployment.

The 2008-09 cost of the measure will be funded from the operations reserve established to fund overseas operations in 2008-09.

See also the related measure titled *Establishment of 2008-09 Defence operations reserve to fund overseas operations* in the Defence portfolio.

National Security — enhanced counter-terrorism support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$58.0 million over four years from 2008-09 to maintain Australia's counter-terrorism capabilities and protect against possible threats to Australia's national security. This funding will allow the Department of Defence to maintain its capacity to provide analysis and assessment of high priority potential threats.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

National Security — improved Defence intelligence capability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Defence</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$23.8 million over four years from 2008-09 to enhance the Department of Defence's capability to meet high priority intelligence requirements. This measure includes \$4.6 million in capital funding for infrastructure and equipment costs.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

National Security — National Threat Assessment Centre

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.4 million over four years from 2008-09 to maintain the Department of Defence's contribution to the National Threat Assessment Centre. The Centre strengthens Australia's counter-terrorism capabilities by consolidating several agencies' threat assessment efforts into a single, dedicated unit based in the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

Operations CATALYST and SLIPPER — enhanced force protection electronic counter measures

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$72.4 million over two years from 2007-08 for enhancements to force protection electronic counter measures equipment for use by Australian Defence Force personnel deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

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Solomon Islands — continued presence by the Australian Defence Force

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.1 million in 2008-09 for the net additional costs of extending Operation ANODE, Australia's military contribution to the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands, until June 2009.

The 2008-09 cost of the measure will be funded from the operations reserve established to fund overseas operations in 2008-09.

See also the related measure titled *Establishment of 2008-09 Defence operations reserve to fund overseas operations* in the Defence portfolio.

Timor-Leste — continued funding to help restore peace and stability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	18.7	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-13.1	-1.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$165.9 million over two years (including \$147.2 million in 2008-09) for the net additional costs of extending Operation ASTUTE, Australia's military contribution to restoring peace and stability in Timor-Leste, until June 2009.

This measure is also expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$14.8 million over two years as Australian Defence Force personnel are taxed concessionally on their base pay and allowances while on deployment.

The 2008-09 cost of the measure will be funded from the operations reserve established to fund overseas operations in 2008-09.

See also the related measure titled *Establishment of 2008-09 Defence operations reserve to fund overseas operations* in the Defence portfolio.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Education Revolution

The *Education Revolution* is a package of new initiatives designed to drive future productivity improvements within the Australian economy and is targeted to the key areas of early childhood education, schools, vocational education and higher education.

Investing in higher education

In the area of Higher Education, the Government will deliver improved outcomes under the *Education Revolution* with measures that will ensure that access to higher education is merit based, while also providing incentives to target specific areas of skills shortage. The Government will provide \$249.0 million to phase out full fee paying undergraduate places from 2009 and \$238.6 million to double the number of Commonwealth scholarships from 44,000 to 88,000 by 2012. The Government will also provide \$49.5 million to establish a new school of dentistry at James Cook University. In addition, \$625.8 million will be provided to encourage more students to study maths and science and take up related occupations, \$12.4 million will be provided to fund a HECS/HELP remission for all early childhood education teachers working in eligible regions, and \$18.6 million will be provided for additional nursing and medical places at the University of Notre Dame.

Skilling Australia

The Government's *Education Revolution* will implement a number of strategies that will ensure that Australian workers have the skills they need so that Australian industry can compete effectively in the global marketplace. These measures include the \$1.9 billion package, *Skilling Australia for the Future* which comprises the following five elements: \$884.6 million to provide an additional 238,200 vocational education and training places to people currently outside the workforce; \$704.6 million to provide an additional 391,800 places for people within the workforce; \$242.2 million for an additional 85,000 Australian apprenticeship places; \$83.2 million for strengthened industry skills councils; and \$4.1 million for skills and training information centres. In addition the Government will provide \$98.1 million for grants that will enable year 9-12 students to participate in on-the-job training as well as \$19.6 million to create the statutory body, Skills Australia.

Improving our schools

High performing schools are critical to the success of every young Australian. The Government's *Education Revolution* will deliver on its commitment to improve literacy and numeracy skills, raise student achievements and lift school retention rates. The Government will provide \$1.0 billion (\$2.5 billion over ten years) for trades training centres in schools as well as \$577.4 million to establish the National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy and \$62.4 million for the National Asian languages in schools. The Government will also provide \$1.2 billion for the Digital Education Revolution, which includes the National Secondary Schools Computer Fund, and the provision funding for the technical framework to support the Digital Education Revolution. In addition, the Government will provide \$6.4 million to promote school-business linkages and \$5.0 million will be provided to establish a mentoring program. \$62.5 million will be provided to build facilities to be shared between schools under the local schools working together program as well as \$16.0 million in additional funding for Orthodox Jewish schools. The Government will also provide \$17.2 million to establish the National Schools Assessment Data Centre and \$20.0 million to establish a National Curriculum board for Australian schools.

Early Childhood Revolution

In the area of Early Childhood Education, the Government's *Education Revolution* will deliver a systematic approach to comprehensive, integrated, high-quality early childhood education and care services for all children. The funding will include \$533.5 million to roll-out universal access to early learning for all Australian four-year olds and \$2.5 million to establish an early years learning framework. The Government will also provide \$27.1 million for the Home Interaction program and \$53.9 million to provide additional early childhood education university places. In addition, \$23.9 million will be provided to extend assistance under the Jobs, Education and Training child care fee assistance program and \$114.5 million will be provided to establish 38 child care centres and the associated additional places.

Table 4: Education Revolution

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES						
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS						
<i>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</i>						
Education Revolution – Internationally competitive higher education						
– Higher Education – HECS reduction for Maths and Science students and HECS-HELP remission for Maths and Science graduates	-	37.5	117.7	197.7	272.8	625.8
– Higher Education – James Cook University Dental School	-	34.6	3.7	5.0	6.2	49.5
– Higher Education – phasing out full fee paying domestic undergraduate places at public universities	-	17.6	49.6	78.2	103.6	249.0
– Higher Education – Scholarships for a Competitive Future	-	9.9	33.6	71.9	123.2	238.5
– Higher Education – University of Notre Dame – additional places and capital funding	-	8.3	2.2	3.5	4.6	18.6
– Higher Education – building better universities	500.0	-	-	-	-	500.0
– Higher Education – enhanced connectivity between Centrelink and university systems	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
Education Revolution – Skilling Australia						
– Skilling Australia – school grants for on-the-job training	-	14.0	28.0	28.0	27.9	98.1
– Skilling Australia – Skilling Australia for the Future	33.3	232.6	412.2	620.3	620.3	1,918.6
– Skilling Australia – Skills Australia	2.6	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	19.6
– Skilling Australia – WesTrac National Skills Training Centre of Excellence and Television Technical Operators College – contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Skilling Australia – Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship – extension of scholarship for early completion of apprenticeship	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Skilling Australia – Employer and apprentice incentives for apprentices in skills shortage – remove the prior-qualification rule	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Skilling Australia – Employer incentives for intermediate qualifications	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education Revolution – Improving our schools						
– Improving our schools – Digital Education Revolution	100.0	400.0	300.0	200.0	200.0	1,200.0
– Improving our schools – Enterprise and Career Education Program – school and business linkages	-	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	6.4

Table 4: Education Revolution (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)						
Education Revolution						
– Improving our schools – establishing a National Curriculum Board for Australian Schools	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	20.0
– Improving our schools – Local Schools Working Together	20.0	20.0	17.5	5.0	-	62.5
– Improving our schools – Mentors for Our Students	-	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.0
– Improving our schools – National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy	-	95.5	157.6	160.7	163.5	577.4
– Improving our schools – National Schools Assessment and Data Centre	-	2.9	5.5	4.4	4.5	17.2
– Improving our schools – Orthodox Jewish Schools – additional funding	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	-	16.0
– Improving our schools – Preparing Australia for the Future – National Asian Language and Studies in Schools Program	-	10.0	21.2	31.2	-	62.4
– Improving our schools – Trade Training Centres in Schools Program	-	233.1	242.9	253.1	263.7	992.9
Education Revolution – Early Childhood						
Education Revolution						
– Early Childhood – additional child care places	-	44.9	26.1	12.7	13.1	96.8
– Early Childhood – Australian Early Development Index – national rollout	3.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	20.2
– Early Childhood – Child Care Tax Rebate – increase from 30 per cent to 50 per cent	-	340.3	376.0	410.2	444.5	1,571.0
– Early Childhood – Early Childhood Education Workforce Strategy – 50 per cent HECS-HELP remission for early childhood education teachers with a HECS-HELP debt working in eligible regions	-	-	3.0	4.0	5.4	12.4
– Early Childhood – Early Years Learning Framework	-	2.5	-	-	-	2.5
– Early Childhood – Helping Parents Prepare their Children for School – Home Interaction Program	-	3.1	5.8	8.3	9.9	27.1
– Early Childhood – Jobs, Education and Training child care fee assistance – additional funding	-	7.7	6.9	4.6	4.7	23.9
– Early Childhood – Strong Quality Standards in Child Care	-	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.5	22.2
– Early Childhood – Workforce Strategy – additional university places for early childhood education	-	2.2	8.2	17.2	26.4	53.9
– Early Childhood – Workforce Strategy – removal of TAFE fees	-	8.9	16.3	17.4	17.7	60.3
– Early Childhood – universal access	13.5	40.0	80.0	100.0	300.0	533.5
Sub Total	676.4	1,590.9	1,939.7	2,260.2	2,634.5	9,101.8

Table 4: Education Revolution (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS						
<i>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>						
Education Revolution – Early Childhood Education Revolution						
– Early Childhood – additional child care places	-	1.4	5.4	5.5	5.6	17.8
– Early Childhood – Australian Early Development Index – national rollout	-0.7	-1.0	-1.2	-	-	-2.8
Sub Total	-0.7	0.4	4.2	5.5	5.6	15.0
TREASURY						
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>						
Education Revolution – Improving our schools						
– Improving our schools – Education Tax Refund – refundable tax offset	-	1,015.0	1,095.0	1,135.0	1,165.0	4,410.0
Sub Total	-	1,015.0	1,095.0	1,135.0	1,165.0	4,410.0
Total Expense measures	675.7	2,606.3	3,038.9	3,400.7	3,805.1	13,526.7
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE						
<i>Total expense measures</i>	675.7	2,606.3	3,038.9	3,400.7	3,805.1	13,526.7
<i>Total capital measures</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	675.7	2,606.3	3,038.9	3,400.7	3,805.1	13,526.7

Election Commitments

Education Revolution — Higher Education — HECS reduction for Maths and Science students and HECS-HELP remission for Maths and Science graduates

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	37.5	117.7	197.7	272.8

The Government will provide \$625.8 million to encourage more students to study maths and science and pursue related careers.

From 1 January 2009, HECS for commencing maths and science students will be reduced from \$7,260 to \$4,077 (the national priority rate). This reflects the national importance of maths and science and aims to encourage more students to study these disciplines.

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New maths and science graduates will also be eligible for a 50 per cent reduction in their HECS repayments if they pursue a career in the field, including teaching. This will help ensure that more graduates stay in maths and science professions following graduation. Students graduating from the second semester 2008 will be eligible for the reduction.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Higher Education — James Cook University Dental School

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	34.6	3.7	5.0	6.2

The Government will provide \$49.5 million over four years from 2008-09 to support the James Cook University to establish a new school of dentistry in Cairns. This measure will help address skill shortages in dentistry, especially in Northern Queensland.

This includes \$33.0 million for capital infrastructure, \$9.4 million for 60 new Commonwealth supported university places in dentistry each year and \$7.2 million for clinical training outreach.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Higher Education — phasing out full fee paying domestic undergraduate places at public universities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	17.6	49.6	78.2	103.6

The Government will provide \$249.0 million over four years from 2008-09 to phase out domestic full fee paying undergraduate places at public universities from 2009.

Universities will be compensated for the loss of revenue from fee paying places through the provision of funding for 11,000 Commonwealth supported university places.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Higher Education — Scholarships for a Competitive Future

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	9.9	33.6	71.9	123.2

The Government will provide \$238.6 million over four years from 2008-09 for the *Scholarships for a Competitive Future* program, to increase the number of higher education graduates in areas of skills shortages.

The measure will double the number of students receiving Commonwealth Scholarships from 44,000 to 88,000 by 2012. Further, two new scholarship categories will be created:

- The National Priority Scholarship will be available for students enrolled in undergraduate degrees in identified priority areas such as nursing, teaching, science and engineering; and
- The National Accommodation Scholarship will be made available for students who have to relocate interstate to study specialist courses not available in their home state.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Higher Education — University of Notre Dame — additional places and capital funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	8.3	2.2	3.5	4.6

The Government will provide \$18.6 million over four years from 2008-09 for an additional 80 teaching, 20 nursing and 30 medical Commonwealth supported higher education places each year at the University of Notre Dame. The new places will start to be available in 2009. The measure includes capital funding of \$7.5 million in 2008-09 to establish additional training infrastructure at the University's Sydney and Fremantle campuses.

This measure will assist in addressing skills shortages in teaching, nursing and medicine in Western Australia and New South Wales and support the University of Notre Dame in focusing on its core strengths of teaching and health.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Skilling Australia — school grants for on-the-job training

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	14.0	28.0	28.0	27.9

The Government will provide \$98.0 million over four years for grants of up to \$10,000 to schools to enable Year 9-12 students engaged in vocational education and training, to participate in on-the-job training one day a week for 20 weeks a year.

Schools will be able to use the funding to employ a community coordinator to establish relationships with local employers and connect students with local businesses.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Skilling Australia — Skilling Australia for the Future

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	33.3	232.6	412.2	620.3	620.3

The Government will provide \$1.9 billion over five years to implement a number of initiatives that will address skills and labour shortages in Australia, including the delivery of up to 630,000 additional training places over five years. The Government will allocate:

- \$884.6 million over five years to provide up to 238,000 additional vocational education and training places to individuals outside the workforce. The training will target the literacy, numeracy and general skills necessary for people to re-enter the workforce and will be targeted at qualifications that meet industry skills needs;
- \$704.6 million over five years to provide up to 392,000 new training places for people currently in the workforce who need to retrain or upgrade their skills to better meet the needs of industry and employers. These places will be delivered in cooperation with States, Territories and employers;
- \$242.2 million over five years to extend the existing *Australian Apprenticeships program* to support up to 85,000 new Australian Apprenticeship places over five years. The places will be divided between continuing workers and re-entrants to the workforce and will be available across a range of certificate levels within the Australian Qualifications Framework;

- \$83.2 million over five years for strengthened Industry Skills Councils to provide the Government with integrated industry intelligence and advice on workforce skills development. The Industry Skills Councils will be responsible for developing high quality training products, offering employers advice about skills needs, matching skills needs with training and providing advice on the allocation of new training places for continuing workers; and
- \$4.1 million over five years for Skills and Training Information Centres to provide a one-stop advisory service to employers, prospective students and training providers.

Funding for this measure will be partially provided from the redirection of funds from *Skills for the Future – work skills vouchers* and *Skills for the Future – business skills vouchers for apprentices*.

See also the related savings measures titled *Skills for the Future – work skills vouchers* and *Skills for the Future – business skills vouchers for apprentices*.

See also the related expense measure titled *Skills Australia – establishment* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Education Revolution — Skilling Australia — Skills Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	2.6	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$19.6 million over five years to create Skills Australia, a statutory body which will advise the Government on current and future demand for skills and training in the Australian economy.

Skills Australia will comprise economic, industry, academic and education experts who will draw on industry, employer and employee organisations and States and Territories in developing their advice to the Government.

See also the related expense measure titled *Education Revolution – Skilling Australia for the Future* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — Digital Education Revolution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	100.0	400.0	300.0	200.0	200.0

The Government will provide \$1.2 billion over five years to implement the Digital Education Revolution. A National Secondary School Computer Fund will be established to provide grants of up to \$1.0 million to eligible secondary schools to assist them in providing new or upgraded computers and communications technology to students in Years 9 to 12.

Funding will also be available to contribute toward the provision of high speed fibre-to-the-premises broadband connections to schools and to provide support to ensure the effective deployment and installation of computers and ICT equipment purchased under the Fund.

Additionally, funding will be provided for collaborative work between the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments and non-government school systems and industry to develop a unified technical framework and to fund administration costs of Block Grant Authorities which will manage funding for non-government schools.

The measure will be implemented in partnership with State and Territory governments.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — Education Tax Refund — refundable tax offset

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	1,015.0	1,095.0	1,135.0	1,165.0

The Government will introduce a 50 per cent Education Tax Refund on eligible educational expenses from 1 July 2008. Eligible families can claim up to \$750 for each child undertaking primary school studies (that is, a refund of up to \$375 per child, per year) and \$1,500 for each child undertaking secondary school studies (that is, a refund of up to \$750 per child, per year). These amounts will be indexed annually from 1 July 2009.

The Education Tax Refund will help working families meet the cost of educating their children through primary and secondary school.

The Education Tax Refund will apply to expenses incurred from 1 July 2008 and will be claimed upon assessment of a 2008-09 income tax return. Those eligible will receive the full value of the Education Tax Refund, regardless of their income tax liability.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — Enterprise and Career Education Program — school and business linkages

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6

The Government will provide \$6.4 million over four years to strengthen partnerships between schools and businesses and improve vocational education and training in schools. The program will also develop a Job Ready Certificate for students and help provide students with relevant work placements and industry experience.

Funding for this measure will be provided from the redirection of funds from *Career Advice Australia*.

See also the related savings measure titled *Career Advice Australia* in the Responsible Economic Management package of measures.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — establishing a National Curriculum Board for Australian Schools

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over four years to establish a National Curriculum Board. The Board will develop a national curriculum from kindergarten to Year 12 in the areas of English, Mathematics, the Sciences and History.

A national curriculum will assist in ensuring that young Australians are equipped with the skills necessary to participate effectively in the workplaces of tomorrow. It will also reduce the difficulties eight separate education systems cause for families with school age children when moving interstate.

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The Government will work with State and Territory governments and the Independent and Catholic education systems to develop a national curriculum for all Australian schools.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — Local Schools Working Together

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	20.0	20.0	17.5	5.0	-

The Government will provide \$62.5 million over four years for 25 pilot projects across Australia to build facilities that will be shared between government and non-government schools. The facilities provided will include assembly halls, computer and science laboratories, libraries, sporting facilities, music and performing arts centres, vocational education workshops and specialist language facilities. The projects will be located in high population growth areas where there is a lack of such facilities to support curriculum options, and in circumstances where schools have the capacity to share facilities effectively. The program will ensure that school children will have access to a wider range of facilities than if they were provided on a school-by-school basis.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — Mentors for Our Students

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over four years to establish a pilot volunteer mentoring program to give recently retired professionals and tradespeople the chance to pass on their knowledge and skills to secondary students in Australian schools. Grants of up to \$50,000 each year will be available to 25 communities on a competitive basis to establish the pilot program through existing Local Community Partnerships. Funding will meet training and associated costs for mentors.

Funding for this measure will be provided from the redirection of funds from *Career Advice Australia*.

See also the related savings measure titled *Career Advice Australia* in the Responsible Economic Management package of measures.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — National Schools Assessment and Data Centre

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.9	5.5	4.4	4.5

The Government will provide \$17.2 million over four years to establish an independent National Schools Assessment and Data Centre. The Centre will collect data and report on key performance measures for schools, as agreed by the Council of Australian Governments, to ensure transparent and timely national assessment and reporting of literacy and numeracy outcomes for Australian school students.

Funding for this measure will be provided from the redirection of funds from the *Quality Outcomes Program*.

See also the related savings measure titled *Quality Outcomes Program* in the Responsible Economic Management package of measures.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — Orthodox Jewish Schools — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	-

The Government will provide an additional \$16.0 million over four years from 2007-08 to support improved educational outcomes in Orthodox Jewish Schools where their unique circumstances and special needs result in anomalies in their funding arrangements.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — Preparing Australia for the Future — National Asian Language and Studies in Schools Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	10.0	21.2	31.2	-

The Government will provide \$62.4 million over three years from 2008-09 to fund the National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program. This will provide expanded opportunities for students to become proficient in an Asian language.

This measure will support the study of Japanese, Indonesian, Mandarin and Korean languages by providing additional Asian language classes in high schools and additional teacher training and support. Funding will also assist in developing a specialist curriculum for students who display advanced abilities in Asian languages and Asian Studies programs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — Trade Training Centres in Schools Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	233.1	242.9	253.1	263.7

The Government will provide \$2.5 billion over ten years to implement the *Trade Training Centres in Schools Program*. The Program will provide facilities to enhance vocational education opportunities for students in Years 9 to 12 in every Government and non-Government secondary school.

Funding will be provided through a national application process to build or upgrade metal, woodwork, automotive, building and construction, electrotechnology and other trade workshops. By providing access to high quality, relevant education and training opportunities students will be encouraged to complete Year 12 or equivalent qualifications and to pursue an apprenticeship or vocational qualification in school.

Schools can seek between \$500,000 and \$1.5 million in total over the life of the program to build or upgrade trade workshops, computer laboratories and other facilities to enhance the vocational education and training experience of students.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — additional child care places

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	44.9	26.1	12.7	13.1
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	1.4	5.4	5.5	5.6
Total	-	46.2	31.5	18.1	18.6

The Government will provide \$114.5 million over four years to establish 38 new child care centres across Australia to increase the availability of child care for families in areas of child care shortages. These centres will be operational by 2010 and will include six early intervention centres for children with autism.

This measure is the first phase of the Government's commitment to establishing 260 new child care centres. The remaining 222 centres will form part of a National Partnership agreement with the States and Territories, to be negotiated by the Council of Australian Governments.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — Australian Early Development Index — national rollout

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	3.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-0.7	-1.0	-1.2	-	-
Total	2.3	3.3	3.1	4.3	4.3

The Government will provide \$20.2 million over five years to extend the Australian Early Development Index across Australia, which will assess every starting primary school student, in the government and non-government sectors.

The Australian Early Development Index is a population-based tool which enables communities to assess children's development by the time they reach school. The Australian Early Development Index will enable communities and schools to effectively tailor their resources and programs to meet the developmental needs of children. This measure will benefit all young children.

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This measure includes existing funding of \$2.8 million previously provided to support the Australian Early Development Index, which is to be transferred from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs under the machinery of government changes.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — Child Care Tax Rebate — increase from 30 per cent to 50 per cent

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	340.3	376.0	410.2	444.5

The Government will provide an additional \$1.6 billion over four years to increase the Child Care Tax Rebate for out-of-pocket child care expenses from 30 per cent to 50 per cent. This will help families with cost of living pressures and increase workforce participation by providing greater assistance with the cost of child care. As part of this measure the maximum out-of-pocket expenses claimable will increase from \$4,354 to \$7,500 per child per year.

From 1 July 2008, the Child Care Tax Rebate will be paid quarterly, instead of annually, to provide families with assistance closer to the time they incur child care costs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — Early Childhood Education Workforce Strategy — 50 per cent HECS-HELP remission for early childhood education teachers with a HECS-HELP debt working in eligible regions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	3.0	4.0	5.4

The Government will provide \$12.4 million over three years to provide a Higher Education Contribution Scheme-Higher Education Loan Program (HECS-HELP) remission of 50 per cent (valued at \$1,600 per year for five years) to all early childhood education teachers working in a regional, remote or in a high disadvantaged area. The remission will be indexed and the value of the remission will not be greater than the individual's HECS-HELP debt.

This measure is part of the Government's National Early Years Workforce Strategy which aims to improve recruitment and retention in child care services, provide incentives and opportunities for child care workers to improve their qualifications and develop expertise in early learning and care. This will increase the level of qualified staff in preschool and child care services, particularly in areas of high needs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — Early Years Learning Framework

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.5 million in 2008-09 to develop, in consultation with States and Territories and early childhood experts and educators, an Early Years Learning Framework. The Framework will provide nationally consistent standards for the delivery of quality early childhood learning that emphasises play-based learning and pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skills.

Funding for this measure will be provided from the redirection of funds from the Government's savings initiatives.

See also the related savings measures titled *Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development Program* and *Realising Our Potential – Core Curricula Standards Program* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — Helping Parents Prepare their Children for School — Home Interaction Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	3.1	5.8	8.3	9.9

The Government will provide \$32.5 million over five years (including \$5.4 million in 2012-13) through the Brotherhood of St Laurence for the national rollout of the *Home Interaction Program* for disadvantaged children aged three to five years.

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The program will provide funding for home tutors, books and associated educational resources to help parents improve children's school readiness. This program will support around 3,000 families and 8,000 children across 50 disadvantaged communities.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — Jobs, Education and Training child care fee assistance — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	7.7	6.9	4.6	4.7

The Government will provide \$23.9 million over four years to extend assistance under the Jobs, Education and Training child care fee assistance program. The child care fee assistance provided for eligible parents will be extended for up to two years of study rather than the current one year of study only.

The Jobs, Education and Training child care fee assistance program provides extra assistance with the cost of approved child care for low income parents receiving income support, who are the principal carers of children up to 15 years of age. Those who need assistance with child care costs while undertaking activities such as study, job search, work or rehabilitation as part of their mandatory participation requirements, will receive help them to make the transition to work. This measure will further assist those parents who are studying under the program.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — Strong Quality Standards in Child Care

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.5

The Government will provide \$22.2 million over four years to develop new national quality standards in child care, including the development of a five category quality rating system. The system will be used to accredit child care services, and will build on the current Child Care Quality Assurance system.

This measure will provide parents with a simple, clear and independently assessed rating that will enable them to assess the quality of child care and make a better informed choice about where they send their children.

Funding for this measure will be provided from the redirection of funds from the Government's savings initiatives.

See also the related savings measures *Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development Program* and *Realising Our Potential – Core Curricula Standards Program* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — Workforce Strategy — additional university places for early childhood education

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.2	8.2	17.2	26.4

The Government will provide \$53.9 million over four years to fund 500 additional Commonwealth supported university places for early childhood education qualifications. Places will be available each year from 2009 to 2011 and this will result in 1,500 additional commencing places by 2011.

This measure is part of the Government's *National Early Years Workforce Strategy* which aims to improve recruitment and retention in child care services, provide incentives and opportunities for child care workers to improve their qualifications and develop expertise in early learning and care. This will increase the level of qualified staff in preschool and child care services, particularly in areas of high need and complements the Government's decision to remove TAFE fees for children services courses.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — Workforce Strategy — removal of TAFE fees

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	8.9	16.3	17.4	17.7

The Government will provide \$60.3 million over four years to remove fees from 2009 for the Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas of children services courses delivered at Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institutions.

This measure is part of the Government's *Early Childhood Education Workforce Strategy* which aims to improve recruitment and retention in child care services, provide incentives and opportunities for child care workers to improve their qualifications and develop expertise in early learning and care. This will increase the level of qualified staff in preschool and child care services, particularly in areas of high need, and complements the Government's decision to provide additional university places for early childhood education qualifications

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Education Revolution — Early Childhood — universal access

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	13.5	40.0	80.0	100.0	300.0

The Government will provide \$533.5 million over five years to deliver universal access to early learning for all Australian four-year olds.

The funding will provide for 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year of play-based learning and development programs to be delivered by university qualified early childhood teachers. Initially the measure will focus on targeted access programs, and development of preschool standards.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures**Education Revolution — Higher Education — building better universities**

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	500.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$500.0 million in 2007-08 to Australian universities as a contribution towards capital investment in five priority areas including IT communications in research and teaching, laboratories, libraries and places to study, teaching spaces, and critical student amenities. The measure will begin to address past capital under investment in these priority areas.

Funding will be distributed among universities through grants taking into account each university's share of funds under the existing Institutional Grant Scheme and its share of total domestic students.

Education Revolution — Higher Education — enhanced connectivity between Centrelink and university systems

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.5 million in 2008-09 to accelerate the full implementation of information technology system linkages between universities and Centrelink. This will enable universities to notify Centrelink on a weekly basis of any enrolment and study load changes of recipients of student income support. This will replace the current manual system of quarterly notification and lengthy data processing by Centrelink and will help ensure that recipients of student income support will not be over or under paid due to time lags in updating changes.

Education Revolution — Skilling Australia — Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship — extension of scholarship for early completion of apprenticeship

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over four years from 2007-08 to extend the Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship to Australian Apprentices in skills shortage trades. Scholarships will be extended to those who successfully complete an apprenticeship before the end of their first or second year of training.

Previously, eligible Australian Apprentices in trade occupations that are experiencing a skills shortage received an annual Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship payment of \$500 only at the end of each of their first and second years. This measure removes the disincentive to Australian Apprentices who are able to complete their training faster.

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

Education Revolution — Skilling Australia — Employer and apprentice incentives for apprentices in skills shortage — remove the prior-qualification rule

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$26.6 million over four years from 2007-08 to enable employers of Australian Apprentices with prior qualifications to receive incentive payments under the *Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program*. This measure will encourage the take-up of apprenticeships in trades experiencing a skills shortage.

Previously, employers of apprentices with prior qualifications above the Certificate II level could not access these incentives.

In addition, apprentices with prior qualifications will now be able to claim the Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship and the Living Away From Home Allowance.

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

Education Revolution — Skilling Australia — Employer incentives for intermediate qualifications

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.9 million over four years from 2007-08 to fund additional incentives for employers of apprentices who attain one of the six newly recognised intermediate building and construction training qualifications. Employers have not previously received incentives under the *Australian Apprenticeship Incentives Program* for apprentices training for these qualifications.

The *Australian Apprenticeship Incentives Program* provides employers with financial incentives to encourage their employment of apprentices.

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

Education Revolution — Skilling Australia — WesTrac National Skills Training Centre of Excellence and Television Technical Operators College — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.2 million in 2007-08 to provide one-off grants to the Television Technical Operators College and the WesTrac National Skills Training Centre of Excellence.

Funding of \$7.2 million will be provided to Global Television, the largest independent facilitator of television broadcast in Australia, to establish a Television Technical Operators College to increase the supply of skilled and proficient television technical operators. Funding of \$9.0 million will be provided to support the establishment of a national skills training centre by WesTrac Australia Pty Ltd to enhance mechanical and related trades training that supports the mining, construction and transport industries.

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

Education Revolution — Improving our schools — National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	95.5	157.6	160.7	163.5

The Government will provide \$577.4 million over four years to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for students in Australian schools in support of a National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy. Details of the plan are to be finalised during 2008 with state and territory governments through the Council of Australian Governments reform process and in conjunction with the non-government school system.

The Government is committed to developing programs with States and Territories to improve literacy and numeracy in schools.

Funding for the measure will be provided from the redirection of funds from the *Realising Our Potential* programs: *National Literacy and Numeracy Vouchers*, *Rewarding Schools for Improving Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes* and *Summer Schools for Teachers*.

See also related savings measures titled *Realising Our Potential – National Literacy and Numeracy Vouchers Program*, *Realising Our Potential – Rewarding Schools for Improving Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes Program* and *Realising Our Potential – Summer Schools for Teachers Program* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Other measures in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio

Election Commitments

A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Office of the Workplace Ombudsman	-	5.8	11.9	-	-
Australian Industrial Registry	-	3.2	2.9	3.6	3.6
Total	-	9.0	14.8	3.6	3.6

The Government will provide \$31.0 million over four years to implement a fairer and flexible workplace relations system. The Office of the Workplace Ombudsman will be provided with additional funding of \$17.7 million over two years to manage the transition from Australian Workplace Agreements and statutory individual contracts to the new workplace relations system. The Australian Industrial Registry will be provided with additional funding of \$13.3 million over four years to lodge Collective Agreements and rationalise and simplify awards.

See also the related expense measure titled *A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System* in the Education Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Australian Office for Youth

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.9 million over four years to establish the Australian Office for Youth. The Office will identify core issues impacting on young Australians, engage with Government departments, and analyse how Government initiatives affect young people. It will also provide advice to Government on measures that may be of benefit for young Australians.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Australian Youth Forum

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over four years to establish a new Australian Youth Forum to bring together youth representatives to discuss important youth issues and improve youth services. The Forum will be the primary communication channel between the Government and the young people of Australia to give young Australians a strong voice in Government.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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Local Community Centres — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	1.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.1 million in 2008-09 to regional communities as a contribution towards the construction and fit out of five community centres. The centres will provide a meeting place and other resources for a range of local community groups.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Textile, clothing and footwear outworkers — homeworkers code of practice

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years to help develop and promote accreditation of employers under the Homeworkers Code of Practice for the textile, clothing and footwear industry and the 'No Sweat Shop' label in Australia. This measure will assist in ensuring that vulnerable workers in the textile, clothing and footwear industry are not exploited and that minimum legal standards and conditions are met.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Work and family support for small businesses

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	3.6	4.0	4.4	-

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over three years to support small businesses to implement family friendly working arrangements. Support for small businesses will include small grants of between \$5,000 and \$15,000 each to assist in developing and implementing initiatives such as family and breastfeeding rooms for employees with young children and funding workplace mentoring programs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Centre for Social Impact — endowment to establish the centre

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$12.5 million in 2007-08 towards an initial endowment to establish the Centre for Social Impact at the University of New South Wales. The Centre will help enhance business engagement with the not-for-profit sector and help build the capacity and effectiveness of the sector.

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

Higher Education Endowment Fund — funding reallocation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-304.0	304.0	-	-

The Government will reallocate funding of \$304.0 million from the Higher Education Endowment Fund in 2008-09 for disbursement from the new Education Investment Fund in 2009-10, bringing total funding in that year to \$608.0 million. The Higher Education Endowment Fund will be closed and its assets subsumed in the Education Investment Fund. The funding has been reprofiled in order that allocations can be directed following the completion of the Higher Education Review.

The Government will immediately commit \$500.0 million in additional funding in 2007-08 for capital expenditure in teaching and research facilities and appropriate student amenities by universities through the *Building better universities* measure.

See also the related capital measure titled *Investing in Higher Education* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

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Public Policy Institute of the University of Melbourne — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	15.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million in 2007-08 towards the establishment of the Public Policy Institute at the University of Melbourne. Funding provided by the Government will be supplemented by state, university and private contributions. The Institute will encourage evidence-based public policy debate, focusing on major challenges and opportunities facing Australia in the areas of the economy, education, environment, government and society.

Workplace relations reforms — protected action ballots

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will provide \$0.3 million over three years to meet the full cost for all mandatory protected action ballots conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission in relation to protected industrial action. Currently, the Government meets 80 per cent of the cost of protected action ballots and the applicants meet the remaining costs. By meeting the full cost of protected action ballots, the Government will promote easier access to such ballots and reduce the administrative costs that they have on the parties involved. This measure will commence on 1 January 2010 and forms part of the Government's fairer and more flexible work place relation reforms.

ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS

Election Commitments

A Creative Australia — Prime Minister's Literary Award — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over four years to establish the Prime Minister's Literary Award, which will fund annual cash prizes of \$100,000 in each of two categories: published fiction book of the year and published non-fiction book of the year. The Prime Minister's Literary Awards will be exempt from income tax to the extent that it is assessable income, which has zero cost against the forward estimates. The funding will allow for the management of a nomination and assessment process, and an annual awards function.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

A Creative Australia — Resale Royalty Rights for Visual Artists — implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	0.8	0.5	0.3	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over three years to implement a resale royalty scheme for visual artists. This measure is designed to assist a collecting agency to set up the necessary infrastructure to collect royalties and return these to the artists. The collecting agency would recover costs from a share of the royalties collected.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

A Creative Australia — support for Young and Emerging Artists — implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australia Council	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.6 million over four years to support young and emerging artists and to engage young audiences in the arts. The funding will provide support for: performing arts companies to offset the income that would otherwise be earned from presenting better known or more commercial works; projects that support young and emerging artists in developing professional skills, expertise and professional networking; and projects that engage young artists and audiences, particularly in demonstrating best practice in the areas of youth arts and new technologies.

The cost of this measure (\$1.6 million per annum in 2008-09 and 2009-10 and \$1.7 million per annum in 2010-11 and 2011-12) will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Australia Council.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Artists in Residence Education Initiative

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australia Council	-	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3

The Government will provide \$5.2 million over four years to the Australia Council to improve access to quality artistic experiences for students in primary and secondary schools and tertiary institutions. The measure will provide grants of up to \$20,000 for individual professional artists, and \$100,000 for arts organisations, to develop and deliver arts learning experiences through in-school residencies.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Creative Communities Program — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australia Council	-	2.8	2.8	2.8	-
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	1.8	-	-	-	-
Total	1.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over four years to improve opportunities for Australians to participate in community-based arts and cultural activities.

Funds will be allocated to the Australia Council to enable it to implement initiatives to enhance participation in the arts through strategic investments, partnerships with key stakeholders and/or direct grants for regional community arts organisations and projects.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Water for the Future — National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	19.0	38.0	59.0	60.0

The Government will provide \$250.0 million over six years (including \$50.0 million in 2012-13 and \$24.0 million in 2013-14) to provide rebates of up to \$500 for up to 500,000 homes towards the cost of installing rainwater tanks or new piping for grey water use. This measure will help reduce the impact of drought and climate change on Australia's towns and cities.

The measure also includes \$3.0 million in 2008-09 to provide up to \$10,000 to every surf life saving club in Australia for the installation of a rainwater tank, or as a contribution towards a larger water saving project.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Water for the Future — National Urban Water and Desalination Plan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	14.0	129.0	195.0	315.0
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	29.0	49.0	77.0
Total	-	14.0	158.0	244.0	392.0

The Government will provide \$1.0 billion over six years (including \$192.0 million in 2012-13) for desalination, water recycling and stormwater harvesting projects in Australian cities with populations of over 50,000.

The private sector, water utilities and State, Territory and local governments will be able to apply for funds, which will be provided through grants and refundable tax offsets of up to 10 per cent of project costs, capped at a maximum of \$100.0 million per project.

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This measure includes funding for a Centre of Excellence in desalination technology in Perth (\$20.0 million), a Centre of Excellence in water recycling in Brisbane (\$20.0 million), the Glenelg to Adelaide water recycling project (\$30.2 million) and the Geelong Shell water recycling project (\$20.0 million).

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Water for the Future — National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	10.0	39.8	55.0	75.0	75.0

The Government will provide \$254.8 million over five years to work with governments and local water authorities to minimise water loss, invest in more efficient water infrastructure, refurbish older pipes and water systems, and fund practical projects to save water. This measure will help reduce the impact of drought and climate change on Australia's towns and cities.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Water for the Future — taking early action

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	96.2	110.0	193.8	-	-400.0

The Government will bring forward \$400.0 million of funding from 2011-12 under Water for the Future, to accelerate investment in water savings infrastructure and to purchase water entitlements from willing sellers. This reflects the Government's recognition that urgent action is needed to tackle the water crisis.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Water for the Future — Water Efficiency — Western Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	35.0	-	-	-	-35.0

The Government will provide \$35.0 million in 2007-08 (brought forward from 2011-12) under the *Water for the Future* program, to make an initial contribution to the Harvey Water Piping Project in Western Australia. The project involves upgrading irrigation supply infrastructure to reduce seepage and evaporation, with the water saved to be piped to Perth.

The Government's remaining contribution of \$14.0 million is expected to be provided in 2008-09, from within existing funding for the Program.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures**A Creative Australia — Regional Arts Fund — continuation**

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.8 million over four years to continue the *Regional Arts Fund* program, which supports sustainable cultural development in regional and remote Australia and assists the professional skills development of regional artists. The program also facilitates the formation of partnerships and networks, co-funds regional arts worker positions and supports strategic initiatives that address disadvantage in remote, isolated and Indigenous communities.

This measure involves funding of \$2.8 million in 2008-09, \$2.9 million in 2009-10, and \$3.0 million per annum in 2010-11 and 2011-12. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

A Creative Australia — Sydney Dance Company — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australia Council	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$1.5 million in 2007-08 to the Australia Council so the Sydney Dance Company will no longer be required to repay funding advances made to it by the Australia Council. This is a one-off contribution to provide the working capital to enable the Sydney Dance Company to help rebuild its financial position.

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

Anti-whaling action — aerial monitoring

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	0.7	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$0.7 million in 2007-08 for the use of an A319 aircraft, operated by the Australian Antarctic Division, to conduct surveillance flights to monitor and collect information on Japanese whaling fleet activities in the Southern Ocean during the 2007-08 whaling season.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 December 2007 issued by the Ministers for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts and Foreign Affairs.

Bureau of Meteorology — Emerald weather radar station

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Bureau of Meteorology	-	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>	-	1.4	1.8	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over four years to install and maintain a weather radar near Emerald, Queensland. The new radar will fill a current gap in radar coverage in the region.

This measure includes \$3.2 million in capital funding for the purchase and installation of the weather radar and associated infrastructure.

Information captured by the radar will be used by the Bureau of Meteorology to upgrade its weather and hydrological services to the Emerald region, which will improve community preparedness for severe weather and flood events.

This measure was announced by the Prime Minister in Parliament on 20 February 2008.

Caring for our Country

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-2.5	-2.5	-0.5	2.0
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	-12.5	-10.5	0.5	5.0
Total	-	-15.0	-13.0	-	7.0

The Government will provide \$2.2 billion over five years for the Caring for our Country program, which brings an integrated approach to the conservation and rehabilitation of the environment. This measure involves funding of \$428.2 million in 2008-09, \$440.1 million in 2009-10, \$465.7 million in 2010-11, \$453.5 million in 2011-12 and \$459.3 million in 2012-13.

Caring for our Country will invest in six areas of national priority: Australia's national reserve system; biodiversity and natural icons (including weeds, feral animals and threatened species); coasts and aquatic habitats; sustainable farm practices and Landcare; natural resource management in remote and northern Australia; and community skills, knowledge and engagement. Regional bodies will receive guaranteed funding of at least 60 per cent of historical average funding to secure their operations.

As part of Caring for our Country, the Government will fund its election commitments to rescue the Great Barrier Reef (\$200.0 million over five years) and the endangered Tasmanian Devil (\$10.0 million over five years), to protect and repair Australia's fragile coastal ecosystems (\$100.0 million over five years), to improve water quality in the Gippsland Lakes (\$5.3 million over three years), to fight the Cane Toad menace (\$2.0 million over two years), to implement the Tuggerah Lakes Estuary Management Plan (\$20.0 million over five years), to employ additional Indigenous Rangers (\$90.0 million over five years), to expand the Indigenous Protected Areas network (\$50.0 million over five years), and to assist Indigenous Australians enter the carbon trading market (\$10.0 million over five years).

This measure will provide savings of \$15.0 million in 2008-09 and \$13.0 million in 2009-10 from the amalgamation of previous programs, and will provide additional funding of \$7.0 million in 2011-12 and \$12.0 million in 2012-13 for the program. Net savings of \$9.0 million have been identified over the five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13.

Provision for Caring for our Country has already been included in the forward estimates under the existing Natural Heritage Trust, National Landcare Program, Environmental Stewardship Program and Working on Country program.

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Director of National Parks — extension

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	4.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.4 million in 2008-09 to extend for one year the supplementation provided to the Director of National Parks, following the removal of Kakadu National Park entry fees from 1 January 2005.

The Government will consider alternative income stream options for Kakadu National Park, to be introduced from 2009-10.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Structural Adjustment Package — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$50.8 million in 2007-08 for grants under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Structural Adjustment Package to further assist eligible commercial fishers and other businesses adversely affected by the increase in the size of 'no take' fishing areas in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

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

Kokoda Track — assistance to Papua New Guinea for management of the Kokoda Track and the Owen Stanley Ranges

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.8 million over four years to work with the Government of Papua New Guinea towards achieving effective management arrangements so that the Kokoda Track is protected and delivers increasing benefits to the local people. These funds will also be used to conduct a feasibility study into a World Heritage nomination for the Owen Stanley Ranges, including the Kokoda Track.

The measure includes funding:

- to establish a Kokoda Unit in the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts to support the World Heritage process;

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- for a seconded officer to work with Papua New Guinea's Kokoda Track Authority; and
- for the Department of Veterans' Affairs to commission a website and a documentary on the Kokoda Track and educational material for schools on Australia's wartime history and the cultural and heritage importance of the Track.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates. The funding includes \$3.0 million in 2007-08 to be met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Election Commitments

A Place to Call Home

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0

The Government will provide \$150.0 million over five years (including \$50.0 million in 2012-13) to deliver up to 600 homes across Australia for families and individuals who are homeless. States and Territories will be provided with funding for the construction or purchase of homes or the remediation of existing public housing stock. States and Territories will match this contribution through the provision of funding or in-kind support including the provision of land.

Homeless families and individuals will be able to live in supported housing for the first 12 months, after which the house will be transferred to the general public housing pool and their tenancy extended in accordance with the normal tenancy arrangements applied to public housing. State and Territory housing authorities will be required to provide replacement properties from their general pool of housing when this occurs to ensure there is an ongoing supply of homes for the homeless.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Disability Assistance Package — redirection of funds to the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will redirect funding of \$901.2 million over four years from the Australian Government's Disability Assistance Package (DAP), to the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA). The funds to be transferred in each year are: \$124.5 million in 2008-09; \$154.4 million in 2009-10; \$252.6 million in 2010-11; and \$369.7 million in 2011-12.

From 1 July 2008, the States and Territories will be responsible for delivering accommodation support services that were to be delivered by the Australian Government under the DAP. This is consistent with the States' general responsibilities under the CSTDA for disability accommodation services. These services will assist parent carers, aged 65 or more, to obtain supported accommodation in the community for their adult children with a disability.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates. This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Helping Seniors Make Ends Meet — Broadband for Seniors

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over three years from 2008-09 to allow up to 2,000 community organisations to purchase desktop computers and broadband connections in order to run free internet workshops for seniors and provide them with free access to the internet. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be available for these organisations to expand access to the internet for senior Australians.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Helping Seniors Make Ends Meet — Seniors Concession Allowance — increase

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$324.4 million over five years (including \$40.5 million in 2007-08) to increase the rate of the Seniors Concession Allowance. From March 2008, the annual rate of the allowance increased from \$218 to \$500. Seniors Concession Allowance is paid to Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders and certain Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card holders. The allowance will be paid quarterly, rather than twice a year, to better align payments with incoming bills.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.1 million in 2007-08, \$0.1 million in 2008-09, \$0.1 million in 2009-10, \$0.1 million in 2010-11 and \$0.1 million in 2011-12.

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

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Helping Seniors Make Ends Meet — Telephone Allowance — assistance with home internet connections

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	6.8	31.5	36.0	42.4	47.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.6	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.1
Total	7.4	34.1	38.8	45.5	50.6

The Government will provide \$176.5 million over five years to increase the Telephone Allowance from \$88 to \$132 a year from 20 March 2008 for all income support recipients of Age Pension age, Carer Payment recipients, Disability Support Pensioners and holders of a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card who have a home internet service. All veterans eligible for the base rate of Telephone Allowance can also receive the higher rate of \$132. The internet service must be in the recipient's or their partner's name to qualify for the increased rate. This will make it more affordable for Australian seniors, carers and people with disabilities to access information and stay in contact with family and friends through the internet.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Helping Seniors Make Ends Meet — Utilities Allowance — increase and extend eligibility

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.1 billion over five years (including \$530.4 million in 2007-08) to increase the rate of Utilities Allowance and to extend Utilities Allowance to recipients of Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, Invalidity Service Pension, Partner Service Pension, Income Support Supplement, Bereavement Allowance, Widow B Pension and Wife Pension irrespective of age. From March 2008, the Utilities Allowance annual rate increased from \$107.20 to \$500 for singles (or couples combined). It will be paid quarterly with payments in March, June, September and December.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$10.7 million in 2007-08, \$0.1 million in 2008-09, \$0.1 million in 2009-10, \$0.1 million in 2010-11 and \$0.1 million in 2011-12.

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

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Home in Queanbeyan Mental Health Service

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	1.0	1.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over two years to contribute to Home in Queanbeyan, a charitable organisation that helps people living with chronic mental illness who cannot live independently or are homeless. This funding will be used to establish a facility providing 20 one bedroom units to cater for 15 long term residents and five respite care residents.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Housing Affordability Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	52.2	77.1	77.1	152.8

The Government will provide \$512.0 million over five years (including \$152.8 million in 2012-13) to assist up to 50,000 new home buyers across Australia by lowering regulatory and infrastructure costs built into the purchase price of a new home.

The Housing Affordability Fund will provide grants on a competitive basis to local governments – potentially in partnership with developers – and State and Territory governments for proposals that streamline planning and approval processes, or reduce infrastructure costs, with savings to be passed on to homebuyers.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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National Disability Strategy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.7 million over four years from 1 July 2008 to develop a National Disability Strategy. The Strategy will include a national policy statement setting the directions and priorities for the development of legislation, policy and financing of disability services.

This measure includes the development of consistent accessible parking schemes around Australia.

The measure aims to better harness and focus the resources of the Australian Government, State and Territory governments and the community sector to better meet the needs of people with a disability.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

National framework for protecting Australia's children

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	1.2	1.3	0.1	-

The Government will provide \$2.6 million over three years to develop a national framework for protecting Australia's children against abuse and neglect. This will enable consultation with key child protection stakeholders, including State and Territory governments, to support the development of the framework. In addition, the Government will work with the States and Territories to collect nationally consistent child protection data. This will help agencies determine what is working well and enable the sharing of best practice in protecting children from abuse and neglect.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

National Housing Supply Council

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.9	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3

The Government will provide \$10.2 million over five years to establish a National Housing Supply Council. The Council will provide research, forecasts and advice to the Government and the Council of Australian Governments on long-term housing and land supply trends and will publish an annual State of Housing Supply report detailing analysis of these trends. Ensuring there is adequate land and housing supply available to meet future demand will help ensure homebuyers can access affordable housing.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

National plan to reduce violence against women and children

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	-
Australian Institute of Criminology	0.5	-	-	-	-
Total	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over four years to support activities that help reduce violence against women and children. This includes funding for White Ribbon Day, the Australian Institute of Criminology's *National Monitoring Program* and research into international best practice models for working with perpetrators of violence.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

National Reciprocal Transport Concessions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5

The Government will provide \$50.0 million over four years to establish a national reciprocal transport entitlement for State and Territory government seniors card holders. Currently many seniors card holders cannot access local public transport concessions outside their home State or Territory. This measure will help ensure that seniors card holders can travel on public transport at concessional rates across Australia.

This measure will be implemented through negotiations with State and Territory governments and is expected to be in place by 1 January 2009.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

National Rental Affordability Scheme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	13.0	25.2	35.6	55.1
Australian Taxation Office	-	10.5	47.0	134.5	301.7
Total	-	23.5	72.2	170.1	356.8

The Government will provide \$622.6 million over four years for the provision of 50,000 affordable rental properties across Australia for low and middle income earners. An annual incentive of \$6,000 per property for up to ten years will be paid by refundable tax offsets for complying institutional investors and by grants for not-for-profit housing organisations who are exempt from income tax.

State and Territory governments have agreed to provide annual support of at least \$2,000 per annum per property for up to 10 years. The state and territory contribution will take the form of cash grants, concessions on stamp duty or the provision of discounted land.

To access the Scheme, investors must rent properties to eligible tenants at 20 per cent below the market rate of rent for equivalent properties in the area.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Office for Housing — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

The Government will provide \$3.7 million over five years to establish an Office for Housing within the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. The Office for Housing will provide policy advice, coordinate the implementation of the Government's housing initiatives and help develop a national approach to housing and homelessness issues.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Supporting Local Communities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$1.7 million over two years from 2007-08 (with \$1.0 million to be met from within existing resourcing) to assist community organisations provide homelessness, disability and other services to their local communities. This includes community organisations in Lismore in New South Wales, Gumdale, St George and Aspley in Queensland, and Epping North in Victoria.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitments.

Volunteer Grants program — expansion to help with fuel costs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

The Government will provide an additional \$15.0 million over three years for the *Volunteer Grants program* to assist volunteers to undertake community activities. The program combines the *Volunteer Small Equipment* and *Sporting Equipment Grants programs* into one program to make it easier for community volunteer organisations to claim financial support. In addition, from 1 July 2008, the Government will expand items eligible for funding under the program to include petrol vouchers for volunteers who use their vehicle for volunteering purposes.

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This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Welfare Payments Reform — child protection pilot and school attendance and enrolment pilot

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	0.1	16.6	0.8	-	-
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	2.0	14.4	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	0.7	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.1	31.7	0.8	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Centrelink	-	1.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$36.4 million over three years to undertake and evaluate two welfare payment reform pilots.

The Child Protection Pilot will trial income management in selected Western Australia communities from July 2008. Child welfare authorities will be able to request that Centrelink manage parents' income support and family payments to ensure the essential needs of children at risk are met. Parents will receive income support payments through an Income Management Debit Card, which cannot be used to purchase alcohol, tobacco, pornography or gambling products. Parents participating in this trial will also receive financial counselling and training.

The School Attendance and Enrolment Pilot will operate in six Northern Territory communities, and two metropolitan locations. From January 2009, welfare recipients in these areas will be required to notify Centrelink of their child's school enrolment details. State education authorities or schools will be able to notify Centrelink in cases where parents fail to take reasonable steps to ensure their children attend school. Centrelink will then advise parents that taking reasonable steps to ensure school attendance is a condition of their income support. Parents who do not comply with the requirements of the pilot may have their income support suspended, with payments restored and back paid when parents take necessary corrective action.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink services of \$1.9 million in 2007-08, \$26.4 million in 2008-09 and \$0.8 million in 2009-10, in addition to Centrelink capital funding of \$1.8 million in 2008-09.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures**Ageing Carers — additional support**

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	100.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$100.0 million in 2007-08 to State and Territory governments under the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement to increase the availability of supported accommodation for people with a disability where their carers are ageing. The funding will allow the States and Territories to build or purchase new facilities with the capacity to care for more people with disabilities. These facilities will allow older carers to plan for the transition of their children with a disability from the family home to other accommodation arrangements.

Brendan's Fund — ex-gratia payment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided a one-off payment of \$0.4 million in 2007-08 to Brendan's Fund in the form of an ex-gratia payment. This payment will provide financial support to the family of Brendan Keilar in honour of his bravery in providing assistance to a person who was being assaulted in Melbourne in June 2007.

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

Business Services Wage Assessment Tool — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	4.3	7.6	8.1	5.8

The Government will provide \$25.7 million over four years to provide the disability employment sector with continued access to the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool. The Tool assesses worker productivity and competency to assist in determining a fair wage for people with a disability in supported employment. The free wage assessments are conducted by qualified Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service staff.

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Carer Bonus

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	426.7	1.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$428.1 million over two years from 2007-08 for a lump sum payment to carers, in recognition of their contribution in caring for people with disabilities and the frail aged. Carer Payment recipients will receive \$1,000 and recipients of Carer Allowance will receive \$600 for each eligible person in their care. The payments will be exempt from income tax. Those receiving both payments on 13 May 2008 will receive both lump sum payments.

A small number of claimants who are determined by Centrelink after 1 July 2008 to have been eligible for the qualifying payments as at 13 May 2008 will also receive the bonus.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.3 million in 2007-08 and \$1.4 million in 2008-09.

Carers — improved support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.2	20.4	197.8	239.9	250.0
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-120.0	-145.3	-152.0
Total	0.2	20.4	77.8	94.6	98.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Centrelink</i>	-	-	2.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$293.6 million over five years (including \$0.2 million in 2007-08) to improve assistance to carers.

The key components of this measure, which commence on 1 July 2009, are:

- a new assessment process to determine eligibility for Carer Payment (child) based on the level of care required by care receivers and provided by carers;
- allowing Carer Payment (child) recipients to be automatically eligible for Carer Allowance (child);

- allowing access to Carer Payment (child) for short-term or episodic care, with a required minimum period of care of 12 weeks and a maximum period of care of 26 weeks; and
- streamlining the transitions from Carer Payment (child) to Carer Payment (adult).

As a result of these changes it is expected that, in 2009-10, an additional 19,000 carers of children with disabilities or illness will be able to access Carer Payment (child) and related benefits to assist with their caring responsibilities.

Savings for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations result from some carers transferring to Carer Payment (child) from Parenting Payment (single or partnered) and Newstart Allowance.

This measure will also extend support of \$20.0 million over four years for carers who have experienced a catastrophic event involving a young child.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.2 million in 2007-08, \$15.3 million in 2008-09, \$11.6 million in 2009-10, \$3.9 million in 2010-11 and \$2.6 million in 2011-12 to implement system changes and improve support for carers. An additional \$2.5 million in 2009-10 will be provided to Centrelink for the development of software.

Centrelink call centre supplementation — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	38.8	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	20.3	-	-	-
Total	-	59.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$59.1 million to Centrelink in 2008-09 to assist in maintaining service standards in Centrelink call centres.

This measure will help deliver shorter response times to customers and address unmet call centre demand.

This measure will be accompanied by a review of call centre demand and funding arrangements, to move away from the ad-hoc approach of the past to a more sustainable funding model.

Financial Counselling — enhancing existing programs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over four years for increased financial counselling to assist people in managing their finances.

Funding for the Commonwealth Financial Counselling program will be increased by \$10.0 million over four years, doubling the size of the program. This will provide greater access to the service across Australia particularly for people under financial stress. In addition, \$10.0 million over four years will be provided to develop and distribute easy to understand and practical financial management information products. These products will cover financial management in relation to mortgages, credit cards, hire purchase and similar financial products, and will be distributed through Centrelink's Financial Information Service and other providers of financial information and counselling.

Supporting these measures, the Government will work with industry to encourage lending organisations to more actively engage with their customers who are exhibiting early signs of financial stress and require them to provide information on available counselling services. The Government will encourage stronger links between financial institutions and financial counselling networks. Industry codes provide a mechanism to promote these arrangements.

Helping Seniors Make Ends Meet — Seniors Bonus

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	1,165.1	0.5	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	40.5	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	168.9	-	-	-	-
Total	1,374.5	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.4 billion over two years from 2007-08 for a tax-exempt payment of \$500 to individuals in receipt of Age Pension, veterans' pensions, Widow B Pension, Wife Pension, Seniors Concession Allowance, Mature Age Allowance, Widows Allowance or Partner Allowance as at 13 May 2008.

A very small number of claimants who, after 1 July 2008 are determined by Centrelink to be eligible for the qualifying payments as at 13 May 2008, will also receive the bonus.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$3.2 million in 2007-08 and \$0.4 million 2008-09.

Maternity Immunisation Allowance — eligibility change

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	..
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-13.5	-32.1	-32.6	-7.3
Total	-	-13.4	-32.0	-32.5	-7.2

The Government will reform and improve the Maternity Immunisation Allowance (MIA) from 1 January 2009 to increase the number of children aged 4-5 years who are fully immunised against key diseases.

The MIA is currently paid to parents or carers when their children have received all the vaccines recommended for children from birth to 18-24 months under the National Immunisation Program. The allowance will now be made in two payments, with half being paid at 18-24 months of age and half at 4-5 years of age, to encourage parents or carers to also have children immunised against key diseases in this second period, prior to attending school. All families will continue to receive the full benefit of maternity immunisation allowance.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$2.9 million in 2008-09, \$1.6 million in 2009-10, \$2.2 million in 2010-11 and \$2.2 million in 2011-12.

President Ramos-Horta — non-medical support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.1	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$75,000 in 2007-08 to assist with the non-medical costs of President Ramos-Horta while he was receiving medical attention in Australia following the failed attempt on his life in Dili, Timor Leste on 11 February 2008. This measure includes the cost of accommodation that enabled family members to provide day-to-day support to President Ramos-Horta through his recovery.

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Queensland Floods — assistance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	16.2	1.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$18.2 million over two years under the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment to assist people adversely affected by the January and February 2008 floods in the Mackay, Emerald and Whitsunday Island regions of Queensland.

Payments of \$1,000 per eligible adult and \$400 per eligible child have been made available to people who, as a direct result of the flooding, were seriously injured and required hospitalisation for at least 48 hours or whose principal place of residence was destroyed or damaged.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$2.9 million in 2007-08.

Respite brokerage for older carers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-2.0	2.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.4 million in 2008-09 for respite brokerage services between April 2008 and December 2008 to older carers aged 65 years and over, who are caring for adult children aged 40 years and over with a disability.

The brokerage services will be provided by Centrelink and will help ensure that older carers have better access to respite services. Administration of these services will be transferred to States and Territories under the new Commonwealth State and Territory Disability Agreement, expected to commence on 1 January 2009.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and includes reprofiling of \$2.0 million from 2007-08 to 2008-09.

Social Security Agreement with Finland

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	1.0	-0.2	-1.0	-1.1

The Government will extend the current network of reciprocal social security agreements to include Finland, with estimated savings of \$1.4 million over four years.

The agreement will ensure that, where eligibility requirements are met, former Australian residents in Finland will gain access to the Australian Age Pension and former Finnish residents in Australia will gain access to the Finnish age/retirement pension. The measure delivers increased income for seniors, and delivers savings where former Finnish residents in Australia gain access to Finnish pensions and, as a consequence, receive a reduced Australian pension as the income test is applied. This agreement is expected to commence on 1 July 2009.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.8 million in 2008-09, \$1.1 million in 2009-10, \$0.2 million in 2010-11 and \$0.2 million in 2011-12 to implement system changes and process additional age pension claims.

Social Security Agreement with Poland

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	1.2	-2.3	-3.9	-6.5

The Government will extend the current network of reciprocal social security agreements to include Poland, with estimated savings of \$11.5 million over four years.

The agreement will ensure that, where eligibility requirements are met, former Australian residents in Poland will gain access to the Australian Age Pension and former Polish residents in Australia will gain access to the Polish age/retirement pension. The measure delivers increased income for seniors, and delivers savings where former Polish residents in Australia gain access to Polish pensions and, as a consequence, receive a reduced Australian pension as the income test is applied. This agreement is expected to commence on 1 July 2009.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.0 million in 2008-09, \$4.0 million in 2009-10, \$2.5 million in 2010-11 and \$0.4 million in 2011-12 to implement system changes and process additional Age Pension claims.

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Volunteer Management Program (Voluntary Work Initiative) — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.7 million over four years to continue the Voluntary Work Initiative component of the Volunteer Management Program. This will allow Volunteer Resource Centres to continue to provide a range of services to support volunteers, including management and training services, and the provision of advice and information to volunteers.

This measure involves funding of \$4.1 million in 2008-09, \$4.1 million in 2009-10, \$4.2 million in 2010-11 and \$4.3 million in 2011-12.

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

FINANCE AND DEREGULATION

Other measures

ANZAC Park East office building — proposed refurbishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	1.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million in 2008-09 in relation to the proposed refurbishment of the ANZAC Park East office building in central Canberra. The funding will allow scoping of the project ahead of further consideration prior to the 2009-10 Budget. Refurbishment would allow the building, which has been vacant for nine years, to be brought into productive use.

Deregulation — implementing the Government's agenda

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide an additional \$4.0 million over four years to establish a capability within the Department of Finance and Deregulation to provide policy advice to the Government and assist with the implementation of the Government's deregulation agenda.

This initiative is designed to achieve better regulation and assist in reducing the burden presently borne by businesses, consumers and the economy.

A further \$2.0 million over four years will be provided from the existing resourcing of the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

Investing in our future — Building Australia Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will establish the Building Australia Fund (BAF) to provide a financing source for future investment in critical economic infrastructure in transport and communications such as road, rail, port facilities and broadband.

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The Government will also close the Communications Fund and transfer its balance to the BAF. The Government will commit funds from the 2007-08 and 2008-09 surpluses, once realised, to the BAF bringing total funding of the BAF to \$20.0 billion. A proportion of future surpluses may be allocated to the fund as appropriate. The Fund will be established by 1 January 2009 and be managed by the Future Fund Board of Guardians.

Future disbursements from the fund will be subject to budget consideration, and will be spent responsibly, in line with prevailing macroeconomic conditions. Spending from the fund on specific projects will be subject to rigorous evaluation. With the exception of funding for the National Broadband Network, drawdowns from the BAF will not occur before 2009-10. It is expected that funding of \$400.0 million will also be available for regional telecommunications, subject to the Government's consideration of the Glasson Review.

The Building Australia Fund will be established by 1 January 2009.

Investing in our future — Education Investment Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will establish the Education Investment Fund (EIF), to provide a financing source for future infrastructure priorities in the higher education and vocational education and training sectors. Key priorities will include capital expenditure and renewal and refurbishment in universities and vocational education institutions, including research facilities and major research institutions. In the future, the priorities funded from the EIF could be extended to include school infrastructure as further contributions are made to the EIF. The Government will close the Higher Education Endowment Fund and transfer the balance of the fund to the newly created EIF.

The Government will commit a further \$5.0 billion from the 2007-08 and 2008-09 surpluses, once realised, to the EIF bringing total funding of the EIF to over \$11.0 billion. A proportion of future surpluses may be allocated to the fund as appropriate. The Fund will be established by 1 January 2009 and be managed by the Future Fund Board of Guardians.

Future disbursements from the fund will be subject to budget consideration, and will be spent responsibly, in line with prevailing macroeconomic conditions. There will be rigorous evaluation criteria for determining which projects will ultimately be funded. Drawdowns from the EIF will not occur until 2009-10.

See also the related expense measure titled *Higher Education Endowment Fund – funding reallocation* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Investing in our future — Health and Hospitals Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will establish the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF), to provide a financing source for future health infrastructure priorities. Key priorities will include capital expenditure and renewal and refurbishment of hospitals, major hospital facilities, medical technology equipment, and major medical research facilities and projects. The Government will commit \$10.0 billion from the 2007-08 and 2008-09 surpluses, once realised, to the HHF. A proportion of future surpluses may be allocated to the fund as appropriate. The creation of the HHF obviates the need to proceed with the previous Government’s decision to establish the Health and Medical Investment Fund. The HHF will be established by 1 January 2009 and be managed by the Future Fund Board of Guardians.

Future disbursements from the fund will be subject to budget consideration, and will be spent responsibly, in line with prevailing macroeconomic conditions. There will be rigorous evaluation criteria for determining which projects will ultimately be funded.

See also the related expense measure titled *Responsible Economic Management – Health and Medical Investment Fund – redirection of earnings* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Uninsured superannuation liability — managing claims stemming from the Cornwell Case

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has decided that the Comcover general insurance fund will manage the small volume of uninsured claims made against the Government. The claims are for incorrect advice provided in past years about the superannuation eligibility of certain temporary employees. This follows the High Court’s decision in the Cornwell superannuation case regarding compensation for incorrect superannuation advice.

There will be no net budget impact because the estimated costs of \$3.1 million over the four years 2008-09 to 2011-12 will be passed through to the agencies that have inherited the liabilities.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Overseas development assistance

The Government is increasing the level of Australia's overseas development assistance to around \$3.7 billion in 2008-09. This represents an increase of \$500 million from 2007-08, and is a significant step towards achieving the Government's commitment to a ratio of Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Gross National Income (GNI) of 0.5 per cent by 2015-16. ODA is expected to rise from 0.30 per cent to 0.32 per cent of GNI in 2008-09.

The expenditure will focus on assisting developing countries, particularly those in the Pacific, to achieve sustainable economic growth in the long term. Economic growth is fundamental to reducing poverty and achieving the Millennium Development Goals, which include halving extreme poverty, halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and providing universal primary education by 2015. Australia's development assistance will also utilise strengthened partnerships with international multilateral organisations, including the United Nations.

Australia's development assistance contributions to the Pacific will be guided by the Port Moresby Declaration, signed by the Prime Minister on 6 March 2008 during his visit to Papua New Guinea. Signalling a new approach by the Government to its bilateral development assistance relationships in the Pacific, the Port Moresby Declaration proposed that Australia negotiate Pacific Partnerships for Development with its Pacific neighbours. These partnerships would embrace a spirit of mutual responsibility between donor and recipient of development assistance in order to improve governance, increase investment in economic infrastructure and achieve better outcomes in health and education.

The expenditure will help the Government to meet its election commitments of: assisting neighbouring states to adapt and respond to the impact of climate change; fighting avoidable blindness; and improving access to clean water and effective sanitation. Australia will also fund a targeted humanitarian and reconstruction support package in Iraq.

The 2008-09 Budget provides \$1.3 billion of new initiatives over four years. It is expected that the ratios of Australia's ODA to GNI will be 0.35 per cent in 2009-10 (a year earlier than originally targeted), 0.37 per cent in 2010-11, and 0.38 per cent in 2011-12. These ratios correspond to amounts of \$4.2 billion, \$4.6 billion and \$5.0 billion in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.

Additional funding for these measures will be assigned from the unallocated provision for expanded development assistance funding held in the Contingency Reserve.

Table 5: Overseas development assistance

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
REVENUE MEASURES						
TREASURY						
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>						
Overseas development assistance						
– enhanced Australian Federal Police deployment to Afghanistan	-	-0.4	-0.4	-	-	-0.8
– Pacific Police Development Program	-	-0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-3.4
– Timor-Leste Police Development Program	-	-1.4	-3.4	-	-	-4.8
Sub Total	-	-2.5	-4.7	-0.9	-0.9	-9.0
Total Revenue measures	-	-2.5	-4.7	-0.9	-0.9	-9.0
EXPENSE MEASURES						
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S						
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>						
Overseas development assistance						
– Pacific Police Development Program	-	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.4	5.1
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>						
Overseas development assistance						
– enhanced Australian Federal Police deployment to Afghanistan	-	14.4	23.6	-	-	38.0
– assistance to Iraqi Police Service	-	5.8	4.0	4.0	-	13.7
– Australian Federal Police contribution to Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Pacific Police Development Program	-	13.3	19.0	21.1	21.5	75.0
– Timor-Leste Police Development Program	-	16.5	34.6	-	-	51.2
<i>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</i>						
Overseas development assistance						
– strengthening regional financial intelligence units	-	-	-	-2.7	-2.7	-5.5
Sub Total	-	51.1	82.4	23.8	20.2	177.5
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE						
<i>AusAID</i>						
Overseas development assistance						
– access to clean water and effective sanitation	-	8.0	99.4	192.0	-	299.4
– fighting avoidable blindness	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Australia's contribution to international debt relief	-	69.3	-	-	-	69.3
– Asian Development Fund replenishment	-	9.6	-	-	-	9.6
– emergency and humanitarian relief	-	-	-	-	-	-
– investing in Pacific public sector capacity	-	4.1	27.7	34.1	38.6	104.5
– Iraq humanitarian and reconstruction assistance	-	60.0	40.0	40.0	-	140.0
– Pacific land program	-	4.3	8.8	16.8	21.8	51.7

Table 5: Overseas development assistance (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (continued)						
Overseas development assistance						
– Pacific region infrastructure facility	-	5.5	30.5	40.5	50.5	126.8
– United Nations Partnership for the Millennium Development Goals	-	6.0	40.0	60.0	90.0	196.0
– World Food Program Emergency Appeal – contribution	-	22.5	-	-	-	22.5
Sub Total	-	189.3	246.3	383.4	200.9	1,019.9
IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP						
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>						
Overseas development assistance						
– assistance for displaced Iraqis in the Middle East	-	10.0	-	-	-	10.0
Sub Total	-	10.0	-	-	-	10.0
Total Expense measures	-	250.4	328.8	407.1	221.1	1,207.4
CAPITAL MEASURES						
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S						
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>						
Overseas development assistance						
– enhanced Australian Federal Police deployment to Afghanistan	-	9.0	-	-	-	9.0
– Australian Federal Police contribution to Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Timor-Leste Police Development Program	-	1.5	1.0	-	-	2.5
Sub Total	-	10.5	1.0	-	-	11.5
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE						
<i>AusAID</i>						
Overseas development assistance						
– access to clean water and effective sanitation	-	-	0.6	-	-	0.6
– investing in Pacific public sector capacity	-	-	0.4	-	-	0.4
– Pacific land program	-	0.2	-	-	-	0.2
Sub Total	-	0.2	1.0	-	-	1.2
Total Capital measures	-	10.7	2.0	-	-	12.7
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE						
<i>Total expense measures</i>	-	250.4	328.8	407.1	221.1	1,207.4
<i>Total capital measures</i>	-	10.7	2.0	-	-	12.7
Total expenditure	-	261.1	330.8	407.1	221.1	1,220.1
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	-	-2.5	-4.7	-0.9	-0.9	-9.0
Net additional expenditure	-	263.6	335.5	408.0	222.0	1,229.1

Election Commitments

Overseas development assistance — access to clean water and effective sanitation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	8.0	99.4	192.0	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
AusAID	-	-	0.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$300.0 million over three years (including \$0.6 million in capital funding in 2009-10) to improve access to clean water and effective sanitation in urban and rural areas of countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific region. This measure will also aim to improve water security by protecting freshwater sources and will support partnerships with multilateral development banks and non-government organisations to help improve water and sanitation infrastructure.

The program will help address the adverse impacts of inadequate water and sanitation on health, life expectancy and poverty.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment and is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — enhanced Australian Federal Police deployment to Afghanistan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	14.4	23.6	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-0.4	-0.4	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Federal Police	-	9.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$47.0 million over two years (including capital funding of \$9.0 million) to the Australian Federal Police to deploy up to 12 officers to Afghanistan to assist the Afghan National Police with counter narcotics and police reform. This measure is expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$0.8 million due to Australian Federal Police officers receiving concessional income tax treatment for their base pay and allowances while on deployment.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment and is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — fighting avoidable blindness

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$45.0 million over two years from 2008-09 to help eliminate avoidable blindness, with a particular focus on Pacific Island countries, Cambodia and Vietnam. This measure will support initiatives including conducting eye examinations, developing infrastructure, building the capacity of eye professionals and institutions in the region, and developing a disability strategy for the aid program.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment and is part of the Government’s commitment to increase Australia’s overseas development assistance over the long term.

Other measures

Overseas development assistance — assistance for displaced Iraqis in the Middle East

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	10.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$10.0 million in 2008-09 to the *Displaced Persons and Refugee Fund* to assist displaced Iraqis in the Middle East. The funding will support delivery of basic humanitarian needs such as shelter, sanitation, water, food and health care. The funding will be administered through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Care Australia.

This measure is part of the Government’s commitment to increase Australia’s overseas development assistance over the long term.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian migration program – additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09*, *Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees*, and *Department of Immigration and Citizenship – enhancements to liaison and operational capability in the Middle East* in the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.

Overseas development assistance — assistance to Iraqi Police Service

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	5.8	4.0	4.0	-

The Government will provide \$13.7 million over three years to the Australian Federal Police to support international efforts to develop a more effective Iraqi Police Service through the funding of leadership training and forensic science training. Approximately 240 Iraqi Police Service personnel will receive police-related training in Australia over the next three years under this program.

Funding for Australian Federal Police salaries, training and other general expenses will be met from the increased funding for the International Deployment Group.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian migration program – additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09*, *Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees*, and *Department of Immigration and Citizenship – enhancements to liaison and operational capability in the Middle East* in the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — Australian Federal Police contribution to Afghanistan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.3 million over three years from 2007-08 for the deployment of four Australian Federal Police (AFP) officers to Afghanistan to provide counter-narcotics training and advice to the Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan and the Afghan National Police.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the AFP.

This measure includes \$0.8 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for electronic counter-measures to protect the AFP officers.

This funding relates to mission-based expenses only. Provision for salaries, training and other general expenses has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — Australia's contribution to international debt relief

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	69.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$73.1 million in 2008-09 to fund Australia's share of contributions to international debt relief, arising from the forgiveness of debts owed by developing countries to multilateral institutions, including through the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative, the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative and arrears clearance provided by the World Bank.

The contribution is expected to include both loans and grants components. The estimated effect on the fiscal balance reflects an assumption about the relative proportion of the grant component of the additional funding. The balance, reflecting the loan component, does not impact on the fiscal balance as the provision of a loan only affects the composition of the Australian Government's investment in financial assets.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — Asian Development Fund replenishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	9.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide a contribution of \$333.8 million to the current replenishment of the Asian Development Fund — the concessional lending arm of the Asian Development Bank. The Asian Development Fund provides funding and advice, through grants and loans, for the poorest countries in Asia in areas such as basic infrastructure, education, environment and regional cooperation. This measure includes \$38.3 million in additional funding, with the remaining contribution to be met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

The contribution is expected to include both loans and grants components. The estimated effect on the fiscal balance reflects an assumption about the relative proportion of the grant component of the additional funding. The balance, reflecting the loan component, does not impact on fiscal balance as the provision of a loan only affects the composition of the Australian Government's investment in financial assets.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — emergency and humanitarian relief

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$76.1 million in 2007-08 for emergency and humanitarian relief efforts. The funding has been provided through various international agencies, such as the World Food Programme, the International Federation of the Red Cross, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme and the International Organisation for Migration, and a number of non-government organisations.

Examples of contributions include: assistance to victims of Cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh and Cyclone Guba in Papua New Guinea; providing for the immediate needs of people affected by post-election violence in Kenya; helping survivors of flooding and landslides in Central and East Java; funding the provision of food aid to the people of Afghanistan, Timor-Leste and Zimbabwe; providing humanitarian assistance to flood victims in southern Africa; and support for peace-building efforts and to improve long-term disaster management capacities in Timor-Leste.

The cost of these measures was met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

Overseas development assistance — investing in Pacific public sector capacity

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	4.1	27.7	34.1	38.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
AusAID	-	-	0.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$106.9 million over four years (including \$0.4 million in capital funding in 2009-10) to improve public and tertiary education sector capacity in the Pacific region. This funding will support workforce development programs, locally-led public sector reforms and establish linkages between Australian and Pacific institutions. The workforce development component will help address priority needs of partner governments in terms of leadership, administrative skills, planning, budgeting and financial management. This measure will provide for analytical work on constraints to development to help identify opportunities for Australia to support locally-led public sector reform. It will also help build and maintain long-term partnerships between Australian and partner governments and tertiary education institutions.

Funding of \$2.0 million in 2008-09 will be met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

Budget Measures 2008-09

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance contribution over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — Iraq humanitarian and reconstruction assistance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	60.0	40.0	40.0	-

The Government will provide \$140.0 million over three years for a targeted basic humanitarian support package, support reconstruction efforts and strengthen government capacity in Iraq. This measure will be delivered in partnership with international agencies.

The humanitarian support package (\$20.0 million in 2008-09) will target the needs of Iraqi civilian populations, including internally displaced persons, by providing access to essential food items, emergency shelter, clean water and adequate sanitation and basic health services. It will also help address protection needs, restoring family links and supporting education programs for vulnerable children. The reconstruction efforts will help improve the quality of, and access to, essential services as well as supporting de-mining efforts. This measure will also contribute towards strengthening the Iraqi Government by capacity building in the agriculture sector and training in financial management and human rights.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian migration program – additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09*, *Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees*, and *Department of Immigration and Citizenship – enhancements to liaison and operational capability in the Middle East* in the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.

Further information can be found in the Prime Minister's Joint Press Conference with the President of the United States on 29 March 2008.

Overseas development assistance — Pacific land program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	4.3	8.8	16.8	21.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
AusAID	-	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$53.9 million over four years (including \$0.2 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to help support partner-government-led reforms to strengthen customary land rights, improve the productivity of land in rural and urban areas, and reduce the potential for instability from land-related conflict in Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. The measure, through its regional component, will help address problems associated with urbanisation such as squatter settlements, poverty, youth unemployment, rising crime and civil instability. Through its bilateral elements, this measure will help partner governments improve administrative systems, legal frameworks, land surveying and registration.

Funding of \$2.0 million in 2008-09 will be met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — Pacific region infrastructure facility

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	5.5	30.5	40.5	50.5

The Government will provide \$126.8 million over four years to establish a Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility with the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank to improve basic infrastructure provision in the Pacific, including in the roads, maritime, aviation and energy sectors. The Facility is aimed at strengthening partner governments' use of their own resources for infrastructure maintenance and development and helping enhance infrastructure assistance from the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank. The Facility will provide long-term support for the development and operation of the broad based infrastructure required to help the social and economic development of Pacific Island countries.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — Pacific Police Development Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	13.3	19.0	21.1	21.5
Attorney-General's Department	-	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.4
Total	-	14.3	20.3	22.5	23.0
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9

The Government will provide \$80.1 million over four years to provide assistance in relation to the review and reform of criminal justice legislation, to provide capacity-building assistance to the police forces of Samoa, Nauru and Papua New Guinea and to continue the Pacific Regional Policing Initiative. This measure is expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$3.4 million due to Australian Federal Police officers receiving concessional income tax treatment for their base pay and allowances while on deployment.

Funding for the Australian Federal Police is provided for mission-based costs only. Base salary, training and other general expenses for this deployment are included in the base funding for the Australian Federal Police International Deployment Group.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — strengthening regional financial intelligence units

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	-	-	-2.7	-2.7

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over two years to the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) to provide capacity building assistance to their South East Asian Financial Intelligence Unit counterparts for the detection and deterrence of money laundering and terrorism financing. This measure will also assist the development and implementation of IT solutions aimed at identifying terrorism financing activities. The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of AUSTRAC. The measure will cease on 30 June 2010, returning savings of \$2.7 million in each of 2010-11 and 2011-12.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — Timor-Leste Police Development Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	16.5	34.6	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-1.4	-3.4	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Federal Police	-	1.5	1.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$53.7 million over two years to the Australian Federal Police to deploy personnel to Timor-Leste to build capacity within the Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste. This measure is expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$4.8 million due to Australian Federal Police officers receiving concessional income tax treatment for their base pay and allowances while on deployment. This measure includes capital funding of \$2.5 million over two years to purchase specialist equipment for the Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste.

Funding is provided for mission-based costs only. Base salary, training and other general expenses for this deployment are included in the base funding for the Australian Federal Police International Deployment Group

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — United Nations Partnership for the Millennium Development Goals

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	6.0	40.0	60.0	90.0

The Government will provide an additional \$200.0 million over four years to increase Australia's multi-year core funding to selected United Nations agencies, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and the joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. This funding will assist global efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals and will further demonstrate Australia's role as a responsible international citizen.

Funding of \$4.0 million in 2008-09 will be met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Overseas development assistance — World Food Program Emergency Appeal — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	22.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$30.0 million over two years from 2007-08 as an immediate contribution to the *World Food Programme Emergency Appeal* to support the operations in poor countries affected by steep rises in the prices of essential food supplies.

Funding of \$7.5 million in 2007-08 will be met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance over the long term.

Other measures in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio

Election Commitments

Export Market Development Grants Scheme — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Trade Commission	-	-	50.0	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$50.0 million in 2009-10 for the Export Market Development Grants Scheme. The Scheme provides small and medium sized Australian businesses with taxable grants to reimburse a proportion of eligible export promotion costs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures**Afghanistan — Australian diplomatic presence — continuation and expansion**

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	8.8	9.8	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	-	6.9	..	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$25.6 million over two years for the continuation and expansion of the Australian diplomatic presence in Kabul in order to deliver on its commitment of continued support for the international effort in Afghanistan. This additional funding will increase the total contribution to \$39.3 million.

This measure includes \$6.9 million in capital funding in 2008-09 which will provide for the purchase of security and communications equipment and office fit-out.

National Security — enhanced intelligence capability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	-	3.5	3.3	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>	-	1.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.7 million over two years from 2008-09 to enhance the Australian Secret Intelligence Service's intelligence gathering capability in support of broader strategic activities.

The measure includes capital funding of \$1.9 million in 2008-09 for fit-out and equipment.

Orangutan conservation in Indonesia — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.5 million over four years from 2007-08 toward orangutan conservation in Indonesia. This measure will assess the orangutan habitat conservation benefit of activities under the Global Initiative on Forest and Climate.

Budget Measures 2008-09

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

Shanghai World Expo 2010 — Australian participation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	10.0	31.0	20.0	-

The Government will provide \$61.0 million over three years as a contribution towards Australia's participation in the Shanghai World Expo in 2010. The funding will contribute to the construction and operation of the Australian pavilion and the management of associated programs.

The Government will seek additional contributions of at least \$22.0 million in 2008-09 from State Governments and private sector entities who will benefit from Australia's presence at the Expo.

HEALTH AND AGEING

Health and Hospitals Reform

The Government will provide \$3.3 billion over five years for substantial reform of the health and hospitals system in Australia. The Health and Hospitals Reform package consists of initiatives to address gaps in the current health system, improve health services, and deliver better health outcomes for Australians through preventative health measures.

Additional funding will be provided to reduce elective surgery and public dental waiting lists, invest in hospital and community health, improve access to primary care through the new GP Super Clinics, expand the nursing workforce and improve access to health professionals in rural and remote areas.

The package also includes funding to support the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission, which is tasked with developing a National Health Reform Plan. This plan will form the basis of long-term reform focused on delivering better health outcomes for the community and providing sustainable improvements in the performance of the health system. It will address health workforce shortages and the inefficiencies arising from duplication and cost-shifting within the hospital and health system, with the Government to provide incentive payments to State and Territory governments to deliver better outcomes for patients.

This Package forms part of the Government's commitment to reverse the national trend of Commonwealth cut-backs to hospital funding over the past five years.

More hospital beds will be freed up for people with acute care needs as a result of new funding to increase the number of aged care transition places. These places will help older people who no longer need hospital-based care to return home or move to aged care facilities. In addition, the Government will provide loans to aged care providers to increase the number of permanent and respite beds where there are shortages.

The Government will also develop a National Preventative Health Strategy. As an initial investment in preventative health, the Government will provide funding for health checks for children before they start school and dental check-ups for eligible teenagers. In addition, an expanded bowel cancer screening program will help catch early-stage cancers while they are easier and less expensive to treat.

The Government will also implement a broader range of cancer research, treatment and patient support initiatives.

Table 6: Health and Hospitals Reform

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
REVENUE MEASURES						
HEALTH AND AGEING						
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>						
Health and Hospitals Reform						
– Aged Care – Residential aged care – zero real interest loans	-	1.6	4.9	6.9	6.8	20.2
Sub Total	-	1.6	4.9	6.9	6.8	20.2
Total Revenue measures	-	1.6	4.9	6.9	6.8	20.2
EXPENSE MEASURES						
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS						
<i>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</i>						
Health and Hospitals Reform						
– Health Workforce – additional higher education nursing places	-	8.4	21.2	31.1	38.8	99.5
Sub Total	-	8.4	21.2	31.1	38.8	99.5
HEALTH AND AGEING						
<i>Cancer Australia</i>						
Health and Hospitals Reform						
– National Cancer Plan – increased funding for cancer research	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	-	15.0
– National Cancer Plan – National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers – additional funding	-	1.7	1.7	1.7	-	5.1
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>						
Health and Hospitals Reform						
– Aged Care – Ministerial Council on Ageing	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Aged Care – National Elderly Commissioner – Ambassador for Ageing	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0
– Aged Care – Residential aged care – zero real interest loans	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Aged care – review planning ratios	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Aged Care – transition aged care – additional places	-	12.2	39.7	86.1	155.3	293.2
– Better outcomes for hospitals and community health	142.0	71.9	55.0	57.3	63.3	389.5
– Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.2
– Child Health – Children’s Cancer Centre	-	3.0	12.0	-	-	15.0
– Child Health – health check for four year old children	-	7.3	5.9	6.1	6.3	25.6
– Child Health – Kitchen Garden Program	-	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	12.8
– Dental Health – Commonwealth Dental Health Program	-	92.0	96.6	101.4	-	290.0
– Dental Health – Teen Dental Plan	1.3	92.4	104.6	126.8	132.8	458.0
– Elective Surgery Waiting List Reduction Plan	75.0	155.0	150.0	220.0	-	600.0
– GP Super Clinics	33.1	75.9	64.2	46.4	46.5	266.0

Table 6: Health and Hospitals Reform (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)						
Health and Hospitals Reform						
– Health Workforce – specialist breast cancer nurses	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	-	12.0
– Health Workforce – supporting nurses back into the workforce	0.7	5.4	10.3	11.2	11.8	39.4
– National Advisory Council on Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-
– National Cancer Plan – breast prostheses	0.2	14.5	2.4	6.8	7.2	31.0
– National Cancer Plan – Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Sydney	-	2.0	40.0	8.0	-	50.0
– National Cancer Plan – National Bowel Cancer Screening Program	-	30.7	27.1	29.3	-	87.2
– National Cancer Plan – Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre	-	5.0	10.0	-	-	15.0
– National Cancer Plan – prostate cancer research centres	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	12.0
– National Cancer Plan – youth cancer networks	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	-	15.0
– National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission – establishment	2.2	4.6	-	-	-	6.9
– Preventative Health – Healthy guidelines for early childhood obesity reduction	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.5
– Preventative Health – Healthy Habits for Life Guide	1.4	1.5	-	-	-	2.9
– Preventative Health – National Preventative Health Strategy	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.5
– Preventative Health – Obesity Reduction – learning from successful community initiatives	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	-	1.7
– Preventative Health – Osborne Division of General Practice's Obesity Program	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Radiation oncology – funding contribution for services in Cairns	-	1.0	3.3	2.0	2.0	8.3
– Radiation oncology – funding for Lismore Integrated Cancer Centre	-	3.5	3.5	-	-	7.0
– Rural Health – additional funding for John Flynn Placement Program	-	0.3	0.9	1.4	2.0	4.6
– Rural Health – additional funding for the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	12.0
– Rural Health – Australian Allied Health Rural and Remote Clinical Placement Scholarship program	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	-	2.5
– Rural Health – National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Rural health – Specialist Obstetrician Locum Scheme	-	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	7.9
– COAG – additional funding for public hospitals	500.0	-	-	-	-	500.0

Table 6: Health and Hospitals Reform (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)						
Health and Hospitals Reform						
– National Binge Drinking Strategy – community partnerships	-	-	-	-	-	-
– National Binge Drinking Strategy – early intervention	-	-	-	-	-	-
– National Binge Drinking Strategy – education and information campaign	-	-	-	-	-	-
– National Cancer Plan – additional funding for the National Tobacco Strategy	-	2.5	5.0	5.0	2.5	15.0
Sub Total	760.4	610.5	660.4	737.7	443.8	3,212.8
HUMAN SERVICES						
<i>Medicare Australia</i>						
Health and Hospitals Reform						
– Dental Health – Teen Dental Plan	4.0	8.1	6.5	6.4	6.5	31.6
– National Cancer Plan – National Bowel Cancer Screening Program	-	..	..	..	-	0.1
Sub Total	4.0	8.2	6.5	6.5	6.5	31.7
VETERANS' AFFAIRS						
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>						
Health and Hospitals Reform						
– GP Super Clinics	-	0.8	2.2	2.9	3.4	9.2
Sub Total	-	0.8	2.2	2.9	3.4	9.2
Total Expense measures	764.4	627.9	690.3	778.3	492.4	3,353.3
CAPITAL MEASURES						
HUMAN SERVICES						
<i>Medicare Australia</i>						
Health and Hospitals Reform						
– Dental Health – Teen Dental Plan	0.2	0.9	-	-	-	1.2
Sub Total	0.2	0.9	-	-	-	1.2
Total Capital measures	0.2	0.9	-	-	-	1.2
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE						
<i>Total expense measures</i>	764.4	627.9	690.3	778.3	492.4	3,353.3
<i>Total capital measures</i>	0.2	0.9	-	-	-	1.2
Total expenditure	764.6	628.9	690.3	778.3	492.4	3,354.4
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	-	1.6	4.9	6.9	6.8	20.2
Net additional expenditure	764.6	627.2	685.4	771.4	485.6	3,334.2

Election Commitments

Health and Hospitals Reform — Aged Care — Ministerial Council on Ageing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.2 million over four years as its contribution to establish and maintain a Ministerial Council on Ageing. The Council will facilitate consultation and cooperation between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories; help initiate, develop and monitor policy reform; and agree joint action in the resolution of issues that arise between governments.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Aged Care — National Elderly Commissioner — Ambassador for Ageing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over four years to establish an Ambassador for Ageing. The Ambassador will promote positive and active ageing within the community and act as a spokesperson for older Australians.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Aged Care — Residential aged care — zero real interest loans

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Department of Health and Ageing	-	1.6	4.9	6.9	6.8

The Government will provide \$300.0 million in zero real interest loans to assist in expanding the availability of residential aged care beds. These loans will be available to aged care providers to build or expand facilities in areas where there is a shortage of beds for permanent and respite care, and will provide up to an additional 2,500 aged care beds in areas of need. Loan recipients will pay interest at a rate equal to the Consumer Price Index only.

The loans will be administered through two rounds. Loans totalling \$150.0 million will be provided as part of the first round, which began in April 2008. The arrangements for the second round will be determined following a review, within six months, of the initial round.

Amounts loaned are treated as financial assets and therefore do not impact directly on the fiscal balance. Payments by aged care providers of the Consumer Price Index component of their loans are treated as interest revenue and are shown above. The public debt interest costs incurred by the Australian Government in financing both rounds of loans are estimated at \$3.6 million in 2008-09, \$12.2 million in 2009-10, \$17.8 million in 2010-11 and \$17.6 million in 2011-12, and are separately accounted for in the Budget papers.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Aged care — review planning ratios

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over four years to regularly review the ratio of aged care places available for the population of older Australians to ensure the supply of aged care places meets current and future needs. The reviews will take into account demographic changes and changing patterns of use of aged care services and the need for culturally appropriate care.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Aged Care — transition aged care — additional places

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	12.2	39.7	86.1	155.3

The Government will provide \$293.2 million over four years to fund an additional 2,000 transition care places for older Australians, increasing the number of transition care places to 4,000. These new places will assist older people who no longer require hospital care to make the transition to an aged care facility or return home. This will also ensure more hospital beds are available for those with acute care needs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Better outcomes for hospitals and community health

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	142.0	71.9	55.0	57.3	63.3

The Government will provide \$389.5 million over five years in grants and recurrent funding to support health care facilities and improve patient outcomes. This includes funding for advanced medical technology, improved facilities and services and medical training infrastructure.

This measure will bring the benefits of advanced medical technology to communities around Australia. An additional 12 Medicare-eligible magnetic resonance imaging units will be provided, along with new and upgraded technology in hospitals around the country. Funding will also support upgrades to hospitals and community health centres and expand services to areas of need. This includes improved access to renal dialysis and a mobile sexual assault referral centre for remote communities in the Northern Territory.

The Government is also committed to catering for Australia's future health needs. This measure invests in medical training infrastructure to help meet the training needs of medical graduates and provide a skilled health workforce in years to come.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitments.

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Health and Hospitals Reform — Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over four years to create the position of Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer. This position will provide national leadership in developing a strategic and collaborative approach to nursing policy issues. This will include providing advice on nursing and midwifery workforce issues and contributing to the development of a primary care strategy and midwifery review. The creation of this position recognises the vital role of nurses within the health system.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Child Health — Children's Cancer Centre

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	3.0	12.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over two years for the construction of a purpose-built Children's Cancer Centre at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide, South Australia. The new centre will establish a fully integrated, dedicated children's cancer facility that will provide state-of-the-art care and treatment facilities. The Centre will also provide a better working environment for doctors and nurses who treat child cancer patients.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Child Health — health check for four year old children

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	7.3	5.9	6.1	6.3

The Government will provide \$25.6 million over four years to introduce a healthy kids check for all four year old children. This program is aimed at helping to ensure children are fit, healthy and ready to learn when they start school.

This measure will introduce new Medicare Benefits Schedule items to enable general practitioners and practice nurses to undertake health checks of all four year olds at the time the child has their four-year immunisation. In addition, the Government will provide funding to State and Territory governments for health checks to be undertaken by other immunisation providers in local or community health clinics.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Child Health — Kitchen Garden Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2

The Government will provide \$12.8 million over four years to fund a pilot *Kitchen Garden Program*, based on the *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program*, in 190 schools across Australia. The pilot program is aimed at tackling childhood obesity by giving children hands on experience in healthy eating. The program will help teach children in years three to six how to grow, harvest and cook produce as part of the school curriculum. This measure will also fund the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Gardens Foundation to train teachers and staff, and oversee the administration of the program. Grants will be provided for costs associated with building kitchens and garden facilities.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Dental Health — Commonwealth Dental Health Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	92.0	96.6	101.4	-

The Government will provide \$290.0 million over three years to establish a *Commonwealth Dental Health Program*. Funding will be provided to the States and Territories to supplement existing public services and/or purchase private dental services. Up to one million additional dental consultations will be funded to help reduce public dental waiting lists. As part of the funding arrangements, the State and Territory governments will be required to provide priority services to individuals with chronic diseases affected by poor oral health, provide timely preventative and emergency services and to maintain current effort.

Funding for this measure will, in part, be provided from the redirection of funds from the cessation of dental treatment items under Medicare.

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See also the related savings measure titled *Dental treatment – enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic conditions and complex conditions* in the Responsible Economic Management package of measures, and the related expense measure *Health and Hospitals Reform – Dental Health – Teen Dental Plan* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Dental Health — Teen Dental Plan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	1.3	92.4	104.6	126.8	132.8
Medicare Australia	4.0	8.1	6.5	6.4	6.5
Total	5.4	100.5	111.1	133.2	139.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Medicare Australia</i>	0.2	0.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$490.7 million over five years to contribute to the cost of an annual dental preventative check for eligible teenagers aged 12 to 17 years old.

From 1 July 2008, around one million teenagers in families receiving the Family Tax Benefit Part A or teenagers in receipt of ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance will be eligible for assistance of up to \$150 per year for dental services. Payments will be processed through Medicare Australia.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.3 million in 2007-08, \$0.9 million in 2008-09, \$0.4 million in 2009-10, and \$0.3 million per annum from 2010-11 for costs associated with assessing eligibility.

Funding for this measure will partially be provided from the redirection of funds from the cessation of dental treatment items under Medicare.

See also the related savings measure titled *Dental treatment – enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic conditions and complex conditions* in the Responsible Economic Management package of measures and the related expense measure *Health and Hospitals Reform – Dental Health – Commonwealth Dental Health Program* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Elective Surgery Waiting List Reduction Plan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	75.0	155.0	150.0	220.0	-

The Government will provide up to \$600.0 million over four years to reduce waiting lists for elective surgery in public hospitals in each State and Territory. This funding includes \$150.0 million to conduct an immediate national blitz and provide more than 25,000 new procedures to help clear the backlog of people who have been waiting longer than the clinically recommended time for elective surgery.

A further \$150.0 million will be provided to make systemic improvements to Australia's hospital system, including the construction of additional day surgery units. A further \$300.0 million will be available in incentive payments to States and Territories that meet elective surgery waiting list reduction targets. The funding will be provided if performance benchmarks are met.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — GP Super Clinics

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	33.1	75.9	64.2	46.4	46.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.8	2.2	2.9	3.4
Total	33.1	76.6	66.3	49.3	49.8

The Government will provide \$275.2 million over five years to improve access to primary and chronic health care through the establishment of 31 GP Super Clinics, in the following locations:

- Blue Mountains, Southern Lake Macquarie, North Central Coast, Grafton, Riverina, Queanbeyan, Port Stephens, and Shell Harbour, in New South Wales;
- Ballan, Bendigo, Berwick, Geelong, Wallan, in Victoria;
- Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone, Ipswich, Redcliffe, Brisbane Southside, Strathpine, Townsville, and Mt Isa in Queensland;
- Midland and Wanneroo in Western Australia;
- Modbury, Onkaparinga, and Playford North, in South Australia;
- Burnie, Devonport and Hobart Eastern Shores in Tasmania; and
- Palmerston in the Northern Territory.

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GP Super Clinics will co-locate general practitioner and a range of other health services such as physiotherapy, dietary, podiatry and specialist care for seniors, tailored to the needs of the local communities.

Capital funding will be provided for each Super Clinic, with the amount for each to depend on the needs of the local community and whether the particular clinic is to be purpose-built or to be an upgrade of an existing facility.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Health Workforce — additional higher education nursing places

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	8.4	21.2	31.1	38.8

The Government will provide \$99.5 million over four years from 2008-09 to increase the number of Commonwealth supported university places for nursing by 90 places starting in July 2008, and by a further 1170 places starting in 2009. This measure will provide more opportunities for students to study nursing and assist in addressing skills shortages in nursing across Australia.

See also the related expense measure titled *Health Workforce – supporting nurses back into the workforce* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Health Workforce — specialist breast cancer nurses

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	-

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over four years to the McGrath Foundation to recruit, train and employ up to 30 specialist breast cancer nurses. The nurses will provide information and support to women and the families of women diagnosed with breast cancer.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Health Workforce — supporting nurses back into the workforce

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	0.7	5.4	10.3	11.2	11.8

The Government will provide \$39.4 million over five years to encourage qualified nurses to return to the nursing workforce in hospitals and residential aged care. Cash bonuses of \$6,000 will be available for nurses who have been out of the health workforce for more than a year who return to work in hospitals and residential aged care. These nurses will be paid \$3,000 after six months of being back in the nursing workforce and a further \$3,000 after 18 months. Hospitals and aged care providers will receive a contribution of \$1,000 per re-entry nurse to assist with the costs of re-training and re-skilling.

This measure is expected to bring up to 7,750 extra nurses into hospitals and up to 1,000 extra nurses into residential aged care over five years.

See also the related expense measure titled *Health Workforce – additional higher education nursing places* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Advisory Council on Mental Health

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.4 million over three years from 2008-09 to establish a National Advisory Council on Mental Health. The Council will provide the Government with independent advice from experts on mental health and will assist the coordination of Commonwealth, State and Territory mental health services so as to improve support for people with mental illness and their carers.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Cancer Plan — breast prostheses

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	0.2	14.5	2.4	6.8	7.2

The Government will provide \$31.0 million over five years to the National Breast Cancer Centre to allow all Australian women who have had a mastectomy as a result of breast cancer to access external prostheses. Breast cancer takes the lives of more Australian women than any other cancer and this funding will assist women affected by this form of cancer. The measure will allow for the replacement of prostheses every two to five years.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Cancer Plan — Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Sydney

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	2.0	40.0	8.0	-

The Government will provide up to \$50.0 million over three years for the establishment of the Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Sydney, which will be co-located with the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. The Centre will combine cancer treatment facilities with cancer research facilities and will also pursue academic training, clinical training and career development for young cancer specialists and researchers in all disciplines. The Centre will also provide outreach cancer care services to regional New South Wales.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Cancer Plan — increased funding for cancer research

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Cancer Australia	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over three years for additional independent clinical trials of drugs and research into cancer treatment. This funding will double Commonwealth support of cancer clinical trials and will accelerate the search for new treatments to improve the lives and survival rates of people with cancer.

The funding will provide for approximately nine multi-centre clinical trials and up to four new national cooperative cancer clinical trial groups.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Cancer Plan — National Bowel Cancer Screening Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	30.7	27.1	29.3	-
Medicare Australia	-	-
Total	-	30.8	27.2	29.4	-

The Government will provide \$87.4 million over three years to fund bowel screening scheme for 50, 55 and 65 year olds. This funding will also provide for an information line to assist participants and to allow States and Territories to provide coordination services. It will also lead quality assurance activities for colonoscopy and data reporting. Early detection through effective screening will mean increased chances of survival and recovery from bowel cancer.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Cancer Plan — National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Cancer Australia	-	1.7	1.7	1.7	-

The Government will provide \$5.1 million over three years to support the work of the National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers. The funding will assist the Centre in its support of women affected by gynaecological cancers, their families and carers by supporting research and clinical trials. The Centre also provides information to those involved in the treatment of gynaecological cancers.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Cancer Plan — Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	5.0	10.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over two years towards the establishment of the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre at the Austin Hospital in Melbourne. The centre will be a purpose-built facility that will combine cancer treatment services with the clinical research programs currently run by Austin Health and the International Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research. The centre will have a focus on improving support for cancer patients and their families, and will provide training for medical oncology and specialist cancer nursing and allied health staff.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Cancer Plan — prostate cancer research centres

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over five years (including \$3.0 million in 2012-13) to establish Australia's first two dedicated prostate cancer research centres. The centres will co-ordinate research more effectively and develop improved diagnostic tests, screening tools and treatments for prostate cancer.

The centres will develop non-invasive diagnostic tests to help underpin possible future population screening and prevention. The centres will also develop new therapies and identify accurate markers to assist in the prediction of treatment response.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Cancer Plan — youth cancer networks

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over three years to CanTeen to assist in the establishment of youth cancer networks, including wards and services for adolescents and young adults with cancer. The funding will contribute towards facilities for treatment and support, including social and emotional support, for adolescents and young adults with cancer, and will facilitate participation in clinical trials to assess new cancer technologies.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	2.2	4.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.9 million over two years to establish the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission. The Commission will advise and report on a long-term health reform plan to improve the performance of the health system. The plan will address the need to reduce inefficiencies; better integrate and coordinate care across the health sector; bring a greater focus on prevention to the health system; improve the provision of health services in rural areas; improve indigenous health outcomes; and provide a well qualified and sustainable health workforce in the future.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Preventative Health — Healthy guidelines for early childhood obesity reduction

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$4.5 million over five years to develop and distribute guidelines on healthy eating and physical activity to early childhood and child care providers. These guidelines will help ensure the health and wellbeing of children by providing guidance on nutritious food and exercise appropriate to pre-schools, childcare centres and other early childhood settings.

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See also the related expense measure titled *Early childhood education – universal access* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Preventative Health — Healthy Habits for Life Guide

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	1.4	1.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.9 million over two years to produce a *Healthy Habits for Life* guide providing practical information to help parents assist their children to develop healthy dietary and exercise habits.

This measure will be partially offset by the related savings measure titled *Healthy, Active Australia – Promoting Healthy Living* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Preventative Health — National Preventative Health Strategy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$4.5 million over five years to develop a national preventative health strategy. The strategy will tackle the burden of chronic disease caused by obesity, tobacco usage and excessive alcohol consumption. A taskforce will be established to support the strategy and will compile the relevant data, provide advice to policy makers, provide support to clinicians and help build inter-governmental and public-private partnerships to address the key issues. The taskforce will be supported by a dedicated secretariat within the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Preventative Health — Obesity Reduction — learning from successful community initiatives

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over four years to encourage successful community initiatives to tackle obesity. Funding will be provided to the Collaboration of Community-based Obesity Prevention Sites which has been developed by the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Obesity Prevention.

The type of community projects that will be analysed by the Collaboration of Community-based Obesity Prevention Sites include the Romp and Chomp program, which is a community response to childhood obesity in Geelong, Victoria, focusing on healthy eating and active play. The lessons learned from these projects will be shared with other communities that would like to be involved in similar activities.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Preventative Health — Osborne Division of General Practice's Obesity Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$235,000 over four years from 2008-09 to the *Osborne Division of General Practice's Obesity Program*. This is a community-based intervention program which includes professional development for general practitioners on how best to work with patients to tackle obesity; talks by general practitioners in schools; and family-based interventions, including workshops and counselling on diet and nutrition.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Radiation oncology — funding contribution for services in Cairns

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	1.0	3.3	2.0	2.0

The Government will provide \$8.3 million over four years as a contribution towards a radiation oncology facility in the Cairns area. This measure will improve access to radiation oncology services for people living in Cairns and the surrounding region.

See also the related expense measure titled *Health and Hospitals Reform – Radiation oncology – funding for Lismore Integrated Cancer Centre* in the Health and Ageing portfolio and the related savings measure *Radiation oncology – redirect funds to establish oncology facilities in Cairns and Lismore* in the Responsible Economic Management package of measures.

The measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Radiation oncology — funding for Lismore Integrated Cancer Centre

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	3.5	3.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.0 million over two years towards the completion of the Lismore Integrated Cancer Centre for the provision of radiotherapy and oncology services in Lismore, New South Wales, and the surrounding region. This is in addition to the \$8.0 million previously committed by the Australian Government to this project and is consistent with the Government’s aim of enhancing access to medical services for cancer patients.

See also the related expense measure titled *Health and Hospitals Reform – Radiation oncology – funding contribution for services in Cairns* in the Health and Ageing portfolio and the related savings measure *Radiation oncology – redirect funds to establish oncology facilities in Cairns and Lismore* in the Responsible Economic Management package of measures.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Rural Health — additional funding for John Flynn Placement Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.3	0.9	1.4	2.0

The Government will provide \$4.6 million over four years to expand the *John Flynn Placement Program*, with an additional 150 places commencing each year. The total number of places through the program will increase from 600 in 2008 to 1,200 in 2012.

The *John Flynn Placement Program* helps support medical services in regional areas by providing financial assistance for medical students to undertake placements in rural and remote communities, for a minimum of two weeks per year for four years.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Rural Health — additional funding for the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over four years for the *Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program*. The *Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program* improves access to specialist health services in rural and remote areas by providing funding to specialists to support the provision of services to these areas. Under the program, payments are also made to visiting specialists who provide professional support to local GPs and specialists.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Rural Health — Australian Allied Health Rural and Remote Clinical Placement Scholarship program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	-

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over three years to provide scholarships for allied health students who undertake clinical placements in rural and remote communities.

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The scholarships will enhance allied health services in regional areas and will be available to students in disciplines such as psychology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and podiatry starting in the 2009 academic year.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Rural Health — National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.9 million in 2008-09 for a number of rural medical infrastructure projects. The projects will be funded under the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program which has been established through a merger of the previous Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund and the Rural Private Access programs. The Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund was formerly in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio and has been transferred to the Department of Health and Ageing to allow for better integration with other rural and remote health programs. The National Rural and Remote Health and Infrastructure Program provides grants to improve access to medical infrastructure to ensure quality health services in rural and remote communities. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Health and Hospitals Reform — Rural health — Specialist Obstetrician Locum Scheme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0

The Government will provide \$7.9 million over four years to subsidise the cost of specialist obstetrician locums working in rural and regional areas. The funding will subsidise the wages, travel costs and medical registration of specialist obstetrician locums who participate in the scheme and is aimed at increasing access to obstetric services in rural areas.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Health and Hospitals Reform — COAG — additional funding for public hospitals

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	500.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 billion to State and Territory governments through the Australian Health Care Agreements to help meet the demand for services in public hospitals. The existing Health Care Agreements have been extended by twelve months to coincide with the new framework for Special Purpose Payments agreed between the Commonwealth and States and Territories. Provision for funding of \$512.5 million in 2008-09 has already been included in the forward estimates. This funding will mean that more people will be able to receive the hospital services they need.

Overall, this will result in an increase in Commonwealth funding for public hospitals between 2006-07 and 2008-09 of more than 10 per cent. This reverses the national trend of Commonwealth cut-backs to hospital funding over the past five years.

See also the related expense measure titled *Elective Surgery Waiting List Reduction Plan* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Binge Drinking Strategy — community partnerships

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.5 million over four years to strengthen partnerships with sporting and other non-government organisations to counter binge drinking by young people. Support will be provided for projects such as information campaigns, the development of codes of conduct and for local community organisations to work with police to address underage drinking. This is part of the Government's commitment to working with communities, parents and young people to tackle the binge drinking problem.

See also the related revenue measure titled *Excise and customs duty – increased rates on 'other excisable beverages'* in the Treasury portfolio.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Binge Drinking Strategy — early intervention

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$19.1 million over four years to support early intervention and diversion programs for people under the age of 18 involved in binge drinking. The Government will seek support from State governments and health organisations for at least one pilot project in each State. This could include requiring young people to participate in education and diversionary activities and allowing police to confiscate alcohol or provide formal warnings. This is part of the Government's commitment to working with communities, parents and young people to tackle binge drinking.

See also the related revenue measure *Excise and customs duty – increased rates on 'other excisable beverages'*.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Binge Drinking Strategy — education and information campaign

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over two years to deliver a television, radio and internet campaign that will confront young people with the costs and consequences of binge drinking. The campaign will draw on the lessons of previous effective campaigns such as those addressing smoking, the road toll and HIV/AIDS. This is part of the Government's commitment to working with communities, parents and young people to tackle the binge drinking problem.

See also the related revenue measure *Excise and customs duty – increased rates on 'other excisable beverages'*.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Health and Hospitals Reform — National Cancer Plan — additional funding for the National Tobacco Strategy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	2.5	5.0	5.0	2.5

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over four years to expand the *National Tobacco Strategy*. This measure is targeted at reducing smoking rates, especially among young people, as part of the Government's efforts to prevent diseases such as cardiovascular disease and cancer. It will include communication campaigns, research, evaluation and implementation of best practice in smoking prevention programs. This additional support will bring total Government funding for the program to approximately \$40 million over four years.

Other measures in the Health and Ageing portfolio

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2011 World Sailing Championships

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.6

The Government will provide \$8.6 million over four years to help stage the 2011 World Sailing Championships off the coast of Western Australia. This funding will assist with costs such as travel, shipping, community activities and training programs. This funding matches the funding provided by the Western Australian Government for the event.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Breastfeeding mothers — funding for a 24-hour helpline

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over five years to the Australian Breastfeeding Association to set up a national toll-free 24-hour helpline to support new mothers who are breastfeeding. This funding will allow the Association to expand its existing service to enable access to one-to-one expert support around the clock.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Campbelltown Sports Stadium upgrade — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	6.0	2.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over two years to assist in the upgrade of Campbelltown Stadium in Campbelltown, New South Wales. The upgrade will improve the functionality of the stadium, including through additional seating, refurbishment of player facilities, lift access to enable disabled access to all seating levels, upgrade of catering and toilet facilities and a portable electronic screen. This will facilitate greater use of the stadium by sporting groups.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Counselling services — funding for the Sisters of Charity Outreach

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.3 million over four years from 2007-08 to the Sisters of Charity Outreach to provide an additional 1,500 counselling sessions for approximately 400 people a year. The Sisters of Charity Outreach specialise in grief and trauma counselling services for people in the north-west region of Tasmania.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

EnergyAustralia Stadium redevelopment — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	7.0	3.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over two years to assist in the redevelopment of EnergyAustralia Stadium in Newcastle, New South Wales. This will provide a better facility for both spectators and players, and will include new seating and replacement of existing seating, and upgrades to player change rooms, warm up facilities and emergency services areas.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Football Federation of Australia — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	8.0	8.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.0 million over two years to the Football Federation of Australia to support the growth of football in Australia. This funding will provide support for activities including: a football facilities fund to deliver grants to local football clubs; Australia's participation in the 46-member Asian Football Confederation; a televised national women's league; and coach, referee and volunteer education and recognition programs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Illicit drug use — targeting young people who use methamphetamines

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will tailor existing national education programs on illicit drugs (such as the National Illicit Drugs Campaign) to help combat methamphetamine use, particularly amongst young people aged 18-25 years. Information will be disseminated to high risk groups such as through strategic sponsorship of major youth events.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Leichhardt Oval upgrade — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	3.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million in 2007-08 to upgrade Leichhardt Oval in Leichhardt, New South Wales. This will improve the functionality of the facility, including by increasing seating, ground resurfacing and drainage, improved public amenities and catering facilities and development of corporate and media facilities. The improvements to the Oval will facilitate its use by a range of community and sporting groups.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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Local sporting champions — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Sports Commission	-	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6

The Government will provide \$6.4 million over four years to provide grants to junior athletes to participate in significant or specialist sporting events which involve travel of more than 250 kilometres.

Grants of up to \$500 for individuals and \$3,000 per team will be available to people under 18 years of age to cover travel, accommodation, uniforms and equipment. This will enable more young people to be more engaged in sport, particularly those in rural and regional locations.

Matching funding for the program will be sought from corporate sponsors.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Northern Territory Australian Football League and netball development — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Sports Commission	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in 2012-13) to help a Northern Territory Australian Football League team participate in either the South Australian or West Australian, Australian Football League competitions. This measure will also assist with the development of junior Australian Football League and netball in the Northern Territory. This measure will help promote participation in sport and the development of sports people in the Northern Territory.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Penrith Valley Sports Hub — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	5.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.0 million to assist in the construction of a double sided grandstand connecting Penrith Football Stadium and Howell Cricket Oval in Penrith, New South Wales. This will provide a 4,000 seat spectator grandstand at Penrith Stadium; a new pavilion and clubhouse at Howell Oval; food and beverage facilities and shared amenities servicing both grounds; and multi-purpose rooms to be used for sports administration, junior development activities, and sports injury treatment. The measure will facilitate increased use of the sports hub by a range of community and sporting groups.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Perinatal depression — national plan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	6.0	8.8	11.9	14.6

The Government will provide \$55.0 million over five years (including \$13.8 million in 2012-13) to combat perinatal depression. This measure will provide for mothers to be screened before and after pregnancy by midwives, child and maternal health workers and general practitioners. This measure will also provide training for health professionals; improve follow up support and care for women assessed as 'at risk'; and establish research and data collection processes.

Funding of \$5.0 million over five years will be provided to 'Beyondblue' to support the implementation of the National Perinatal Depression Plan. The Government will seek a funding contribution of \$30.0 million toward this program from State and Territory governments.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

RecLink — support for national programs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6

The Government will provide \$2.3 million over four years to assist RecLink to expand programs nationally and establish links between more than 200 community agencies. RecLink is a non-profit organisation that runs sport and cultural programs to improve the lives of Australians suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, mental illness, social disconnection and homelessness. It currently operates only in Victoria. This measure will assist Reclink to help disadvantaged Australians re-engage with life and their community by building self esteem and purpose through enjoyable and meaningful activities.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Sport and Recreation Facilities — contribution to funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	13.9	6.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.8 million over two years to fund 91 community sport and recreation facilities as a part of its commitment to increasing participation in sport through developing accessible community facilities. Contributions to these projects will also be made by private and community sector organisations.

Significant projects funded through this measure include \$1.5 million for the Parramatta Cycleways in New South Wales, \$3.0 million for the Hidden Valley International Dragstrip in the Northern Territory, \$200,000 for the community sports field upgrade on Palm Island, Queensland, \$1.0 million for the North East Hockey Club in South Australia, \$750,000 for the Low Head to George Town Recreation Trail in Tasmania, \$550,000 for the Mallacoota Pathways in Victoria and \$1.0 million for Macedonia Park in Western Australia.

This measure is part of the Government's approach to preventative health and tackling obesity through increasing participation in sport and tackling mental health problems through increasing participation in meaningful recreation activity.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitments.

Western Australia's Children's Health Telethon — donation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	1.5	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million in 2007-08 to the Telethon organisation to support its work in Western Australia. Telethon is a charitable trust benefiting the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research and the Telethon Speech and Hearing Centre. It holds an annual televised fundraising event, also called Telethon, in conjunction with Channel 7 Perth.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures**Aged Care — Conditional Adjustment Payment — increase**

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	80.0	84.4	88.8	91.7
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	14.6	15.4	16.2	16.7
Total	-	94.6	99.7	104.9	108.3

The Government will provide \$407.6 million over four years to increase the Conditional Adjustment Payment to aged care providers from 7.0 per cent to a total of 8.75 per cent of the recurrent basic subsidy in 2008-09. This increase in funding is in addition to annual indexation of the subsidy and is conditional on providers making audited financial statements publicly available, participating in a periodic workforce census and encouraging staff training.

This additional funding will contribute to maintaining the financial viability of aged care providers.

Aged Care — increased funding for the National Seniors' Association

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million over five years to the National Seniors' Association to enable it to continue providing advice on issues affecting older Australians.

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The additional funding to the National Seniors Association will bring its level of Government funding in line with that provided to Council on the Ageing Over 50s Limited.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Australian Equestrian Olympic Team — support following equine influenza

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Sports Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million in 2008-09 to the Equestrian Federation of Australia to assist in preparations for the Beijing Olympic Games in the aftermath of the recent equine influenza outbreak. The funding will allow prospective Olympic riders, horses and support staff to travel overseas to access training, competition and Olympic qualification opportunities not available in Australia.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Australian Paralympic Committee — additional contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Sports Commission	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$22.8 million over five years to assist the Australian Paralympic Committee to prepare for major upcoming sporting events, including the Beijing and London Summer Paralympics in 2008 and 2012 respectively and the Vancouver Winter Paralympics in 2010. This funding includes \$8.0 million for the Australian Paralympic Committee, \$1.0 million for televising the Beijing Paralympics and \$13.8 million to assist athletes in their preparations for major sporting events.

This is part of the Government's commitment to ensure that appropriate programs, resources and facilities exist for Paralympic and disability sport.

Provision of funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Australian Red Cross Blood Service — support The Year of the Blood Donor initiative

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
National Blood Authority	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million in 2007-08 to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service to support increased marketing activities to encourage people to donate blood.

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

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority — facilitating compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority	-	4.3	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority</i>	-	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.4 million in 2008-09 to continue funding for the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority's education programs, athlete testing regime, investigation and prosecutions framework and the Athletes Whereabouts tracking system used to monitor the location of athletes for random testing purposes. These programs will facilitate Australia's compliance with the revised World Anti-Doping Code.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to the abolition of performance enhancing drugs in sport and to increasing participation in physical and recreational activities to promote physical and mental health. Further funding for these activities beyond 2008-09 will be informed by the outcome of a review into Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority's cost recovery arrangements.

Australian Sports Commission — maintenance of sports grants funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Sports Commission	0.5	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.3

The Government will provide \$7.6 million over five years to the Australian Sports Commission to ensure that funding paid as grants to sporting organisations by the Australian Sports Commission is not affected by the additional 2 per cent efficiency dividend that has been applied to Commonwealth agencies. This will assist the Australian Sports Commission to continue to deliver the Government's sporting outcomes.

Bradman Centenary Project — contribution to the construction of two new wings at the Bradman Museum

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.5 million in 2007-08 as a one-off contribution to meet the cost of expanding the Bradman Museum in Bowral, New South Wales. The funding will enable the construction of two new wings of the Bradman Museum, to house the International Cricket Hall of Fame and to better display the modern game of cricket.

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

Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$17.5 million in 2007-08 to Cricket Australia to assist in the redevelopment of the Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence, based at the Allan Border Field in Brisbane.

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

Grafton Hospital

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$18.0 million in 2007-08 for the upgrade of the accident and emergency department and three operating theatres at Grafton Hospital in New South Wales. This funding will no longer be tied to the condition of a hospital board being established at Grafton Hospital.

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

Greenslopes Private Hospital — funding for a clinical school

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.0 million over two years (including \$11.7 million in 2007-08) to establish a specialist clinical training school at Greenslopes Private Hospital in Brisbane, Queensland. The new school will offer up to 60 training places a year to medical students from the University of Queensland.

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

Hepatitis C Litigation Settlement Scheme — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4

The Government will provide \$5.6 million over four years for the continuation of the Hepatitis C Litigation Settlement Scheme.

This scheme provides a contribution to the State and Territories' schemes to administer the out-of-court settlement costs for eligible individuals who contracted Hepatitis C through the blood supply between the years of 1985 and 1991. The Scheme has been extended due to the time taken for claims to be made and to address claims that are now being submitted for the secondary infection of children in-utero.

Human Papilloma Virus Register — completion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	4.7	6.9	4.9	2.5	-

The Government will provide an additional \$19.0 million over four years to complete the development of, and provide operating costs for, an electronic register for women vaccinated against Human Papilloma Virus. Funding will also provide operating costs for a call centre to assist women and parents of children participating in this program to access vaccination information. The register will record the immunisation status of participants and will be used to recall women for booster doses if required.

Insulin Pumps — subsidy for young people with type 1 diabetes

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	1.0	1.4	1.5	1.6

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over four years to provide subsidies of up to \$2,500 towards the cost of insulin pumps for people under the age of 18 who have type 1 diabetes, where insulin pump therapy is deemed clinically necessary.

Families with incomes of less than \$59,842 will be eligible for the maximum subsidy of \$2,500. Families with incomes of between \$59,842 and \$98,386 will be eligible for a sliding scale of subsidy ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. Families with incomes above \$98,386 will be eligible for a subsidy of \$500. The income thresholds will be indexed on 1 July each year.

Insulin pumps are medical devices designed to deliver a continuous flow of insulin. Insulin pump therapy results in greater blood glucose control and lower rates of hypoglycaemia. Greater blood glucose control reduces the severity and incidence of health complications associated with type 1 diabetes.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink to administer means testing, which includes the setup costs and processing time required for Centrelink to determine eligibility for a subsidy.

Life Saving Drugs Program — funding for Naglazyme® (galsulfase)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	4.9	6.3	6.8	7.3

The Government will add Naglazyme® (galsulfase) to the *Life Saving Drugs Program* for the treatment of Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VI, at an estimated cost of \$25.3 million over four years.

Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VI is an extremely rare, enzyme deficiency disorder that leads to widespread disruption of tissues and organs. Naglazyme® will be made available to those eligible under approved treatment guidelines. This addition to the program follows a recommendation made by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee, which determined that Naglazyme® was clinically effective but did not meet the necessary cost-effectiveness requirements to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Medicare Benefits Schedule — knee and brain Magnetic Resonance Imaging services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Medicare Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has made provision for \$13.1 million over four years to list new items on the Medicare Benefits Schedule which will allow a general practitioner to directly refer a patient for a Magnetic Resonance Imaging of their knee or brain.

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

Mental Health Nurses Training Subsidy — additional funding and redevelopment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

The Government will provide an additional \$35.0 million over four years to provide up to 1,070 new post-graduate and Masters degree scholarships for mental health nurses of which over 100 will be specifically targeted to nurses in rural and remote areas. This funding will also provide for up to 222 new post-graduate and Masters scholarships for psychologists in rural and regional areas. Provision within this funding has also been made to allow for additional professional support for mental health nurses and psychologists, and to enhance the national accreditation process for qualified mental health nurses currently run by the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses.

This measure will improve access to post-graduate and Masters programs to help address the current shortage of qualified mental health nurses and psychologists. This measure will also have a focus on nurses practising in rural and remote areas, through targeted marketing and assistance with the cost of training in rural areas.

National Cord Blood Collection Network

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-2.8	-2.8

The Government will continue to fund the National Cord Blood Collection Network in 2008-09 and 2009-10. The Cord Blood Collection Network collects and stores donated placental cord blood to be used to treat child and adult blood cancers, particularly leukaemia.

Provision for the funding for the National Cord Blood Collection Network has been included in the forward estimates. This measure will continue funding of \$2.7 million in 2008-09 and \$2.7 million in 2009-10.

Funding for the Network beyond 2009-10, previously included in the forward estimates, will be considered following a review of the National Cord Blood Collection Network due to be completed by January of 2010. Funding has been removed from 2010-11 and 2011-12 pending that review.

National recreation safety organisations — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over four years to continue funding four National Recreation Safety Organisations: Surf Life Saving Australia, the Royal Life Saving Society Australia, AUSTSWIM and the Australian Ski Patrol Association. This funding will help meet operational costs to enable these organisations to continue to deliver water and snow safety programs aimed at reducing the number of aquatic and skiing accidents and deaths in Australia.

Netball Australia — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Sports Commission	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.4 million over three years to Netball Australia. The funding includes \$1.0 million in 2007-08 to assist Netball Australia to establish the ANZ Championship (a new national netball league); \$0.2 million in 2007-08 to establish a National Indigenous Netball Strategy; and \$1.2 million over three years to establish a *Junior Participation Program*.

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

Pambula Surf Life Saving Club — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$90,000 in 2007-08 to the Pambula Surf Life Saving Club in New South Wales, to complete the establishment of a new club house and community facility.

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

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — extension to the listing of Remicade® (infliximab)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Medicare Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has extended the listing of Remicade® (infliximab) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme from 1 December 2007, at an estimated cost of \$25.5 million over four years from 2007-08. This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia.

The extension to the listing will provide subsidised access for patients with severe chronic plaque psoriasis.

Each patient requires approximately seven treatments per year resulting in an average annual cost to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme of \$23,600 per patient. General consumers will pay a \$31.30 co-payment per prescription and concession card holders will pay a \$5.00 co-payment per prescription.

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

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — extension to the listing of Topamax® (topiramate)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Medicare Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has extended the listing of Topamax® (topiramate) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme from 1 December 2007 at an estimated cost of \$39.1 million over four years from 2007-08. This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia.

The extension to the listing will provide subsidised access for suitable patients who suffer from severe migraines.

Each patient requires approximately 12 scripts per year resulting in an annual average cost to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme of \$720 per patient. General consumers will pay a \$31.30 co-payment per prescription and concession card holders will pay a \$5.00 co-payment per prescription.

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

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — listing of Champix® (varenicline)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	12.1	23.8	19.3	19.7	19.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Medicare Australia	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	12.6	24.6	20.0	20.3	19.6

The Government has, listed Champix® (varenicline) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, from the 1 January 2008, at an estimated cost of \$97.1 million over five years. This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia.

Champix® is used as a short-term treatment to help people stop smoking and will be restricted to one course of treatment per person per year. The average cost to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme of providing Champix® will be approximately \$203 per course of treatment. Each course of treatment requires two prescriptions. General consumers will pay a \$31.30 co-payment per prescription and concession card holders will pay a \$5.00 co-payment per prescription.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — listing of Renagel® (sevelamer)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Medicare Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has listed Renagel® (sevelamer) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme from 1 December 2007, at an estimated cost of \$65.2 million over four years from 2007-08. This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia.

Renagel® is listed for the treatment of phosphate build-up that occurs to patients suffering from kidney failure who are on dialysis.

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Each patient requires approximately 16 scripts per year resulting in an annual average cost to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme of \$5,700 per patient. General consumers will pay \$31.30 co-payment per prescription and concession card holders will pay \$5.00 co-payment per prescription.

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

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — listing of Sensipar® (cinacalcet)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	34.0	37.8	40.4	43.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9
Medicare Australia	-
Total	-	36.7	40.6	43.2	45.8
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Department of Health and Ageing	-	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will list Sensipar® (cinacalcet) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, from 1 July 2008 at an estimated cost of \$166.4 million over four years. This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia and additional expenditure under the Medicare Benefits Schedule for greater monitoring of patient hormone levels. A pricing agreement negotiated between the Government and the drug manufacturer allows for offsets to the gross cost of Sensipar®.

Sensipar® is used to treat secondary hyperparathyroidism in patients with chronic kidney disease who are on dialysis and will be available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme under a restricted authority for dialysis patients who have parathyroid hormone and calcium levels within specific concentrations.

Each patient requires approximately 13 scripts per year resulting in an annual average cost to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme of \$12,600 per patient. General consumers will pay a \$31.30 co-payment per prescription and concession card holders will pay a \$5.00 co-payment per prescription.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — listing of Tysabri® (natalizumab)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	48.4	77.9	100.8	119.6
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	3.8	5.5	6.7	7.6
Total	-	52.2	83.4	107.5	127.1
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Department of Health and Ageing	-	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will, from 1 July 2008, list Tysabri® (natalizumab) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, at an estimated cost of \$370.2 million over four years. This includes additional expenditure under the Medicare Benefits Schedule for the administration of the drug via infusion. A pricing agreement negotiated between the Government and the drug manufacturer allows for offsets to the gross cost of Tysabri®.

Tysabri® is used to reduce the symptoms associated with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis. It will be available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme under an authority restriction for individuals over 18 years old who have experienced two documented attacks of neurological dysfunction in the previous two years, which is believed to be due to multiple sclerosis, and who have had Magnetic Resonance Imaging of the brain and spinal cord.

Each patient requires approximately 13 scripts per year resulting in an average annual cost to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme of \$23,700 per patient. General consumers will pay a \$31.30 co-payment per prescription and concession card holders will pay a \$5.00 co-payment per prescription.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — minor new listings

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	12.7	29.8	36.0	39.8	41.8
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.0	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.5
Medicare Australia	0.1	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.8
Total	13.8	34.6	41.0	45.1	47.0

The Government has agreed to a number of minor new listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme since the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*, at a cost of \$181.5 million over five years. This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia.

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The minor new listings (including extensions to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme listings) are medicines that have been listed at either no additional cost to the Budget (because they replace existing listings) or at an estimated cost each of less than \$10.0 million per annum.

Minor new listings include:

- Alimta® for the treatment of mesothelioma;
- Velcade® for the treatment of multiple myeloma in patients who have failed other specific therapies;
- Dysport® for the treatment of moderate to severe spasticity of the upper limbs as a result of stroke;
- Glivec® for the treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia; and
- Tykerb® for the treatment of advanced or metastatic breast cancer in patients who have failed other specific therapies.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 1 January 2008, 1 February 2008, 1 April 2008, 8 April 2008 and 1 May 2008 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing and the updates to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits issued by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Punt Road Oval — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million in 2007-08 as a one-off contribution towards the development of Punt Road Oval in Richmond, Victoria. The development includes an indoor sports centre to house community sports, community swimming change rooms and new football change rooms. This will facilitate increased use of the oval by a range of community and sporting groups.

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

Ray Owen Sports Centre — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2007-08 as a one-off payment towards the upgrade and refurbishment of the Ray Owen Sporting Centre in Lesmurdie, Western Australia. The funding will assist the centre to complete the upgrade and refurbishment of the basketball and netball courts and associated facilities. The upgrade to the centre will facilitate its use by a range of community and sporting groups.

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

Saving lives in the water

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0

The Government will provide \$12.2 million over four years to assist national water safety organisations reduce injuries and deaths from drowning in Australia.

Organisations such as Surf Life Saving Australia, the Royal Life Saving Society Australia and AUSTSWIM will receive \$8.0 million over four years to support a range of national projects and priority initiatives identified in the new Australian Water Safety Strategy 2008-11. This may include projects such as benchmarking the water safety skills of children, increasing access to water safety skills programs, developing teacher resources and boosting beach safety programs.

A further \$4.2 million will be provided, including to support the Kids Alive initiative to reduce drowning injuries and deaths in the 0-4 years age group and includes the distribution of a DVD featuring water safety messages to parents of every child born in Australia.

See also the related expense measure titled *National recreation safety organisations – continuation of funding* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

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Special Olympics Australia — increased funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Sports Commission	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over four years to Special Olympics Australia. This organisation provides year-round training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disability to help them get fit, develop skills, make friends and be part of the community. The Special Olympics is open to all Australians with an intellectual disability.

Sydney 2009 World Masters Games — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$8.5 million in 2007-08 to contribute to the Sydney World Masters Games in 2009. The Sydney World Masters Games are the largest multi-sport event in the world in terms of participant numbers, with approximately 30,000 mature-age sports men and women expected to participate in 28 sporting events.

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

HUMAN SERVICES

Election Commitments

Medicare Office — Emerald

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4

The Government will provide \$1.6 million over four years to establish a new Medicare office in Emerald, Queensland. The office will be co-located with the existing Centrelink Customer Service Centre, and will provide increased convenience for people in accessing Medicare services in Emerald and surrounding areas.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Centrelink — consolidating technology capability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Centrelink	-	13.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.3 million in 2008-09 to maintain its investment in the Centrelink IT Refresh project, following the completion of the project on 30 June 2008. Funding beyond 2008-09 will be examined in the broader context of the Portfolio's service delivery requirements.

Medicare EasyClaim — increasing take-up

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	7.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Medicare Australia</i>	-	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.6 million over four years to increase the take-up of electronic Medicare claiming. This funding will be used to develop and make available to medical practices, software which is integrated with their practice software. This will increase the number of medical practices at which patients can receive their Medicare rebate electronically, without the need to visit a Medicare Office.

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This measure includes \$0.7 million in capital funding in 2008-09 for information system changes.

Service Delivery Reform

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Human Services	-	10.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million in 2008-09 to examine service delivery reform initiatives in the Human Services portfolio.

This measure includes the development of business cases, risk assessments and implementation plans aimed at modernising and improving service delivery by Centrelink, Medicare Australia and other agencies in the portfolio.

See also the related savings measure titled *Responsible Budget Management – Human Services – departmental funding* in the Human Services portfolio.

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Election Commitments

Adult Migrant English Program — extension and enhancement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	5.2	13.3	14.8	15.9

The Government will provide \$49.2 million over four years in additional funding for the *Adult Migrant English Program* to help migrants learn English and find employment as soon as possible. The measure includes \$40.0 million for the *Employment Pathways Program* within the *Adult Migrant English Program* which will provide additional English language tuition hours to those migrants most in need, and \$9.2 million for *Traineeships in English and Work Readiness* which aims to allow newly arrived people to continue their English language tuition while developing knowledge, skills and experience in Australian workplaces.

The measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Mirraboopa Multicultural Centre — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	1.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million in 2009-10 towards the construction of a multicultural centre in Mirraboopa, Western Australia. Mirraboopa is an area of high migrant and refugee settlement. The multicultural centre will include an outreach service for women, homework and support service for young people and allow for organised sporting and recreation activities. This will help newly arrived migrants in making an easier integration into the community.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Visa arrangements for international touring productions — ensuring opportunities for Australian musicians and technicians

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over four years to ensure that international touring productions employ at least one local band or artist as a support act. This will boost the employment opportunities and exposure of Australian music industry performers and technicians.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Visa options for Superyachts crew

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over four years to implement a new tailored visa arrangement for the crews of superyachts. This new multiple-entry visa subclass will allow superyacht crews to work in Australia for up to 12 months on commercial or private superyachts. This will enable foreign luxury boats to have easier access to Australia's ports and help boost Australia's tourism industry.

Until now there has not been an appropriate visa option for international crews aboard commercially chartered boats in Australia. The existing visas, including the Maritime Crew visa and Business Long Stay visa (subclass 457), do not appropriately cover the requirements of superyacht crews.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship on 30 April 2008.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Case management and community care pilot — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	5.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.6 million in 2008-09 to continue the case management and community care pilot until 30 June 2009. This will allow the Government to comprehensively evaluate the results of the expanded pilot and assess whether it has delivered the potential benefits of more timely, fair and reasonable immigration outcomes as well as reduced immigration detention costs.

The case management and community care pilot targets vulnerable immigration clients including unaccompanied minors, the elderly, and people with a disability. The pilot provides a range of services including case management, community assistance, immigration information, advice and counselling, and visa application assistance. The pilot service delivery arrangements include partnerships with the Australian Red Cross and the International Organization of Migration.

Department of Immigration and Citizenship — enhancements to liaison and operational capability in the Middle East

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.7 million over four years to increase Australia's operational and liaison capability in relation to immigration matters in the Middle East region.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian migration program – additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09* and *Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees* in the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio; and *Overseas development assistance – Iraq humanitarian and reconstruction assistance*, *Overseas development assistance – assistance to Iraqi Police Service*, and *Overseas development assistance – assistance for displaced Iraqis in the Middle East* in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Department of Immigration and Citizenship — financial management improvements, training and review costs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.4	-

The Government will provide \$6.2 million over four years to support improved financial management systems and practices in the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

A recently completed financial health review examined the department's funding base, approach to financial management, funding pressure points, the scope for reordering priorities, and the department's funding model.

Humanitarian migration program — additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.3
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	3.8	2.8	0.6	0.1
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	1.4	2.2	2.2	2.3
Department of the Treasury	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9
Medicare Australia	-
Total	-	10.3	11.0	8.8	8.5
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	<i>1.0</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.3</i>
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	-	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>
Total	-	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3

The Government will increase the 2008-09 Humanitarian migration program by an additional 500 refugee places for Iraqis only at an estimated cost of \$35.3 million over four years. This one-off increase will assist in the resettlement of displaced Iraqi refugees who are unable to return to Iraq due to conflict and who are in need of humanitarian care.

This increase is in addition to the 13,000 places already provided under the Humanitarian migration program in 2008-09.

This measure includes funding for services under the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy for English language tuition, translating and interpreting services, income support costs, the expected usage of health, education and employment services by the additional permanent residents along with pre-departure medical screening and other related pre-arrival costs.

The costs of these services will be partially offset by an increase in Australian Government revenue of \$4.6 million over four years. This includes GST of \$3.3 million. As the Australian Government administers the GST on behalf of the States and Territories and all GST revenue is paid to the States and Territories, this measure includes an expense to report the transfer of GST revenue collected by the Australian Government to the States and Territories.

This measure includes funding of \$0.7 million over four years for staffing and administrative expenses for Centrelink.

See also the related expense measures titled *Department of Immigration and Citizenship – enhancements to liaison and operational capability in the Middle East* and *Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees*, in the Immigration and Citizenship Portfolio; and *Overseas development assistance – Iraq humanitarian and reconstruction assistance*, *Overseas development assistance – assistance to Iraqi Police Service*; and *Overseas development assistance – assistance for displaced Iraqis in the Middle East* in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Humanitarian migration program — additional 750 Special Humanitarian Program places from 2009-10

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	5.5	14.8	21.8
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	4.0	7.6	8.6
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	2.1	5.4	8.9
Department of the Treasury	-	-	1.3	2.5	3.9
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	0.7	2.1	3.5
Medicare Australia	-	-	0.1
Total	-	-	13.6	32.4	46.8
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	1.9	3.9	6.2
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	-	-	0.1
Total	-	-	1.9	3.9	6.3

The Government will increase the Special Humanitarian Program by an additional 750 places from 2009-10 onwards at an estimated cost of \$85.1 million over four years. Offshore assistance is expected to continue to focus on the priority regions of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. This increase will take the total Humanitarian migration program to a planning level of 13,750 places per year from 2009-10 onwards.

This measure includes funding for services under the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy, English language tuition, translating and interpreting services, income support costs, the expected usage of health, education and employment services by the additional permanent residents, and pre-departure medical screening and other related pre-arrival costs.

The costs of these services will be partially offset by an increase in Australian Government revenue of \$12.1 million over four years. This includes GST of \$7.7 million over four years. As the Australian Government administers the GST on behalf of the States and Territories and all GST revenue is paid to the States and Territories, this measure includes an expense to report the transfer of GST revenue collected by the Australian Government to the States and Territories.

This measure includes funding of \$1.5 million over four years for staffing and administrative expenses for Centrelink.

Immigration health screening process — strengthening

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$34.1 million over four years (including capital funding of \$7.2 million over two years) to strengthen and improve the administration of health requirements for visa applicants under the *Migration Act 1958*.

These changes will lead to greater consistency and coordination of decision making and establish information sharing arrangements with the States and Territories. Health requirements for visa applicants will be restructured to better match the level of risk posed to public health.

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

Indonesian movement alert list system — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	0.9	0.8	0.8	-

The Government will provide an additional \$2.6 million over three years to further support and fund maintenance for Indonesia's movement alert list system until 30 June 2011. The development of the system is almost complete and implementation is expected to be finalised by mid 2008.

The project represents a partnership between the Indonesian and Australian immigration agencies that will strengthen Indonesia's capacity to protect its borders by rebuilding Indonesia's movement alert list system at five major ports and the immigration headquarters in Jakarta.

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Medical examinations of visa applicants — increased scrutiny of overseas providers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9

The Government will provide \$11.1 million over four years to improve the integrity of mandatory medical examinations of visa applicants. Qualified Medical Officers employed by the Commonwealth will provide more scrutiny through visits to, and checks of, overseas doctors who provide these examinations. Enhancing the integrity of medical examinations will help to reduce the health risks posed by visa applicants, particularly from tuberculosis, and reduce the potential downstream demand on public health services.

This measure will increase the scrutiny of approximately 3,400 overseas doctors who conduct about 460,000 medical examinations and chest x-rays of visa applicants each year.

Migration Program — 37,500 place increase for 2008-09

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Treasury	-	94.6	195.3	303.6	419.7
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	59.0	77.5	109.2	152.8
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	25.8	42.1	48.9	52.2
Department of Health and Ageing	-	24.8	80.2	138.8	202.0
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	22.2	67.2	114.5	164.7
Medicare Australia	-	0.3	0.9	1.5	2.1
Total	-	226.7	463.2	716.5	993.6
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	<i>222.5</i>	<i>474.9</i>	<i>729.2</i>	<i>1,021.8</i>
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	-	<i>96.0</i>	<i>98.4</i>	<i>121.3</i>	<i>124.3</i>
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	-	<i>3.3</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>13.8</i>
Total	-	321.8	580.0	860.6	1,159.9

The Government will increase the 2008-09 Migration Program by 37,500 places, comprising an additional 31,000 places in the skill stream and 6,500 places in the family stream at an estimated cost of \$1,386.8 million over four years. The 2008-09 Migration Program planning level will therefore be increased from 152,800 to 190,300 places. This increase is intended to help address skilled labour shortages and to help businesses expand, delivering benefits to the Australian economy.

The increase in the Migration Program will require the provision of health, education, employment and other services and benefits for the additional permanent migrants.

The costs of these services will be offset by an increase in Australian Government revenue of \$2,922.3 million over four years, including GST of \$1,013.2 million over four years. As the Australian Government administers the GST on behalf of the States and Territories and all GST revenue is paid to the States and Territories, this measure includes an expense to report the transfer of GST revenue collected by the Australian Government to the States and Territories.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$21.7 million over four years for staffing and administrative expenses.

Migration Program — additional 6,000 skill stream places for 2007-08

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Treasury	-	17.6	18.1	18.8	19.5
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	8.0	3.3	12.1	10.7
Department of Health and Ageing	-	7.4	8.3	8.7	9.1
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	3.8	7.6	7.8	8.0
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	1.9	1.5	0.6	0.2
Medicare Australia	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	-	38.7	38.9	48.1	47.6
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	41.5	47.0	47.7	48.4
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	-	1.5	-	-	-
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Total	-	43.6	47.6	48.3	49.0

The Government will increase the number of skill stream places by 6,000 in the 2007-08 Migration Program, to accommodate the high demand by employers for skilled workers, at an estimated cost of \$99.6 million over four years.

The increase in the Migration Program will require the provision of health, education, employment and other services and benefits for the additional permanent migrants.

The costs of these services will be offset by an increase in Commonwealth revenue of \$188.5 million over four years. This includes \$74.0 million in GST over four years. As the Commonwealth administers the GST on behalf of the States and Territories and all GST revenue is paid to the States and Territories, this measure includes an expense to account for the transfer of GST revenue collected by the Commonwealth to the States and Territories.

This measure includes funding of \$2.0 million over four years for staffing and administrative expenses for Centrelink.

National Action Plan for social cohesion, harmony and security — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.6 million over two years from 2010-11, bringing total funding over four years to \$14.2 million, to continue the national action plan for social cohesion, harmony and security. The funding will continue to be provided for projects with community organisations that help promote integration, wider community engagement and participation by Muslims in social, sport, arts and other cultural and civic activities. It will also provide continued support for ongoing dialogue with the Muslim community and fund further research into the causes of social disharmony within the Australian community.

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

Palmer and Comrie response — completing departmental reforms

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	20.0	15.0	10.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$50.0 million over four years to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to complete reforms to departmental operations in response to the core findings of the Palmer and Comrie reports.

These reforms include enhanced staff training programs; enhanced internal audit, quality assurance and risk management programs; immigration status resolution support programs; compliance quality assurance programs; and improved record management practices.

Funding for this measure will terminate on 30 June 2012 by which time changes to the department's operations should have transitioned from an implementation phase to a fully operational phase where business practices are compliant with core recommendations of the Palmer and Comrie reports.

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Support for existing information technology systems

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	10.4	16.8	16.1	3.9	-

The Government will provide \$47.2 million over four years to develop and maintain the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's core information technology systems. This funding will support a number of systems including electronic visas, Border Entry Systems and the Integrated Client System Environment used for onshore visa processing.

Temporary Protection visa — abolition

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	..	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.7
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-2.4	-2.2	-2.5	-3.4
Total	0.0	2.0	0.8	0.7	0.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	-	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.2 million over five years to implement legislative and administrative arrangements by 1 October 2008 to abolish the Temporary Protection visa and the Temporary Humanitarian visa. This includes funding of \$1.3 million over five years to Centrelink for delivering income support services, and \$0.4 million in capital funding in 2008-09 for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for changes to information technology systems to support the new visa arrangements.

Under current arrangements, unauthorised arrivals who are owed protection under Australia's humanitarian obligations are only eligible for a Temporary Protection visa and lawful entrants (that is, people arriving in Australia on a valid visa) who subsequently seek protection are generally eligible for a Permanent Protection visa.

Under the new arrangements all applicants who are found to be owed protection under Australia's Refugee Convention obligations will receive a Permanent Protection visa and will gain immediate access to the full range of Permanent Protection visa benefits and entitlements including English language tuition, income support and employment assistance. Existing and former holders of the Temporary Protection visa and Temporary Humanitarian Visa still in Australia will have access to a non-protection permanent visa with the same benefits and entitlements of the Permanent Protection visa and without the need for a reassessment of protection obligations.

Temporary working visas — enhanced arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.3
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$19.6 million over four years (including \$0.4 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to strengthen the integrity of temporary working visa arrangements, including the 457 visa program, by clarifying the obligations and rights of employers and workers, further protecting workers from exploitation.

The funding will support a comprehensive information strategy and the development and introduction of legislation to better define employers' obligations, improve investigative powers of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, and develop a more robust sanctions framework to protect workers' rights.

This measure also includes the establishment of a departmental working group to develop a longer-term reform package to improve the responsiveness and integrity of temporary working visa arrangements. The group will receive input from an expert in industrial relations, and representatives from state and territory governments, industry and unions.

United States of America — Australia Work and Holiday visas — expanded eligibility

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	..	0.1	0.2	0.2
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	-	0.4	1.0	1.6	2.0

The Government will provide \$0.5 million over four years for amendments to the current reciprocal Work and Holiday visa arrangement with the United States of America to allow visa applications from people who have completed secondary school to undertake temporary work. The current arrangement with the United States of America requires that applicants either be enrolled, be enrolled and deferred, or be a graduate of an accredited post-secondary institution.

The cost of this measure will be offset by an increase in revenue of \$5.0 million over four years arising from increased visa application charges.

Villawood Immigration Detention Centre — redevelopment — scoping and design

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.1 million in 2008-09 for the Department of Finance and Deregulation to conduct scoping and feasibility studies, and preliminary design work, for the long term redevelopment of the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre (VIDC).

The redevelopment would aim to upgrade and enhance the VIDC to meet current standards for design and fitout of immigration detention facilities.

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

The Government has decided that the balance of funding previously provided for the VIDC redevelopment to the Department of Finance and Deregulation (\$153.0 million) and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (\$17.3 million) will be returned to consolidated revenue. However a provision for this expenditure will be maintained in the Contingency Reserve pending second stage approval as part of the two stage capital works approval process.

Visa places for Iraqi locally engaged employees

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	5.8	4.9	5.0	5.1
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	3.7	3.3	0.7	0.1
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	1.7	2.6	2.7	2.8
Department of the Treasury	-	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
Medicare Australia	-
Total	-	12.6	12.9	10.5	10.2
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.6
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	-
Total	-	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.6

The Government will provide \$42.2 million over four years to provide up to 600 additional permanent visa places to allow resettlement in Australia of specifically designated locally engaged Iraqi employees and their families, who are potentially at risk because of their involvement with the Australian Government in Iraq. These visa places will be in addition to the 13,500 Humanitarian migration program places in 2008-09.

The measure includes funding for services under the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy, English language tuition, translating and interpreting services, income support costs, the expected usage of health, education and employment services by the additional permanent residents, and pre-departure medical screening and other related pre-arrival costs.

The costs of these services will be offset by an increase in Commonwealth revenue of \$5.5 million over four years. This includes \$4.0 million in GST over four years. As the Commonwealth administers the GST on behalf of the States and Territories and all GST revenue is paid to the States and Territories, this measure includes an expense to report the transfer of GST revenue collected by the Commonwealth to the States and Territories.

This measure includes funding of \$0.9 million over four years for staffing and administrative expenses for Centrelink.

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See also the related expense measures *Department of Immigration and Citizenship – enhancements to liaison and operational capability in the Middle East* and *Humanitarian migration program – additional 500 places for Iraqis in 2008-09*, and, in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio, *Overseas development assistance – Iraq humanitarian and reconstruction assistance*, *Overseas development assistance – assistance to Iraqi Police Service*, and *Overseas development assistance – assistance for displaced Iraqis in the Middle East*.

INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Election Commitments

Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme — increase in the passenger vehicle rebate to \$180 each-way

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-0.5	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2

The Government will provide \$25.9 million over five years to increase the each-way standard passenger vehicle rebate to eligible passengers accompanying a vehicle crossing Bass Strait.

The increase occurs in two tranches. The standard passenger vehicle rebate increased from \$150 to \$168, from 30 October 2007. Provision for this increase has already been included in the forward estimates. The second increase applies from 1 July 2008, with the standard passenger vehicle rebate increasing from \$168 to \$180. There will be similar increases for other eligible passenger vehicles (including motor homes, buses, vehicles towing caravans and motor bikes) at an estimated cost of \$12.2 million over four years.

The increase will help reduce the cost of travel across Bass Strait, making the cost closer to that associated with driving similar distances on the national highway network. The rebate will be increased annually by the Consumer Price Index.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Better Regions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	4.2	34.5	45.8	91.5	-

The Government will provide \$176.0 million over four years to assist regions build on their strengths, improve liveability and create jobs. The funding will be used to help local communities deliver local infrastructure and other regional community projects.

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Funding allocated for Area Consultative Committees will be redirected to fund Regional Development Australia. The exact role of Regional Development Australia will be finalised in consultation with the community. Final funding for Regional Development Australia will be determined once this consultation is complete.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Fort Street High School — noise insulation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	-	4.0	6.0	4.5

The Government will provide \$14.5 million over three years to help insulate Fort Street High School in Sydney against aircraft noise.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Infrastructure Australia — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	0.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over four years to establish Infrastructure Australia, a statutory advisory council with twelve members drawn from industry and government, to work on developing long term solutions for infrastructure bottlenecks and investment in the nation's transport, water, energy and communication assets.

Infrastructure Australia will conduct audits of nationally significant infrastructure; develop an Infrastructure Priority List to guide public and private investment; and provide advice on regulatory reforms that can improve the utilisation of infrastructure networks. In developing the Infrastructure Priority List, Infrastructure Australia will assess projects in terms of specific goals, such as, meeting water and energy needs; traffic congestion in our major cities; efficiently moving freight from regional areas to our ports; and meeting the challenge of climate change.

Future funding to ensure continuation of Infrastructure Australia will be considered prior to the 2011-12 Budget.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

keys2drive

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	1.5	1.5	4.0	5.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$17.0 million over five years to support the *keys2drive* driver education program developed by Australian motoring organisations. Activities under the program include one free professional driving lesson for learner drivers who are accompanied by a parent or mentor; a free interactive CD with live action sessions; an accreditation scheme for professional driving instructors; and a one-stop novice driver website.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Office of Northern Australia — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over four years to establish the Office of Northern Australia which will provide high level advice to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government on achieving sustainable development outcomes. The Office will also provide a source of environmental, economic and social policy expertise in relation to Northern Australia.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme — extension to King Island and Flinders Island

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7

The Government will extend the coverage of the *Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme* to include eligible sea-freight travelling between King Island and Flinders Island and the Tasmanian mainland from 1 July 2008, at an estimated cost of \$2.8 million over four years.

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This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Heavy vehicle safety and productivity program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	10.0	20.0	20.0	20.0

The Government will provide \$70.0 million over four years to establish a heavy vehicle safety and productivity program. The program will fund trials of technologies to address speed and fatigue; construction of rest stops and parking areas on highways; and upgrades to freight routes.

Remote Air Services Subsidy — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	7.2	5.9	5.8	5.7

The Government will provide \$24.6 million over four years to continue the *Remote Air Services Subsidy* scheme. The scheme provides a subsidy to air service operators to provide regular weekly air transport services for the carriage of passengers and goods, such as fresh foods, medical supplies and spare parts, to 239 isolated communities in remote areas of Australia.

Tackling urban congestion and planning

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	75.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$75.0 million in 2007-08 towards the development of feasibility and planning studies for projects to address urban congestion. The projects include the Western Metro rail link, and the eastern section of the M5 in New South Wales; components of the East-West transport corridor, and Western Ring Road in Victoria; key sections of the Bruce Highway and Gateway Motorway in Queensland; a transport master plan for the Perth Airport, Western Australia; and a Transport Sustainability Study in South Australia.

The studies will involve the planning, design and development of business cases, including cost-benefit analysis and identifying, in some cases, possible state-specific improvements to public transport. The studies will be undertaken by the respective State Governments commencing in 2007-08.

INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Election Commitments

Automotive review

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	0.7	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.1 million over two years to conduct a comprehensive review of Australia's automotive industry.

The review will examine issues affecting the competitiveness of the Australian automotive industry, including ways to promote innovation across the sector and respond to other pressures. The review will be informed by economy-wide modelling undertaken by the Productivity Commission.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 February 2008 issued by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Business Enterprise Centres

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5

The Government will provide \$42.0 million over four years to identified business enterprise centres. The business centres provide advice on how to set up a business, public liability insurance, GST bookkeeping and marketing and sales promotion.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	18.5	65.9	59.0	50.8	50.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>	1.6	3.1	1.0	-	-

This Government will provide \$250.7 million over five years to establish ten Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres around Australia. The centres will provide business and advisory and diagnostic services targeted at assisting small and medium businesses improve their productivity and capacity for innovation.

Funding will establish Industry Innovation Councils for key sectors to support the Enterprise Connect network; and provide resources for establishing governance and administration arrangements to bring responsibility for innovation, industry, science and research within the one Department. Funds have also been allocated for the employment of a full time chief scientist.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitments.

Future Fellowships — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Research Council	-	10.7	69.4	101.5	144.6

The Government will provide \$326.2 million over four years to fund new Future Fellowships to attract and retain Australia's mid-career researchers. This will help support Australia's research and innovation capacity and the development of new knowledge, products and services in areas of national importance.

The Future Fellowships program will offer four-year fellowships valued at up to \$140,000 a year to 1,000 of Australia's top researchers in the middle of their career. In addition, each researcher's institution will receive up to \$50,000 per annum to support the purchase of related infrastructure and equipment for their research project.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Scholarships for a Competitive Future — postgraduate scholarships increase

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	2.3	43.7	66.3	96.7

The Government will provide \$209.0 million over four years to double the number of postgraduate scholarships available to higher degree (PhD and Masters) research students from 4,800 to 9,600 by 2012. This will result in nearly 25 per cent of commencing higher degree research students having access to income support.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Small Business Advisory Committee — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over four years from 2008-09 to establish a new Australian Government Small Business Advisory Committee to review and inform on regulatory proposals that have a significant impact on small business.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (\$0.3 million per annum) and the Department of Finance and Deregulation (\$0.1 million per annum).

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Textile, clothing and footwear industry review

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	0.5	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.9 million over two years to conduct a comprehensive review of Australia's Textile, Clothing and Footwear industry.

The review is being conducted by Professor Roy Green and supported by an expert reference group. It is examining the effectiveness of the post-2005 Textile, Clothing and Footwear assistance package and other factors affecting the competitiveness of Australia's Textile, Clothing and Footwear sector. The Productivity Commission will also model the economy-wide effects of future assistance options.

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 March issued by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

Other measures

Australian Made Campaign — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.7 million over three years to support the promotion of Australian exports using the *Australian Made, Australian Grown* logo. The funding will be matched by private sector contributions.

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

Beaconsfield Community Fund — additional funding for Grubb Shaft Gold and Heritage Museum

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.3 million in 2007-08 as a further contribution to the West Tamar Council to complete the upgrade and extension of the Grubb Shaft Gold and Heritage Museum. This project will assist the Beaconsfield community in its economic recovery from the impact of the accident and subsequent events at the Beaconsfield Gold Mine in Tasmania.

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

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Excellence in Research for Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	7.8	16.5	10.1	2.4	1.0

The Government will provide \$37.8 million over five years to establish the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative. Funding for this measure will be provided from the redirection of funds from the Research Quality Framework.

The ERA will assess research quality using a combination of metrics and expert review by committees comprising experienced, internationally-recognised experts. It will enable Australia's academic achievements to be more readily measured against peers around the world.

See also the related savings measure titled *Research Quality Framework* in the Innovation, Industry Science and Research portfolio.

Liquified Petroleum Gas Vehicle Scheme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	19.1	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$19.1 million in 2007-08 for the Liquified Petroleum Gas Vehicle Scheme to meet additional demand for Liquified Petroleum Gas conversions in 2007-08.

The Liquified Petroleum Gas Vehicle Scheme provides grants of \$2,000 towards the cost of the conversion of a new or used petrol or diesel motor vehicle, and a grant of \$1,000 towards the cost of the purchase of a new motor vehicle with an Liquified Petroleum Gas unit fitted at the time of manufacture of the vehicle.

South Australian Innovation and Investment Fund and Labour Assistance Package — supplementary funding to Mitsubishi Employees

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-35.0	5.0	11.4	11.1	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	5.5	1.5	0.3	0.2	-
Total	-29.5	6.6	11.6	11.3	-

The Government will provide up to \$35.0 million over four years to establish the South Australian Innovation and Investment Fund and a Labour Assistance Package to provide intensive assistance to employees who were directly affected by the closure of Mitsubishi's Tonsley Park manufacturing plant.

The cost of this measure will be funded by redirecting a grant of \$35.0 million previously made to Mitsubishi Australia, which it can no longer use.

The South Australia Innovation and Investment Fund will be established with total funding of \$40.0 million, comprising \$27.5 million from the Australian Government, \$7.5 million from the South Australian Government and \$5.0 million from Mitsubishi Motors Australia. The Fund will target projects that create sustainable, full-time jobs, strengthen the capacity of South Australia's manufacturing and industry sector, and introduce new innovations or technology.

A total of up to \$10.0 million will also be provided as assistance for workers comprising up to \$7.5 million from the Australian Government and \$2.5 million from the South Australian Government. This will provide retrenched workers with full access to Job Network services, enhanced Job search, and relocation assistance to help those moving to get work.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Election Commitments

Australian National Audit Office — defence equipment projects

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian National Audit Office	-	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.5

The Government will provide \$5.3 million over four years for the Australian National Audit Office to audit and report annually to Parliament on the Defence Materiel Organisation's top 30 acquisition projects. The objective of the annual review is to provide greater accountability to Parliament on major Defence equipment projects.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Community Cabinets

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	1.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5

The Government will provide \$10.8 million over five years to support the Government's commitment to hold Community Cabinet meetings across Australia. The purpose of Community Cabinet meetings is to help the general community to discuss matters of importance to them with senior members of the Government.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Lobbyists Register — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>	0.1	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.6 million over five years to establish and maintain a lobbyists register within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The register will provide information on who is engaged in lobbying activities with Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries and the interests they represent.

This measure includes \$0.4 million in capital funding to purchase Information Technology equipment.

Office of National Security — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.3
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Attorney-General's Department	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Australian Federal Police	..	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Department of Defence	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.2 million over five years to establish an Office of National Security within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, headed by a National Security Adviser. The objective of the Office of National Security is to develop, advise on and coordinate whole of government national security policy.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Federal Police, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Department of Defence, Attorney-General's Department and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Office of Work and Family — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	1.3	2.1	1.5	1.5	1.5
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Total	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.8

The Government will provide \$7.9 million over five years to establish an Office of Work and Family within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Office will provide policy coordination and advice on work and family matters, and will also develop a new system for family impact statements in Cabinet Submissions.

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The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Social inclusion agenda

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	1.0	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.3
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Total	0.5	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.4

The Government will provide \$14.6 million over five years to establish a Social Inclusion Unit in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The unit will have a role in policy advice and coordination of the Government's social inclusion agenda, operating in conjunction with the new Social Inclusion Board.

This measure will also provide \$2.5 million over four years to establish a social inclusion team within the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to oversee the implementation of social inclusion initiatives across the portfolio, provide resources for the development of a National Mental Health and Disability Employment Strategy and support work to improve techniques to identify levels of disadvantage to assist in the development of strategies to achieve social inclusion.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from with the existing resourcing of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures**Accommodation costs — former Governors-General**

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	..	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide \$1.3 million over five years to cover increases in the costs of providing full office facilities for former Governors-General.

Australia 2020 Summit

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	2.6	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$2.6 million in 2007-08 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the Australia 2020 Summit held on 19 and 20 April 2008. The Summit involved 1,000 participants and was aimed at harnessing ideas for building a modern Australia ready for the challenges of the 21st Century. An initial report to the Prime Minister included results across ten streams, including ambitions, priority themes and top ideas. A 2020 Youth Summit and 2020 Schools Summit were also held in conjunction with the Australia 2020 Summit.

Further information can be found in the press release of 3 February 2008 issued by the Prime Minister.

Bravery medals from the Battle of Long Tan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2007-08 to appoint an independent panel to review the treatment of award recommendations stemming from the Battle of Long Tan.

The review will consider the nature and context of the Battle of Long Tan and the process that followed concerning individual and collective recognition, examining the documentary evidence available and seeking to arrive at a fair and sustainable response to claims for further recognition.

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

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Cabinet Committee Secretariat Support — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>	-	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.3 million over four years in additional funding for the Cabinet Committee secretariat within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. To facilitate the development and implementation of the Government's policy agenda, six new Cabinet Committees have been established and an enhanced role has been given to the Expenditure Review Committee. The additional funding will establish the appropriate level of secretariat and coordination services within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to support the ongoing operation of the new and enhanced Cabinet Committee structure.

This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2008-09 to purchase IT equipment.

Career Transition and Support Centre

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Public Service Commission	0.4	1.4	0.6	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Public Service Commission</i>	0.1	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over three years (including \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2007-08) for the establishment of the Career Transition and Support Centre within the Australian Public Service Commission. The Centre will provide career transition advice and support services to Australian Public Service employees, coordinate cross-Australian Public Service redeployment of excess employees, and provide strategic advice to agencies on recruitment and redeployment matters.

COAG — Human Influenza Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	2.0	2.7	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-2.0	-2.7	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.7 million over two years to ensure a whole of government approach to pandemic preparedness in Australia. This includes both coordination across State and Territory governments and Australian Government agencies.

The cost of this measure will be offset from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

COAG — Inter-jurisdictional exchange of criminal history information on people working with children — scoping study

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.2	-	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-0.2	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2007-08 as a contribution to a Commonwealth-State scoping study relating to improving access to a consistent and expanded range of inter-jurisdictional criminal history information by child-related employment screening schemes to improve the safety and protection of children.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Attorney-Generals' Department.

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COAG — National Health Security Legislation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.9	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-0.9	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$0.9 million in 2007-08 to develop legislation to formalise existing voluntary arrangements between the Commonwealth, States and Territories in relation to communicable disease outbreaks and other significant public health events.

The cost of this measure has been offset from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

COAG Reform Council

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.4	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>	0.2	..	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.8 million over four years (including \$0.2 million in capital funding from 2007-08 to 2009-10) for the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) Reform Council to monitor progress in implementing National Reform Agenda initiatives and reforms to Commonwealth-State financial arrangements.

This funding meets the Australian Government's commitment to provide half the funding for the Council, with the States and Territories to also provide the remaining funding.

Further information can be found in the COAG Communique release of 13 April 2007 issued by the Council of Australian Governments.

Council of Australian Governments — additional resources to support the COAG reform agenda

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Treasury	-	3.1	3.1	1.6	1.6
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.3	3.1	3.1	1.6	1.6
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0
Total	0.3	8.2	8.3	4.3	4.3

The Government will provide \$25.2 million over five years of additional funding to support the expanded Council of Australian Governments reform agenda.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet — enhanced strategic capacity

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	8.6	9.4	9.5	9.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>	-	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$38.1 million over four years (including \$1.0 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to allow the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to take on an expanded role in supporting the Government in delivering key priorities. These priorities include progressing initiatives identified at the Australia 2020 Summit.

This measure (including \$1.0 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to purchase IT equipment.

Homeland and Border Security — review

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.1	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.1 million in 2007-08 for a comprehensive review of homeland and border security arrangements in Australia. The Homeland and Border Security Review is a part of the Government's commitment to examine Australia's homeland and border security arrangements. The review will report by 30 June 2008.

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One National Circuit — adjustment for leasing expenses

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.5

The Government will provide \$4.4 million over five years for office lease expenses of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to ensure compliance with accounting standards.

RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM

Election Commitments

Management of Australia's uranium resources

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	1.5	2.1	3.0	4.0

The Government will provide \$10.6 million over four years to promote the safe management of Australia's uranium resources. The initiatives are consistent with the Government's policy to promote the development of the resource industry to increase employment and deliver other economic benefits in regional areas, particularly for Indigenous communities. The initiatives comprise:

- improving outcomes for Indigenous communities from uranium exploration and mining;
- reducing restrictions on transportation of uranium in Australia and overseas;
- streamlining regulation to ensure world's best practice environmental and safety regulation;
- radiation safety training for the uranium industry; and
- establishing a national dose register to record the radiological dose history of uranium industry workers.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Supporting Regional Tourism — project funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.3 million in 2008-09 to implement a range of regional tourism projects. The projects have been designed to support various local tourism strategies, and will require engagement with local Councils and State Governments for their delivery.

The cost of this measure will be met from within existing resourcing of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism.

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This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

World Youth Day 2008 — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	20.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million in 2007-08 towards activities associated with World Youth Day to be held between 15 to 20 July 2008 in Sydney, New South Wales. Funding will compensate the racing industry for costs associated with the relocation from, and loss of access to, Randwick Racecourse during the event. The New South Wales Government will provide matching funding.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Australian Energy Market Operator — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	6.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.6 million in 2008-09 to fund preparatory work required to establish the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) as agreed by the Council of Australian Governments. Once established the AEMO will take over the role of the National Electricity Market Management Company and the different jurisdictional gas market operators, which currently administer both the electricity and gas markets.

The costs of the preparatory work will initially be met by the Government, and recovered from industry when the AEMO is operational.

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility — environmental impact assessment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	1.4	2.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.8 million over two years from 2008-09 to extend and complete an environmental impact assessment process for a potential Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

A Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility will give Australia the capacity to provide safe and secure management of Commonwealth radioactive waste.

Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism — supplementary funding for establishment and management

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	1.4	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>	1.5	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over five years for the establishment and operating costs of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism.

The Department was created as part of the Machinery of Government changes announced on 3 December 2007 to assume functions from three former Departments. This measure will provide the support services and functions required for an independent department.

United Nations World Tourism Organisation — continuation of membership

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over four years to continue Australia's membership of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation. Membership ensures that Australia has access to and can effectively engage with international tourism networks on international tourism issues including appropriate statistical standards and risk management planning.

The cost of this measure will be met from within existing resourcing of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism.

TREASURY

Election Commitments

Financial Product Disclosure Simplification

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Treasury	1.0	2.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over two years to introduce a standard disclosure form for financial services products. This will reduce the red tape burden on business and help ensure consumers are provided with easy to read information on which to base their investment decisions.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

First Home Saver Accounts

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	2.4	130.2	226.2	301.4	372.5
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-5.0	-15.0	-40.0	-65.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	0.3	20.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.2 billion over five years to implement First Home Saver Accounts, which will assist Australians to save larger deposits for their first home. Eligible individuals will be able to make post-tax contributions into a First Home Saver Account. A Government contribution of 17 per cent will be paid on the first \$5,000 (indexed). Personal contributions will be able to be made to the account until the balance reaches \$75,000 (indexed). Earnings on the account will be concessional tax at 15 per cent. Tax free withdrawals from the account to purchase or build a first home in which to live can only be made after contributions of at least \$1,000 have been made in at least four separate financial years.

The cost of Government contributions is estimated at \$975.0 million over four years, and the cost of the concessional taxation of earnings is estimated at \$125.0 million over four years. In addition, the Australian Taxation Office will receive \$78.8 million in implementation funding over five years. This departmental funding includes \$21.1 million in capital over two years.

First Home Saver Accounts will commence from 1 October 2008 and form part of the Government's national housing affordability strategy which is designed to improve the affordability of homes and rental properties.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Monitoring of grocery prices

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	1.6	4.0	4.1	3.1	-

The Government will provide \$12.9 million over four years to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to undertake a new function of monitoring grocery prices and publishing prices data on a dedicated website. These initiatives are intended to benefit families with cost of living pressures by promoting competition in the grocery market and helping families to identify the lowest cost supplier of groceries in their local area.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Petrol price monitoring — appointment of a permanent Petrol Commissioner

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	1.3	4.3	3.6	2.1	-

The Government will provide \$11.4 million over four years to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission for the appointment of a Petrol Commissioner and to support the formal monitoring of petrol prices. The Government has directed the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission under Part 96ZE of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to formally monitor petrol prices, costs and profits for all unleaded petrol products in the Australian petroleum industry.

The Government has separately provided an additional \$20.9 million over four years to establish and implement *FuelWatch*, a national scheme involving prices commitment rules for petrol retailers.

This measure delivers on a Government election commitment.

See also related expense measure titled *Petrol price monitoring – FuelWatch* in the Treasury portfolio.

Superannuation Clearing House Facility

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	4.0	6.0	6.1

The Government will provide \$16.1 million over three years to the Australian Taxation Office to fund a Superannuation Clearing House Facility from 2009-10, to assist in managing employers' obligations to provide superannuation choice to employees.

This facility will be offered free of charge by the Australian Government to small businesses with fewer than 20 employees and on a fee-for-service basis to larger businesses. The facility will be contracted to the private sector.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Australia's Future Tax System

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Treasury	-	5.0	5.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over two years to undertake a comprehensive review of Australia's tax system to create a tax structure that will position Australia to deal with the demographic, social, economic and environmental challenges of the 21st century. As proposed at the 2020 Summit, the review will encompass Australian Government and State taxes, except the GST, and interactions with the transfer system.

The review should make coherent recommendations to enhance overall economic, social and environmental wellbeing, with a particular focus on ensuring there are appropriate incentives for: workforce participation and skill formation; individuals to save and provide for their future, including access to affordable housing; investment and promotion of efficient resource allocation to enhance productivity and international competitiveness; and reducing tax system complexity and compliance costs.

A review panel will be appointed to lead the review, supported by a working group from within the Treasury, with representation from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and drawing on other Australian Government and State agencies as appropriate.

In the spirit of the 2020 Summit, the review panel will consult the public to allow for community and business input. The review will also, where necessary, draw on external expertise and shall have the co-operation of State Governments and their Treasuries as well as relevant COAG working groups. The review process will be conducted in several stages. An initial discussion paper will be released by the end of July 2008. The review panel will provide a final report to the Treasurer by the end of 2009.

Petrol price monitoring — FuelWatch

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	5.8	4.5	4.5	4.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>	-	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will provide \$20.9 million over four years to establish and implement a national *FuelWatch* scheme. The scheme will include daily prices notification by retail sites in Australia. This will provide motorists with detailed and up to date information about petrol prices, thereby providing an opportunity for them to choose the lowest available price.

See also the related expense measure titled *Petrol Prices Monitoring – Appointment of a permanent Petrol Commissioner* in the Department of the Treasury portfolio.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Election Commitments

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training — extension of program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide an additional \$1.0 million over four years to extend the *Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training* program and related suicide prevention programs for the veteran community. The *Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training* program aims to increase the capacity of veterans to recognise and respond to members of their community at risk of suicide. The measure will provide for more information and training sessions for rural and remote areas, and an expansion of the range of suicide prevention and awareness programs offered by qualified professional trainers to veterans and their families.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Ballarat Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million over four years to the Ballarat City Council to assist with the maintenance of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial. The Government will also declare the Ballarat Memorial a national memorial.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Bereavement payment for single veterans

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will extend the Bereavement Payment to the estates of deceased single Totally and Permanently Incapacitated and Extreme Disablement Adjustment veterans who die without sufficient assets to pay for the cost of a funeral, at an estimated cost of \$0.4 million over four years.

The Bereavement Payment will equate to six times the fortnightly payment the veteran was receiving at the time of their death and will be exempt from income tax.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Graythwaite Estate — securing the future of the Estate

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.1	5.1	5.0	10.0	-

The Government will provide \$20.2 million over four years to secure the future of the Graythwaite Estate in North Sydney, as part of a proposed arrangement with the Returned and Services League. The Graythwaite Estate was originally bequeathed to the Crown (New South Wales Government) by Sir Thomas Dibbs in 1915 for the convalescent care of World War I veterans.

The Graythwaite Estate is currently the subject of New South Wales Supreme Court proceedings in which the NSW Government, the current trust holder, has sought to have the trust's terms set aside. On 12 November 2007 the Commonwealth joined as a defendant before the Court with an offer to assume ownership of the Estate. Subject to an order of the New South Wales Supreme Court altering the terms of the bequest, funding of \$20.0 million will be provided in grants to the Returned and Services League for additional aged care facilities in other locations. This will ensure that the spirit of the original bequest is maintained, while the ownership of the Estate would reside with the Commonwealth. This funding includes (an amount) of \$0.2 million over two years has been provided for essential maintenance on the main estate building.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Income Support Supplement — extend eligibility

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.4	5.3	4.9	5.1	4.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	0.1	-	-	-	-

The Government will extend eligibility for the Income Support Supplement to all War Widow and War Widower pension recipients without children, regardless of age, at an estimated cost of \$20.5 million over five years. Previously these War Widow(er)s were only eligible when they reached the qualifying age for Income Support Supplement. This measure will commence from 1 July 2008 and will benefit approximately 1,000 War Widows and War Widowers each year.

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This measure includes capital funding of \$0.1 million in 2007-08 to upgrade related computer systems.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Mental Health — support to the Australian Defence Force members and veterans

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	-
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	-

The Government will provide \$3.8 million over four years (including \$1.6 million to be met from within existing resourcing of the Department of Defence) to introduce a package of nine strategic mental health initiatives to improve access to mental health services for current and former Australian Defence Force members and active reserve personnel.

The package will be implemented as a partnership between the Department of Defence, the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Australian Centre for Post-traumatic Mental Health.

This initiative will be integrated across the four stages of an Australian Defence Force member's career lifecycle: recruitment, service, transition or discharge, and rehabilitation and resettlement into civilian life. The package aims to enhance psychological resilience among serving members, ensure successful transition into civilian life and provide effective rehabilitation and support.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Mental Health Workers — increased training

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over four years to provide training and workshops for community mental health workers who treat veterans. This proposal will help improve practitioners' ability to identify and treat service-related mental health problems. This will result in earlier and more effective treatment of such problems.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Support Development of 'Operation Life'

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over three years to extend the *Operation Life* initiative and bring forward some activities into 2008-09. *Operation Life* provides a range of suicide awareness workshops and services to the veteran community, contributing to improved resilience and health of veterans and their families, increased awareness of mental health problems and timely access to effective services. This measure will establish an online demonstration counselling service for the ex-service community, web-based suicide awareness training packages and family intervention services for families affected by suicide.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Veterans' ex-service organisations — expansion of financial assistance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$18.2 million over five years in increased financial assistance to ex-service organisations to enable them to improve their capacity to provide timely, accurate and informed advice and assistance to their members.

The 2007-08 funding (\$5.0 million) will be used to help ex-service organisations upgrade equipment and infrastructure. The ongoing funding of \$1.0 million per annum from 2008-09 will support further information and training for officials of ex-service organisations.

The Government will establish a new consolidated assistance program for ex-service organisations by combining this new funding with continued funding for the measure *Ex-Service Organisations – providing additional funding to explain the new Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme* announced in the 2004-05 *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook*. Provision for the continuation of this measure has already been included in the forward estimates, at a cost of \$9.2 million over four years.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

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Veterans' ex-service organisations — support for officials

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2008-09 to establish a dedicated toll free number for officials of ex-service organisations to contact expert claims assessors within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Officials of ex-service organisations often act on behalf of veterans in pursuing claims and help veterans to better understand their entitlements. This measure will mean easier and faster claims processing for veterans. The measure will also fund the development of options to provide ongoing support for these officials.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Veterans' Special Claims Unit

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over five years to establish a Special Claims Unit in the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Unit will help reduce the time taken to process income support and compensation claims of veterans and improve service delivery to the veteran community.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

War Widows' Pension — automatic granting to widow(er)s of Temporarily Totally Incapacitated Special Rate and Intermediate Rate Disability Pensioners

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.7	1.5	2.3	3.2

The Government will extend the automatic granting of the War Widows' Pension to the widow(er)s of veterans who were in receipt of the Temporarily Totally Incapacitated Special Rate and Intermediate Rate of Disability Pension at the time of the veteran's death. The estimated cost of this measure is \$7.7 million over four years.

This measure will bring these widow(er)s into line with arrangements that currently apply to the widow(er)s of Extreme Disablement Adjustment and Totally and Permanently Incapacitated disability pensioners.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Australian Defence Force — recognition of the service of the Australian Training Support Team in the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over five years (including \$0.7 million in 2007-08) to recognise the special service of the Australian Training Support Team in the operations of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor between 1 March 2001 and 25 July 2005. The measure will mean that around 200 Australian Defence Force personnel will have access to a range of income and health support measures provided under the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986*. It is estimated there will be a reduction in revenue of \$1.6 million in 2007-08 as affected personnel will become eligible for more concessional taxation treatment of income earned while on service. The measure includes \$0.2 million in capital funding in 2007-08 to upgrade related computer systems.

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

Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — minor new listings

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6

The Government will list 19 new drugs on the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme at an estimated cost of \$3.3 million over five years. The minor new listings are medicines and dressings that have been listed at either no additional cost to the budget (because they replace existing listings or offer cheaper alternatives) or each have an estimated cost of less than \$1.0 million per annum. New listings include:

- Lyrica® (pregabalin) for the treatment of neuropathic pain;
- Mepilex®, Mepilex® Border and Mepitel®, a range of wound dressings;
- Actonel® Combi (risedronate sodium and calcium carbonate) for the treatment of osteoporosis;
- Terbihexal® (terbinafine hydrochloride) for the treatment of ringworm; and

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- Logicin Sinus® (pseudoephedrine hydrochloride) for the treatment of nasal congestion associated with cold or flu.

Veterans' health services — improved administration

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will continue funding to improve the administration of veterans' health. This measure is aimed at reducing overpayments to health providers and improving debt recovery in veterans' health services. Provision for this measure has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure will cost \$4.8 million over four years to administer and is expected to result in \$10.0 million in savings, delivering net savings of \$5.2 million over four years.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT

Closing the gap for Indigenous Australians

The 2008-09 Budget provides additional funding of \$718.7 million over five years for a package of 37 measures to help begin to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. The Australian Government has set targets for closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage with respect to life expectancy, child mortality, access to early childhood education, educational attainment and employment outcomes. To help meet these targets, the 2008-09 Budget includes measures related to early childhood, schooling, economic participation, health, community safety and reconciliation.

Measures initiated under the Northern Territory Emergency Response will continue in 2008-09. The Emergency Response aims to build the foundation for stronger communities and families. In total \$426.6 million is provided for the Northern Territory over five years (including \$320.9 million in 2008-09). Ongoing funding requirements for the Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation due to be completed by the end of the year. In the meantime, provision has been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Table 7: Closing the Gap for Indigenous Australians

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES						
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S						
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– Northern Territory – Aboriginal Interpreter Service	-	0.8	-	-	-	0.8
– Northern Territory – legal assistance for Indigenous Australians	-	2.0	-	-	-	2.0
– Northern Territory – night patrol operational equipment	3.9	-	-	-	-	3.9
– Northern Territory – night patrol services	-	17.7	-	-	-	17.7
<i>Australian Crime Commission</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– Northern Territory – extension of the National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Task Force	-	4.2	-	-	-	4.2
Sub Total	3.9	24.6	-	-	-	28.5
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS						
<i>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– contribution to Indigenous boarding colleges	-	18.8	5.1	2.5	2.5	28.9
– expansion of intensive literacy and numeracy programs and individual learning plans	-	8.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	56.4
– getting remote Aboriginal children to enrol in school	3.8	11.6	20.0	29.0	34.4	98.8
– Northern Territory – crèches	-	2.3	-	-	-	2.3
– Northern Territory – enhancing education	-	19.1	-	-	-	19.1
– Northern Territory – further welfare and employment reform	-38.6	66.4	-	-	-	27.8
– Northern Territory – school nutrition	-	7.4	-	-	-	7.4
Sub Total	-34.8	133.7	41.2	47.6	53.0	240.7
ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS						
<i>Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– National Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program – expansion	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	-	7.6
Sub Total	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	-	7.6

Table 7: Closing the Gap for Indigenous Australians (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS						
<i>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– Indigenous early development and learning services – parenting support	0.6	3.1	4.8	8.1	-	16.6
– Indigenous mothers' accommodation fund	-	2.0	4.0	4.0	-	10.0
– reconciliation between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians – consultation	-	-	-	-	-	-
– closing the evidence gap	-	1.1	0.6	-	-	1.7
– Northern Territory – accommodation for government personnel in remote communities	-	0.3	-	-	-	0.3
– Northern Territory – community engagement	-	3.8	-	-	-	3.8
– Northern Territory – continuation of early childhood program	-	0.4	-	-	-	0.4
– Northern Territory – family support package	-	9.8	-	-	-	9.8
– Northern Territory – further welfare and employment reform	49.5	-	-	-	-	49.5
– Northern Territory – government business managers	-	30.8	-	-	-	30.8
– Northern Territory – income management	2.7	60.1	-	-	-	62.8
– Northern Territory – leadership and coordination	-	32.4	-	-	-	32.4
– Northern Territory – playgroups	-	0.7	-	-	-	0.7
– Northern Territory – promoting law and order	-	11.6	-	-	-	11.6
– Northern Territory – youth alcohol diversion	-	9.5	-	-	-	9.5
Sub Total	52.8	165.7	9.4	12.1	-	240.0
HEALTH AND AGEING						
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– Bringing Them Home counsellors and Link-Up services	0.5	4.4	5.9	5.0	-	15.7
– child and maternal health services	0.8	9.9	20.3	27.1	32.3	90.3
– reducing rheumatic heart fever for Indigenous children	0.1	1.6	3.1	3.2	3.2	11.2
– Indigenous drug and alcohol services	-	4.0	10.4	17.0	18.0	49.3
– Indigenous tobacco initiative	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Northern Territory – follow up care	-	13.6	-	-	-	13.6
Sub Total	1.3	33.4	39.7	52.2	53.5	180.1
HUMAN SERVICES						
<i>Centrelink</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– Northern Territory – Centrelink's role	-	4.2	-	-	-	4.2

Table 7: Closing the Gap for Indigenous Australians (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
HUMAN SERVICES (continued)						
<i>Department of Human Services</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– Northern Territory – further welfare and employment reform	-1.9	-	-	-	-	-1.9
– Northern Territory – income management	2.8	3.6	-	-	-	6.4
Sub Total	0.9	7.8	-	-	-	8.8
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET						
<i>Australian Public Service Commission</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– Australian Public Service Indigenous Employment Strategy – continuation	-	2.6	-	-	-	2.6
<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– Northern Territory – Commonwealth Ombudsman support	-	0.2	-	-	-	0.2
Sub Total	-	2.8	-	-	-	2.8
RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM						
<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– extension of the Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism	-	1.8	-	-	-	1.8
Sub Total	-	1.8	-	-	-	1.8
Total Expense measures	25.8	371.9	92.2	113.9	106.5	710.4
CAPITAL MEASURES						
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS						
<i>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– Northern Territory – accommodation for government personnel in remote communities	-	6.7	-	-	-	6.7
Sub Total	-	6.7	-	-	-	6.7
HUMAN SERVICES						
<i>Centrelink</i>						
Closing the Gap						
– Northern Territory – Centrelink's role	-	1.6	-	-	-	1.6
Sub Total	-	1.6	-	-	-	1.6
Total Capital measures	-	8.3	-	-	-	8.3
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE						
<i>Total expense measures</i>	25.8	371.9	92.2	113.9	106.5	710.4
<i>Total capital measures</i>	-	8.3	-	-	-	8.3
Total expenditure	25.8	380.3	92.2	113.9	106.5	718.7

Election Commitments

Closing the Gap — Bringing Them Home counsellors and Link-Up services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	0.5	4.4	5.9	5.0	-

The Government will provide \$15.7 million over four years to improve counselling and other services for Indigenous people. The funding will provide for 20 additional *Bringing Them Home* counsellors by 2010-11, targeted towards areas of need, and will enable over 1000 members of the Stolen Generations to reunite with their families through access to Link-Up services.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Closing the Gap — child and maternal health services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	0.8	9.9	20.3	27.1	32.3

The Government will provide \$90.3 million over five years to provide national coverage of child and maternal health services to Indigenous Australians.

This measure will provide \$58.0 million to expand health education, treatment and care services to Indigenous mothers, babies and children. This includes funding for the screening and treatment of sight, hearing and other development issues through primary schools.

A further \$32.3 million will be provided for home visits by nurses to Indigenous children in rural areas for children up to eight years of age. This will build on current funding under the Health @ Home Plus program. Infrastructure support, of up to \$14.2 million, will also be provided to fund additional accommodation for health professionals and home visiting services in rural and remote locations.

A contribution of \$75.0 million will be sought from State and Territory governments to provide further child and maternal services.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Closing the Gap — contribution to Indigenous boarding colleges

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	18.8	5.1	2.5	2.5

The Government will provide \$28.9 million over four years towards the construction and operation of three new boarding colleges for Indigenous secondary school students in years 8 to 12 in the Northern Territory.

This will assist Indigenous young people from remote communities to obtain a secondary school education. One 40-bed boarding facility will become operational during the 2009 school year, and 72-bed and 40-bed facilities will become operational during the 2010 school year.

An additional contribution of \$15.0 million toward the construction costs will be provided by the Indigenous Land Corporation.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Closing the Gap — expansion of intensive literacy and numeracy programs and individual learning plans

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	8.1	16.1	16.1	16.1

The Government will provide of \$56.4 million over four years to expand intensive literacy and numeracy programs in schools to improve educational outcomes for Indigenous students and contribute to the Government's objective of halving the literacy and numeracy achievement gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. This funding will include support for teachers to enable them to prepare and maintain individual learning plans for every Indigenous student for every year of schooling up to Year 10.

Funding of \$51.5 million for the measure will be provided from the redirection of funds from the *Realising Our Potential – Summer Schools for Teachers Program*.

See also the related savings measure titled *Realising Our Potential – Summer Schools for Teachers Program* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Closing the Gap — getting remote Aboriginal children to enrol in school

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	3.8	11.6	20.0	29.0	34.4

The Government will provide \$98.8 million over five years to provide 200 additional teachers to assist in the education of up to 2000 additional students of compulsory school age who are currently not enrolled in schools in the 73 communities affected by the Northern Territory Emergency Response. As a result of this measure 50 additional teachers will commence in each calendar year over four years from the 2008 school year. The funding will be provided to Northern Territory education providers to recruit and employ the additional teachers.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Closing the Gap — Indigenous early development and learning services — parenting support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.6	3.1	4.8	8.1	-

The Government will provide \$16.6 million over four years for additional early childhood and informal parenting services for Indigenous children and their families across Australia. In child care centres and play group settings, additional services will be provided to assist parents with their new parenting role, including to assist them to meet the health, education and nurturing needs of their children. The aim is to provide early intervention to families in greatest need, to ensure the needs of their children are being met from an early age.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Closing the Gap — Indigenous mothers' accommodation fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	2.0	4.0	4.0	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over three years to establish new hostels and expand existing accommodation in cities and regional centres to assist Indigenous women needing to leave their communities temporarily to have their babies. These facilities will help Indigenous women receive appropriate care in the final weeks of their pregnancy, as well as during and immediately after the birth of their child.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Closing the Gap — National Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program — expansion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	-

The Government will provide an additional \$7.6 million over four years for the National Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program to support Indigenous arts centres. This additional support will bring total Government funding for the program to \$31.4 million over four years from 2007-08.

The additional funding will assist these organisations build sustainable businesses by strengthening governance and business management practices, providing opportunities for artists in their professional art practice, and providing art workers with opportunities to develop professional skills and experience.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Closing the Gap — reconciliation between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians — consultation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.2 million (including \$0.7 million in 2007-08) to advance the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

This measure will fund consultation on the establishment of a national representative body and a regional representation structure for Indigenous Australians. Funding has already been provided in 2007-08 to facilitate consultation on the nature of the Apology to the Stolen Generations.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Closing the Gap — reducing rheumatic heart fever for Indigenous children

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	0.1	1.6	3.1	3.2	3.2

The Government will provide \$11.2 million over five years to establish a national unit to coordinate efforts to tackle Rheumatic Heart Fever among Indigenous children, and to establish program sites in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland to provide diagnosis and improved access to necessary antibiotics.

See also the related expense measure titled *Closing the Gap – child and maternal health services* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Other measures

Closing the Gap — Australian Public Service Indigenous Employment Strategy — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Public Service Commission	-	2.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.6 million in 2008-09 to continue the Australian Public Service Indigenous Employment Strategy. The strategy aims to increase the employment and retention of Indigenous Australians across the public service.

Closing the Gap — closing the evidence gap

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	1.1	0.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over two years to address data gaps in relation to Indigenous outcomes to help improve Indigenous policy making. This measure includes an extension to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey, to provide more data on the wellbeing of Indigenous children. The extra data will assist governments to better evaluate their progress in addressing Indigenous disadvantage, and report on the results of the programs. Additionally, a clearing house will be established to gather and disseminate evidence on effective policy interventions for Indigenous children.

Closing the Gap — extension of the Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	1.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.8 million in 2008-09 for the extension of the Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism, a pilot program which assists Indigenous tourism operators develop, establish and run successful tourism businesses. The extension of the program for one year will provide continuity of mentoring to those businesses currently in the program, while allowing more time for the Government to develop a comprehensive strategy for the role of tourism in the economic development of Indigenous communities.

Closing the Gap — Indigenous drug and alcohol services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	4.0	10.4	17.0	18.0

The Government will provide \$49.3 million over four years to expand drug and alcohol rehabilitation and treatment services for Indigenous Australians, especially in remote areas. This will include the construction or expansion of residential rehabilitation facilities, increased staff and staff accommodation, and the establishment of community-based multidisciplinary teams to provide a comprehensive approach to countering substance abuse in Indigenous communities.

State and Territory governments, through agreements reached by the Council of Australian Governments, have committed to providing complementary investments and services to support this initiative.

Closing the Gap — Indigenous tobacco initiative

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.5 million over four years from 2008-09 to establish an Indigenous tobacco initiative to tackle high rates of smoking in the Indigenous population.

This will include supporting research into effective anti-tobacco strategies in Indigenous communities; trialling innovative, culturally appropriate community interventions and communication activities; and offering smoking cessation training to staff working in Indigenous health. Tobacco smoking is a major risk factor for chronic conditions and diseases such as cardiovascular disease and cancer among Indigenous Australians.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — Aboriginal Interpreter Service

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million in 2008-09 to continue additional Indigenous interpreter services in support of the Northern Territory Emergency Response. The services will be delivered by the Northern Territory Aboriginal Interpreter Service and will assist Indigenous people to obtain information and advice regarding the Emergency Response.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — accommodation for government personnel in remote communities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.3	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>	-	6.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.9 million in 2008-09 as part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response to enable upgraded accommodation to be provided to government personnel at 24 sites in the Northern Territory.

Funding of \$1.9 million will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. This measure also includes \$6.7 million in capital funding in 2008-09 for the acquisition and associated costs of 24 transportable buildings.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be determined prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — Centrelink's role

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Centrelink	-	4.2	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Centrelink</i>	-	1.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.8 million in 2008-09 to continue and enhance Centrelink's service delivery capability in the Northern Territory. This measure will assist Centrelink to improve agent services and infrastructure for the delivery of services to Indigenous Australians in remote Northern Territory communities.

This measure includes capital funding of \$1.6 million for upgrading office equipment in the affected Centrelink agent sites.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — Commonwealth Ombudsman support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	-	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2008-09 to continue complaints-handling procedures in relation to Northern Territory Emergency Response activities.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — community engagement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	3.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.8 million in 2008-09 for community engagement in the Northern Territory. This measure includes funding to facilitate community input into the implementation of the Emergency Response through regional consultation workshops, the recruitment of Indigenous community engagement brokers and improved access to trained interpreters.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — continuation of early childhood program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.4 million in 2008-09 for four early childhood services in the Northern Territory. These services focus on early intervention support for families, including addressing family and child violence, child development and wellbeing needs, and linking families with other assistance such as housing, health and education services. This measure will provide improved support for Indigenous parents and their children.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — crèches

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.3 million in 2008-09 to fund the operating expenses of ten crèches in the Northern Territory.

The crèches will provide a platform for the delivery of childhood immunisation and health screening, parenting support and information programs, nutrition programs, child abuse prevention and awareness and cultural activities.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — enhancing education

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	19.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$19.1 million in 2008-09 as part of an enhanced education package for the Northern Territory. The funding will provide professional development for teachers to enable them to deliver proven, evidence-based methods of teaching literacy and numeracy to Indigenous students. It will help them gain professional qualifications, such as English as a second language. Funding will also be provided for up to six additional classrooms to meet demand as school attendance measures increase enrolments.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — extension of the National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Task Force

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Crime Commission	-	4.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.2 million in 2008-09 to the Australian Crime Commission to sustain the National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Task Force special investigation in the Northern Territory for another year.

This measure will facilitate a better understanding of the nature and extent of child abuse and violence in the Northern Territory. It will enable the Australian Crime Commission to guide investigations in collaboration with the Northern Territory Police.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — family support package

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	9.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.8 million in 2008-09 as part of a family support package for the Northern Territory. The funding will support the operation of safe houses established in 15 communities. It will also provide support for a mobile child protection team and Indigenous family and community workers to operate in remote areas with high needs.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Northern Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — follow up care

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	13.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.6 million in 2008-09 to provide follow-up care, including specialist care, to address health problems identified through the child health checks delivered as part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response. This funding will specifically address short-term requirements for follow-up treatment and care including ear, nose and throat and oral health care. It will also provide for the continuation of outreach teams to support Indigenous Australians in communities affected by the withdrawal of alcohol, and ongoing services for children and families affected by child abuse and trauma. Services will be targeted specifically at the Northern Territory Emergency Response designated communities and aim to reduce waiting lists and the backlog of untreated health needs.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — further welfare and employment reform

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-38.6	66.4	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-1.9	-	-	-	-
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	49.5	-	-	-	-
Total	9.1	66.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$75.5 million over two years to continue employment services and pre-employment programs in the Northern Territory. This includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.0 million in 2008-09.

This measure will enhance employment opportunities (including through the provision of around 30 Community Employment Brokers) and continue to provide employment services to Indigenous people who previously received Remote Area Exemptions relating to activity testing for income support.

This measure also includes funding for Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) in the Northern Territory as part of the Government's commitment to review and reform CDEP announced by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on 10 December 2007.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — government business managers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	30.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$30.8 million in 2008-09 for government business managers in Northern Territory communities. The government business managers, who are based in local Indigenous communities, have coordinated the implementation of the Emergency Response in these communities and will continue to facilitate the effective delivery of government services.

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Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — income management

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	2.7	60.1	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	2.8	3.6	-	-	-
Total	5.5	63.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$69.2 million over two years to continue income management as part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response.

Under income management arrangements, 50 per cent of income support and family payments are quarantined for priority items such as food, clothing and shelter. The aim is to limit the scope for alcohol and substance abuse, which can lead to violence and other anti-social behaviour, and to ensure the key needs of Indigenous families and children are met. The measure includes the introduction of an income management debit card which will make it easier for Indigenous people and businesses to make transactions.

The measure also includes: continuation of licensing arrangements for community stores to ensure they are providing adequate food supply and improved services; and financial education, training and financial crisis support to Indigenous families to help them to better manage their finances.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$2.7 million in 2007-08 and \$50.4 million in 2008-09 to implement and administer income management in the Northern Territory.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — leadership and coordination

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	32.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$32.4 million in 2008-09 for the continued management and coordination of activities in the Northern Territory. This measure includes funding for:

- the continuation for a further six months of the Northern Territory Emergency Response Taskforce, which provides oversight and guidance in relation to the Emergency Response;
- an independent review of the Emergency Response, which will commence in July 2008, to inform the future extent and scope of initiatives commenced under the Emergency Response;
- policy, planning and logistics support (including vehicles and communications); and
- a community capability fund to meet local needs identified as not able to be met by other established programs.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — legal assistance for Indigenous Australians

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	2.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million in 2008-09 to continue funding for additional legal aid services in support of the Northern Territory Emergency Response.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — night patrol operational equipment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	3.9	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.9 million in 2007-08 for vehicles, communication and safety equipment for night patrol operations funded under the *Northern Territory Night Patrol Program*. Funding for this measure will be partially provided from the redirection of funds initially provided to Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to meet leasing costs associated with items of capital equipment. Given the specialised nature of the night patrol vehicles and associated safety equipment, these items could not be leased through the funds originally provided.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — night patrol services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	17.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$17.7 million in 2008-09 to fund night patrol services in identified Northern Territory communities. The Attorney-General's Department currently funds night patrol services in 73 Indigenous communities, promoting community safety and assisting individuals at risk.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — playgroups

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.7 million in 2008-09 to support playgroups in the Northern Territory. The playgroups will provide 190 Indigenous children with structured learning through play-based activities and a safe development environment for children and their carers. Additional services are also provided to Indigenous parents to assist them in their parenting roles.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — promoting law and order

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	11.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.6 million in 2008-09 to continue a range of law and order activities, to provide greater safety and security to people in Northern Territory Indigenous communities.

This measure includes funding for:

- ancillary costs associated with the deployment of 66 Australian Federal Police officers to the Northern Territory (such as for uniforms, equipment and infrastructure);
- activities supporting restrictions on alcohol, such as alcohol management plans, education programs and prevention activities; and
- helping restrict access to pornography through audits of government funded computers.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Budget Measures 2008-09

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — school nutrition

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	7.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.4 million in 2008-09 for a school nutrition program. This funding is part of an education package for the Northern Territory and aims to improve school attendance, student performance and health by delivering nutritious breakfast and lunch in schools.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Closing the Gap — Northern Territory — youth alcohol diversion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	9.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.5 million in 2008-09 to support activities which are an alternative to drinking and other substance abuse, such as participation in sport. This measure will enable the establishment and operation of a Northern Territory Regional Youth Development Network, in order to improve the quality, quantity and coordination of diversionary activities. This measure will also enable continuation of the Alice Springs Town Camp Youth Diversion Project and the *Central Australia School Holiday Program*.

Ongoing funding requirements for the Northern Territory Emergency Response will be reviewed prior to the 2009-10 Budget and will be based on the evaluation. Provision has also been made in the Contingency Reserve for ongoing costs associated with the Emergency Response.

Responsible Economic Management

Consistent with the Government's commitment to responsible economic management, the 2008-09 Budget delivers savings of \$7 billion in 2008-09 and \$33 billion over four years. These savings more than offset the Government's spending on election commitments and other priorities, and contribute to a 2008-09 budget surplus that is the largest as a proportion of GDP since 1999-00.

The Responsible Economic Management package includes savings measures that were announced as election commitments prior to the 2007 election, totalling \$1.6 billion in 2008-09. The Government has identified further savings measures across a wide range of areas as part of its review of Government expenditure.

Savings have been achieved by cutting ineffective and wasteful programs, ensuring welfare payments are targeted to those most in need and realising efficiencies in the public sector.

Measures include:

- winding down the Commercial Ready program, generating savings of \$707.0 million over four years;
- rationalising and modernising the workplace relations system, resulting in reduced costs of \$394.0 million over four years;
- applying a one-off 2 per cent efficiency dividend to the departmental funding of most Government agencies to improve the cost effectiveness of the public sector, generating savings of \$1.8 billion over five years; and
- abolishing the Access Card, providing savings of \$1.2 billion over five years.

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
REVENUE MEASURES						
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S						
<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-	..	..	..	-	..
Sub Total	-	..	..	..	-	-
BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY						
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Do Not Call Register – cost recovery	-	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.8	4.2
<i>Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australia Post Special Dividend	-	150.0	-	-	-	150.0
Sub Total	-	151.1	1.2	1.0	0.8	154.2
TREASURY						
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Choice of Superannuation Fund	-	-	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-3.3
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australian Defence Force – fewer non-operational overseas postings and exchanges	-	0.5	1.6	2.2	2.3	6.6
Sub Total	-	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.2	3.3
Total Revenue measures	-	151.6	1.7	2.1	2.0	157.4
EXPENSE MEASURES						
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY						
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Advancing Australia – Advancing Agricultural Industries	-0.4	-6.4	-8.6	-8.8	-8.8	-33.0
– Advancing Australia – FarmBis	-4.1	-8.0	-7.9	-8.0	-9.0	-37.1
– Advancing Australia – FarmHelp	-22.2	-19.4	-19.5	-17.9	-18.3	-97.4
– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.2	-0.4	-	-	-	-0.6
– Defeating the Weed Menace	-0.3	-	-	-	-	-0.3
– National Food Industry Strategy – Food Innovation Grants	-11.6	-12.4	-12.6	-12.9	-13.2	-62.7
– New Industries Development Program	-0.2	-2.4	-2.7	-1.3	-	-6.6
– Onshore Assistance of Fisheries Adjustment Package	-5.5	-	-	-	-	-5.5
– Asia-Pacific forestry skills and capacity building	-2.9	-4.3	-4.3	-4.3	-	-15.7
– Drought Package 2007 – assistance to rural research and development corporations and companies	-2.0	-8.0	-	-	-	-10.0

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (continued)						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Drought Package 2007 – communications	-	-5.5	-	-	-	-5.5
– Drought Package 2007 – re-establishment assistance	-26.0	-72.8	-	-	-	-98.9
– Flemington Racecourse – funding for alternative water strategy	-5.0	-	-	-	-	-5.0
– Pandemic influenza preparedness – rapid deployment teams	-	-2.8	-2.9	-	-	-5.8
Sub Total	-80.5	-142.5	-58.6	-53.2	-49.3	-384.1
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S						
<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-	-0.4	-0.5	-1.4	..	-2.3
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.1	-0.2	-	-	-	-0.3
– Chemical, biological and radiological incident response – provision of deployable mortuaries	-	-0.8	-0.8	-	-	-1.6
– Family Relationship Centres – advertising	-2.2	-6.7	-3.2	-3.2	-3.2	-18.5
– National Community Crime Prevention Program	-	-12.4	-12.6	-12.8	-13.0	-50.8
<i>Australian Crime Commission</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Document Verification Service – Lost and Stolen Document Register	-0.5	-	-	-	-	-0.5
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australian Federal Police airport liaison officer network	-	-1.5	-	-	-	-1.5
– Australian Federal Police surge capacity	-	-2.5	-	-	-	-2.5
– Australian Federal Police – termination of residential and accommodation leases in Papua New Guinea	-0.7	-	-	-	-	-0.7
– International Deployment Group workforce re-phasing	-	-10.0	-	-	-	-10.0
– National Security – regional rapid deployment teams	-	-2.2	-	-	-	-2.2
– Protecting Australian Families Online	-	-9.4	-13.6	-13.7	-13.7	-50.3
<i>Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Work Choices – Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission	-0.5	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-	-5.9

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)						
<i>National Capital Authority</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– National Capital Authority – streamlining responsibilities	-1.6	-3.7	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-15.8
– Griffin Legacy Infrastructure – redevelopment of Constitution Avenue	-	-3.0	-3.2	-3.3	-3.3	-12.7
<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Protecting Australian Families Online	-	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	-2.9	-11.3
Sub Total	-5.5	-57.3	-41.9	-42.5	-39.5	-186.8
BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY						
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Digital Action Plan	-1.3	-1.2	-1.3	-	-	-3.8
– Protecting Australian Families Online	-	-5.1	-3.1	-3.2	-3.2	-14.6
<i>Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.2	-0.3	-	-	-	-0.5
– Digital Action Plan	-2.1	-4.6	-4.9	-	-	-11.7
– Australia Connected – cancellation of the OPEL contract	-99.1	-634.2	-226.0	-	-	-959.3
– BroadbandNow	-2.4	-	-	-	-	-2.4
– Protecting Australian Families Online	-46.7	-32.7	-6.0	-	-	-85.5
Sub Total	-151.7	-678.2	-241.3	-3.2	-3.2	-1,077.7
CROSS PORTFOLIO						
<i>Various Agencies</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Efficiency Dividend	-96.1	-411.9	-414.4	-416.4	-420.3	-1,759.1
– Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	-	-1.1	-	-	-	-1.1
Sub Total	-96.1	-413.0	-414.4	-416.4	-420.3	-1,760.2
DEFENCE						
<i>Department of Defence</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australian Defence Force – fewer non-operational overseas postings and exchanges	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Capability Technology Demonstrator Program	-	-	-4.3	-13.0	-13.0	-30.3
– Provisioning for future requirements	-	-191.2	25.0	95.6	95.6	25.0
Sub Total	-	-191.2	20.7	82.6	82.6	-5.3

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS						
<i>Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-2.3	-1.3	-1.3	-2.5	-2.5	-9.9
<i>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-	-0.7	-3.3	-7.2	-7.2	-18.4
– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.1	-0.2	-	-	-	-0.4
– Australian Technical Colleges – rationalisation	-	-32.7	-31.5	-17.1	-18.2	-99.5
– Carrick Institute	-5.4	-	-	-	-	-5.4
– clinical training for enrolled nurses	-0.9	-4.3	-5.0	-5.4	-5.7	-21.3
– Institute for Trade Skills Excellence	-	-6.4	-4.8	-4.8	-4.9	-20.9
– Skills for the Future – business skills vouchers for apprentices	-	-2.7	-3.2	-4.0	-4.0	-13.9
– Skills for the Future – work skills vouchers	-16.3	-190.4	-190.4	-190.6	-190.6	-778.3
– Apprenticeship Incentives for Agriculture and Horticulture	-7.7	-12.7	-13.5	-13.9	-0.9	-48.7
– Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development Program	-	-5.1	-5.1	-5.2	-5.2	-20.6
– Australian Apprenticeships State and Territory Incentives Program	-	-5.3	-15.6	-20.5	-22.2	-63.6
– Career Advice Australia	-	-2.9	-2.9	-2.9	-2.9	-11.4
– Centrelink – further call centre supplementation	-1.7	-	-	-	-	-1.7
– Child Care Benefit – remove the minimum rate	1.8	-43.8	-51.1	-61.1	-68.1	-222.2
– Employment Entry Payment – Abolish from 1 July 2008	0.9	-10.7	-11.5	-11.4	-11.3	-43.8
– Employment Services for 2009-10 to 2011-12	-	54.5	-38.9	-148.4	-157.7	-290.5
– Fraud and compliance – assessments to verify income or assets	-	-69.7	-80.6	-79.4	-79.1	-308.8
– Fraud and compliance – cessation of ‘Keeping the System Fair’ advertising campaign	-	-13.0	-13.1	-13.2	-13.3	-52.6
– General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme – continue funding liquidators to pursue litigation	-	-8.0	-	-	-	-8.0
– Learning and Teaching Performance Fund	-	-10.7	-10.7	-10.7	-10.7	-42.8
– Living Away from Home Allowance – extension to Australian School-Based Apprenticeships	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-0.1

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Partner Service Pension – cease payment to married partners who are separated but not divorced	-	0.6	1.2	1.3	1.3	4.5
– Pilot program addressing undeclared business income and assets – cessation	-0.5	-	-	-	-	-0.5
– Quality Outcomes Program	-	-4.8	-7.3	-8.1	-8.5	-28.6
– Realising Our Potential – Core Curricula Standards Program	-	-8.6	-	-0.1	-	-8.6
– Realising Our Potential – National Literacy and Numeracy Vouchers Program	-	-60.6	-131.9	-134.7	-137.4	-464.7
– Realising Our Potential – Rewarding Schools for Improving Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes Program	-	-17.1	-16.9	-17.0	-17.0	-68.0
– Realising Our Potential – Summer Schools for Teachers Program	-	-24.9	-23.3	-23.7	-24.2	-96.2
– Teaching Australia – Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership	-	-2.6	-2.0	-1.3	-1.3	-7.2
<i>Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-3.0	-	-	-	-	-3.0
<i>Office of the Workplace Ombudsman</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-	-	-	-1.0	-1.0	-2.0
<i>Workplace Authority</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System	-30.0	-30.0	-106.2	-97.3	-97.3	-360.8
Sub Total	-65.3	-513.8	-768.8	-880.3	-889.8	-3,117.9
ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS						
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Water for the Future – Bureau of Meteorology	-5.0	-	-	-	-	-5.0
<i>Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Green Vouchers for Schools	-99.6	-149.1	-51.3	-34.3	-	-334.2
– Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program	-4.2	-0.6	-3.6	2.1	2.1	-4.2
– Bimbimie Wildlife Park	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Biodiversity Hotspots – reduction in funding	-6.0	-	-	-	-	-6.0
– Chamber Music Australia	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-0.1

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS (continued)						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Community Water Grants	-	-41.5	-26.5	-1.9	-3.7	-73.6
– Low Emissions Technology and Abatement program – reduction in funding	-2.2	-	-	-	-	-2.2
– Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund	-47.0	26.0	47.7	-9.5	47.4	64.5
– Renewable Remote Power Generation Program – reduction in funding	-33.0	-9.0	-	-	-	-42.0
– Water for the Future – Murray-Darling Basin Authority	-45.0	-26.0	-	-	-	-71.0
<i>National Water Commission</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Rainfall enhancement technology – cancellation of project	*	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-242.1	-200.1	-33.8	-43.6	45.8	-473.8
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS						
<i>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
– Community Business Partnership – abolition	-0.7	-0.5	-	-	-	-1.2
– Better targeting and delivery of Baby Bonus	-	-52.4	-96.5	-101.0	-104.7	-354.5
– Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit – \$150,000 income test on primary earner for FTB-B	0.5	-112.8	-132.4	-141.2	-158.0	-543.8
– Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit – continuous adjustment to reduce over-payments of Family Tax Benefit	-	1.7	-14.3	-0.5	0.6	-12.5
– Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit – streamlining administration	-	2,139.5	2,171.4	2,210.8	2,250.2	8,771.8
– Centrelink – further call centre supplementation	-3.3	-	-	-	-	-3.3
– Commonwealth Seniors Health Card – adjusted taxable income test	-	11.6	-9.7	-12.2	-13.0	-23.3
– Concession Cards – retention while overseas	-	-4.9	-4.9	-4.9	-5.0	-19.7
– Employment Entry Payment – Abolish from 1 July 2008	0.1	-4.2	-4.3	-4.2	-4.2	-16.9
– Family Tax Benefit – cease fortnightly payments for recipients who do not lodge tax returns	41.6	13.3	121.1	-115.5	-137.6	-77.1
– Fraud and compliance – assessments to verify income or assets	-	-32.4	-64.6	-86.4	-97.1	-280.4
– Fraud and Compliance – Commonwealth Seniors Health Card compliance reviews	-	7.7	-7.6	-9.5	-11.3	-20.7

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (continued)						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Partner Service Pension – cease payment to married partners who are separated but not divorced	-	4.7	10.2	11.6	13.0	39.4
– Pilot program addressing undeclared business income and assets – cessation	-0.5	-	-	-	-	-0.5
– Tuggeranong Office Park – facilities management	-1.1	-0.6	-	-	-	-1.7
Sub Total	36.6	1,970.6	1,968.4	1,746.8	1,733.0	7,455.4
FINANCE AND DEREGULATION						
<i>Department of Finance and Deregulation</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.1	-0.3	-	-	-	-0.5
– Future Fund Advisory Unit	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-3.2
– Medibank Private Limited – not proceeding with the sale	-0.7	-13.3	-	-	-	-14.0
– Ministerial and Opposition Staff – 30 per cent reduction	-15.4	-27.0	-27.5	-28.7	-27.7	-126.3
– Parliamentarians' printing entitlement – reduction	-	-4.3	-6.1	-9.7	-4.3	-24.4
– Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program	-	-1.3	-	-	-	-1.3
– Employment Services for 2009-10 to 2011-12	..	0.4	-	-	-	0.4
– Telecommunications Improvement and Procurement Project	-0.6	-1.8	-1.9	-2.0	-2.0	-8.3
Sub Total	-17.2	-48.3	-36.2	-41.1	-34.7	-177.5
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE						
<i>Australian Trade Commission</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Global Integration – export facilitators to the United States market	-	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	-12.0
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australia on the World Stage – enhancement	-1.3	-4.0	-6.8	-6.9	-6.9	-26.0
– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-2.1	-4.1	-	-	-	-6.1
– Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – budget sustainability	-0.5	3.1	-11.3	-11.3	-9.4	-29.4
Sub Total	-3.9	-8.0	-21.1	-21.2	-19.3	-73.5

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
HEALTH AND AGEING						
<i>Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Illicit drugs in sport – advertising and information campaigns	-	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-1.5
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– clinical training for enrolled nurses	-15.5	-43.6	-30.9	-29.2	-29.5	-148.7
– Dental treatment – enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic conditions and complex conditions	-39.3	-113.8	-94.9	-110.8	-119.5	-478.4
– Health and Medical Investment Fund	-	-	-103.8	-122.4	-125.5	-351.7
– Healthy Active Australia – promoting healthy living	-0.2	-0.4	-	-	-	-0.6
– Magnetic Resonance Imaging – improved access	-0.6	-9.7	-14.9	-14.6	-14.7	-54.5
– Medibank Private Limited – not proceeding with the sale	-	-	-50.0	-101.3	-103.8	-255.0
– Radiation oncology – redirect funds to establish oncology facilities in Cairns and Lismore	-	-8.3	-7.0	-	-	-15.3
– Tasmanian Health Services Infrastructure	-6.0	-19.3	-7.5	-2.3	-2.2	-37.3
– Adjusting the funding for specific health programs	-	-113.7	-138.1	-130.3	-123.1	-505.3
– After-hours medical services – streamlining grants funding	-	-3.5	-5.7	-8.7	-8.2	-26.1
– Alerting the Community to the Links Between Illicit Drugs and Mental Illness – advertising and information campaigns	-	-9.0	-0.7	-	-	-9.7
– Australian National Rugby Academy	-5.0	-10.0	-10.0	-	-	-25.0
– Chemotherapy Drugs – more efficient arrangements	-	4.4	-31.9	-33.6	-35.8	-96.9
– Continence Management Strategy – advertising campaign	-	-1.5	-1.5	-	-	-3.0
– Commonwealth Seniors Health Card – adjusted taxable income test	-	-	-20.5	-20.1	-21.6	-62.1
– Fraud and Compliance – Commonwealth Seniors Health Card compliance reviews	-	-3.7	-16.0	-18.3	-21.7	-59.7
– generic medicines – advertising	-10.1	-2.4	-2.4	-	-	-14.9
– Illicit drugs in sport – advertising and information campaigns	-	-9.7	-7.7	-7.2	-6.4	-31.0
– Medicare Benefits Schedule – funding for reversing elective sterilisation	-	-2.3	-2.8	-3.5	-4.2	-12.8
– Medicare Benefits Schedule – rationalise funding provided for multiple pathology tests performed on a single sample	-	-21.6	-23.1	-24.7	-26.4	-95.8

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Medicare Benefits Schedule – reduction of repeat prescription requirements for patients with chronic conditions	-	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8	-3.1
– Medicare Benefits Schedule – increase compliance audits	-	-21.2	-42.2	-41.5	-42.4	-147.2
– National Psychostimulant Initiative	-	-2.0	-2.0	-	-	-4.0
– National Training Centre for Aerial Skiing	-2.5	-	-	-	-	-2.5
– Pathology Services – reduced collection fees	-	-17.0	-	-	-	-17.0
– Practice Incentives Program – discontinue funding for the mental health incentive	-	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-1.9	-7.2
– Practice Incentives Program – new e-Health incentive payment for General Practitioners	-	-16.7	-32.9	-31.8	-30.6	-112.0
– Practice Incentives Program – removal of the General Practice Immunisation Service Incentive Payment	-	-14.8	-22.4	-22.9	-23.4	-83.5
– primary care – review of the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives program	-	-4.2	-4.1	-4.2	-4.2	-16.6
– residential aged care funding claims – audits	-	-6.2	-8.7	-	-	-14.9
– Rugby League Hall of Fame	-3.0	-7.0	-	-	-	-10.0
– Townsville International Sports Centre	-3.0	-	-	-	-	-3.0
Sub Total	-85.2	-460.3	-684.3	-730.3	-746.2	-2,706.3
HUMAN SERVICES						
<i>Centrelink</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-50.0	-77.9	-64.2	-113.0	-77.1	-382.2
– Parliamentary Local Liaison Officers	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-2.0
<i>Department of Human Services</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-80.9	-171.9	-119.0	-50.3	-47.4	-469.5
– Human Services – departmental funding	-1.5	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	-13.5
– Parliamentary Local Liaison Officers	..	..	..	..	..	..
– Child Support Reforms – revised advertising campaign	-4.9	-	-	-	-	-4.9
– Drought Package 2006 – revised communications campaign	-0.9	-	-	-	-	-0.9
– Employment Services for 2009-10 to 2011-12	-	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.2
<i>Medicare Australia</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-4.5	-54.0	-57.9	-90.1	-56.3	-262.8
– Dental treatment – enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic conditions and complex conditions	-2.1	-3.0	-2.7	-2.7	-2.6	-13.0
– Magnetic Resonance Imaging – improved access	..	..	..	..	..	-0.1

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
HUMAN SERVICES (continued)						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Parliamentary Local Liaison Officers	..	..	..	..	..	..
– Adjusting the funding for specific health programs	-	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.5
– After-hours medical services – streamlining grants funding	-	..	..	..	..	-0.1
– Chemotherapy Drugs – more efficient arrangements	-	0.6	0.1	..	..	0.8
– ECLIPSE System – discontinue development	-	-2.9	-5.7	-5.8	-5.8	-20.3
– Medicare Benefits Schedule – funding for reversing elective sterilisation	-	..	..	..	..	..
– Medicare Benefits Schedule – reduction of repeat prescription requirements for patients with chronic conditions	-	0.1	..	..	..	0.1
– Medicare Benefits Schedule – increase compliance audits	-	14.2	18.7	18.8	19.0	70.7
– Pathology Services – reduced collection fees	-	..	-	-	-	..
– Practice Incentives Program – new e-Health incentive payment for General Practitioners	-	0.3	0.7	..	..	1.0
– Practice Incentives Program – removal of the General Practice Immunisation Service Incentive Payment	-	..	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6
Sub Total	-145.0	-295.9	-232.1	-245.2	-172.3	-1,090.5
IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP						
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.1	-0.2	-	-	-	-0.2
– Offshore processing centres in Nauru and Manus Province – closure	-2.3	-16.1	-16.4	-16.7	-17.2	-68.6
– Citizenship Test – advertising	-10.0	-5.6	-2.1	-2.1	-	-19.8
– Citizenship Test – values statement component	-1.8	-4.1	-	-	-	-5.9
– Department of Immigration and Citizenship – efficiency improvements	-	-8.0	-9.9	-12.1	-13.5	-43.6
– Department of Immigration and Citizenship’s overseas posts – reduced Australia-based staffing	-	-5.9	-5.9	-6.0	-6.0	-23.8
– Migration and Humanitarian Programs – integration criterion	-1.6	-1.4	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2	-6.4
Sub Total	-15.7	-41.2	-35.4	-38.1	-37.9	-168.3

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT						
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– AusLink – inland rail – revision of measure	-10.8	-54.2	65.0	-	-	..
– Growing Regions Programme	-2.5	-30.0	-40.0	-75.0	-52.5	-200.0
– Local Government Amalgamation – plebiscites in the Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Office of Transport Security – reduction in overseas representation	-	-1.6	-1.7	-1.9	-1.9	-7.1
– Regional maritime security capacity-building	-0.9	-2.4	-2.4	-2.1	-1.5	-9.3
– Regional Partnerships	-10.9	-22.9	-69.1	-66.1	-67.2	-236.1
– Sustainable Regions	-10.4	-12.9	-	-	-	-23.3
– Women’s representation in decision making	-	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1	-	-3.5
Sub Total	-35.4	-125.1	-49.4	-146.3	-123.1	-479.3
INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH						
<i>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	-	-2.1	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7	-7.3
– Nuclear Collaborative Research Program	-1.4	-1.6	-1.8	-1.5	-	-6.3
<i>Australian Research Council</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Research Quality Framework	-	-3.4	-3.7	-4.3	-5.4	-16.9
<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Healthy Active Australia – promoting healthy living	-0.4	-1.2	-	-	-	-1.6
– Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation dividend	-	-9.5	-9.8	-10.2	-10.3	-39.8
– Research Vessel – Southern Surveyor	-	-3.0	-	-	-	-3.0
<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australian Industry Productivity Centres	-12.9	-35.5	-35.6	-36.1	-35.9	-155.9
– Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business Program	-	-10.3	-0.3	-	-	-10.6
– Electronic Authentication and Verification	-6.0	-8.4	-	-	-	-14.4
– Invest Australia functions – merge into Austrade	-12.3	-23.8	-24.2	-24.2	-	-84.5
– Commercial Ready	-	-70.0	-200.2	-213.8	-223.2	-707.2

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH (continued)						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Global Opportunities Program	-	-14.4	-14.2	-14.6	-15.0	-58.2
– Innovation Ambassador Program	-	-1.4	-1.9	-1.7	-	-5.0
– Intermediary Access Program	-0.5	-3.6	-4.5	-5.7	-5.0	-19.4
– National Nanotechnology Strategy	-	-	-5.6	-5.6	-	-11.3
– Pharmaceuticals Partnership Program	-2.7	-0.5	-	-	-	-3.1
– Research Quality Framework	-7.8	-25.9	-9.7	-1.4	-	-44.8
<i>IP Australia</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.2	-0.3	-	-	-	-0.5
Sub Total	-44.1	-214.8	-313.3	-320.9	-296.5	-1,189.6
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET						
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Government Communication Unit – abolition	-1.0	-2.1	-2.1	-2.1	-2.1	-9.3
<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	-1.8	-1.8	-5.5
<i>Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Clean Energy Target	-0.5	-1.3	-1.7	-2.2	-2.2	-7.9
Sub Total	-2.1	-4.0	-4.4	-6.1	-6.1	-22.7
RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM						
<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate	-2.5	-16.9	-22.9	-7.3	-	-49.7
– Australian Tourism Development Program	-	-6.9	-4.3	-4.3	-	-15.5
– Climate Change – Asia-Pacific Network for Energy Technology	-1.9	-3.1	-	-	-	-5.0
– Ethanol Distribution Program	-5.0	-	-	-	-	-5.0
– Ethanol Production Grants	-10.8	-	-	-	-	-10.8
– Fishing Hall of Fame – abolition	-3.0	-	-	-	-	-3.0
<i>Tourism Australia</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Tourism Australia	-	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-4.0
Sub Total	-23.2	-27.9	-28.2	-12.6	-1.0	-92.9
TREASURY						
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Financial Literacy Foundation – transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Choice of Superannuation Fund	-	-	-1.1	-2.3	-2.3	-5.8

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
TREASURY (continued)						
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– regulations for private rulings requiring valuations	-4.1	-13.3	-6.5	-6.3	-6.4	-36.6
– Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit – streamlining administration	-	-2,159.3	-2,196.4	-2,238.7	-2,278.7	-8,873.1
– Choice of Superannuation Fund	-	-6.6	-13.8	-13.8	-13.8	-48.0
– Heavy vehicle road user charging	-	-40.0	-110.0	-150.0	-190.0	-490.0
– New Business Intensive Assistance Program	-	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-40.0
– Simplified Superannuation – advertising campaign	-14.4	-	-	-	-	-14.4
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – departmental funding	-0.1	-0.3	-	-	-	-0.4
– Financial Literacy Foundation – transfer	-2.7	-5.4	-5.4	-	-	-13.5
– Corporations Payments to the States – termination	-	-179.8	-184.3	-188.9	-193.6	-746.5
– Goods and services tax compensation to the States for small business concession – recovery of overpayments	-	-286.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	-256.0
<i>National Competition Council</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– National Competition Council	-	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-4.8
Sub Total	-21.3	-2,701.9	-2,518.7	-2,601.2	-2,686.0	-10,529.2
VETERANS' AFFAIRS						
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-0.8	-2.4	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	-7.3
– Chemotherapy Drugs – more efficient arrangements	-	-	-3.3	-3.2	-3.4	-9.9
– Commonwealth Seniors Health Card – adjusted taxable income test	-	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
– Concession Cards – retention while overseas	-	0.2	..	..	-	0.3
– Fraud and Compliance – Commonwealth Seniors Health Card compliance reviews	..	0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1	-2.2
– Medicare Benefits Schedule – rationalise funding provided for multiple pathology tests performed on a single sample	-	-1.9	-1.8	-1.8	-1.9	-7.4
– Medicare Benefits Schedule – reduction of repeat prescription requirements for patients with chronic conditions	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
– Partner Service Pension – align partner and veteran age eligibility	0.3	-4.3	-7.7	-10.4	-12.6	-34.7

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
VETERANS' AFFAIRS (continued)						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Partner Service Pension – cease payment to married partners who are separated but not divorced	-	-8.6	-20.4	-23.0	-25.9	-77.9
– Pathology Services – reduced collection fees	-	-0.6	-	-	-	-0.6
– residential aged care funding claims – audits	-	-1.6	-1.6	-	-	-3.1
Sub Total	-0.5	-18.1	-37.0	-41.0	-46.5	-143.0
Total Expense measures	-998.2	-4,170.9	-3,529.9	-3,813.7	-3,710.4	-16,223.1
CAPITAL MEASURES						
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S						
<i>Australian Crime Commission</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Document Verification Service – Lost and Stolen Document Register	-0.2	-	-	-	-	-0.2
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Protecting Australian Families Online	-	-0.7	-0.6	-0.1	-	-1.4
<i>National Capital Authority</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Griffin Legacy Infrastructure – redevelopment of Constitution Avenue	-3.0	-18.3	-9.6	-1.0	-	-31.9
Sub Total	-3.2	-19.0	-10.2	-1.1	-	-33.5
BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY						
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Digital Action Plan	-0.2	-	-	-	-	-0.2
Sub Total	-0.2	-	-	-	-	-0.2
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS						
<i>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Employment Services for 2009-10 to 2011-12	-	2.2	2.9	-	-	5.1
Sub Total	-	2.2	2.9	-	-	5.1
HUMAN SERVICES						
<i>Centrelink</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-18.3	-	-	-	-	-18.3
<i>Department of Human Services</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-83.2	-2.4	-2.5	-	-	-88.1

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CAPITAL MEASURES (continued)						
HUMAN SERVICES (continued)						
<i>Medicare Australia</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-5.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-6.0
– Chemotherapy Drugs – more efficient arrangements	-	0.8	-	-	-	0.8
– Medicare Benefits Schedule – increase compliance audits	-	6.2	-	-	-	6.2
– Practice Incentives Program – new e-Health incentive payment for General Practitioners	-	0.4	-	-	-	0.4
– Practice Incentives Program – removal of the General Practice Immunisation Service Incentive Payment	-	0.4	-	-	-	0.4
Sub Total	-106.7	5.1	-2.7	-0.3	-0.2	-104.7
IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP						
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Migration and Humanitarian Programs – integration criterion	-0.5	-0.2	-	-	-	-0.7
Sub Total	-0.5	-0.2	-	-	-	-0.7
INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH						
<i>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Nuclear Collaborative Research Program	-5.0	-	-	-	-	-5.0
<i>Australian Research Council</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Research Quality Framework	-	-4.5	-0.7	-	-	-5.2
<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Australian Industry Productivity Centres	-0.6	-0.5	-	-	-	-1.1
– Electronic Authentication and Verification	-1.7	-1.5	-	-	-	-3.2
– Global Opportunities Program	-	-2.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-4.5
– National Nanotechnology Strategy	-	-	-0.5	-	-	-0.5
Sub Total	-7.3	-8.5	-2.0	-0.8	-0.8	-19.4
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET						
<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-0.1
<i>Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Clean Energy Target	-	-3.3	-1.1	-	-	-4.4
Sub Total	-0.1	-3.3	-1.1	-	-	-4.5

Table 8: Responsible Economic Management (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CAPITAL MEASURES (continued)						
RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM						
<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
TREASURY						
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit – streamlining administration	-	1.6	-	-	-	1.6
Sub Total	-	1.6	-	-	-	1.6
VETERANS' AFFAIRS						
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>						
Responsible Economic Management						
– Access Card	-2.9	..	-	-	-	-2.9
– Commonwealth Seniors Health Card – adjusted taxable income test	-	0.2	-	-	-	0.2
– Concession Cards – retention while overseas	-	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
– Fraud and Compliance – Commonwealth Seniors Health Card compliance reviews	..	0.2	-	-	-	0.2
– Partner Service Pension – align partner and veteran age eligibility	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.1
– Partner Service Pension – cease payment to married partners who are separated but not divorced	-	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
Sub Total	-2.8	0.6	-	-	-	-2.2
Total Capital measures	-120.8	-21.6	-13.1	-2.2	-1.0	-158.5
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE						
<i>Total expense measures</i>	-998.2	-4,170.9	-3,529.9	-3,813.7	-3,710.4	-16,223.1
<i>Total capital measures</i>	-120.8	-21.6	-13.1	-2.2	-1.0	-158.5
Total expenditure	-1,118.9	-4,192.4	-3,543.0	-3,815.9	-3,711.3	-16,381.6
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	-	151.6	1.7	2.1	2.0	157.4
Net additional expenditure	-1,118.9	-4,344.0	-3,544.7	-3,818.0	-3,713.4	-16,539.1

Election Commitments

Responsible Economic Management — A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner	-3.0	-	-	-	-
Office of the Workplace Ombudsman	-	-	-	-1.0	-1.0
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-0.7	-3.3	-7.2	-7.2
Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat	-2.3	-1.3	-1.3	-2.5	-2.5
Workplace Authority	-30.0	-30.0	-106.2	-97.3	-97.3
Total	-35.3	-32.0	-110.8	-108.0	-108.0

The Government will rationalise and modernise the workplace relations system, resulting in reduced costs of \$394.1 million over five years.

A new body, Fair Work Australia, will replace the Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner, the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, the Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat, the Office of the Workplace Ombudsman and the Workplace Authority from 1 January 2010.

The rationalisation and modernisation of the award system and the transition from Australian Workplace Agreements and statutory individual contracts to the new system will result in a reduction in workload for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and portfolio agencies including the Workplace Authority and the Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat in 2007-08 and forward years and the Office of the Workplace Ombudsman from 2010-11.

See also the related expense measure titled *A Fairer and Flexible Workplace Relations System* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Access Card

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	-0.4	-0.5	-1.4	..
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	-1.8	-1.8
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-0.8	-2.4	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
Medicare Australia	-4.5	-54.0	-57.9	-90.1	-56.3
Centrelink	-50.0	-77.9	-64.2	-113.0	-77.1
Department of Human Services	-80.9	-171.9	-119.0	-50.3	-47.4
Total	-136.8	-307.3	-243.6	-258.2	-184.1
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i>	-	..	..	..	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>	-0.1	-	-	-	-
<i>Centrelink</i>	-18.3	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-2.9	..	-	-	-
<i>Medicare Australia</i>	-5.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2
<i>Department of Human Services</i>	-83.2	-2.4	-2.5	-	-
Total	-109.7	-2.6	-2.7	-0.3	-0.2

The Government will not proceed with funding for the Access Card project, which was introduced in the 2006-07 Budget measure *Human Services – Health and social services access card*.

As part of this measure, the Government will provide \$5.0 million per annum, commencing in 2008-09, for the Department of Human Services to maintain its capacity to develop service delivery policy.

This measure will lead to savings of \$1.2 billion, including capital savings of \$115.4 million for access card infrastructure.

The measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measures titled *Service Delivery Reform* and *Human Services – additional funding* in the Human Services portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Advancing Australia — Advancing Agricultural Industries

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-0.4	-6.4	-8.6	-8.8	-8.8

The Government will not proceed with funding for the Advancing Agricultural Industries program, announced in the 2007-08 Budget. The savings from this measure will be used to offset the cost of programs in priority areas for farmers and agriculture as part of the Government's election commitments.

This measure will provide savings of \$33.0 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also related expense measures titled *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships Program*, *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change and Productivity Research Program*, *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adjustment Program*, *Quarantine Research and Preparedness Program*, *National Weeds and Productivity Research Program*, *Regional Food Producers' Innovation and Productivity Program* and *Promoting Australian Produce Program*.

Responsible Economic Management — Advancing Australia — FarmBis

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-4.1	-8.0	-7.9	-8.0	-9.0

The Government will not proceed with funding for the FarmBis program, announced in the 2007-08 Budget, from 1 January 2008. The savings from this measure will be used to offset the cost of the new programs targeted at priority areas for agriculture and farmers as part of the Government's election commitments.

This measure will provide savings of \$37.1 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adaptation Partnership Program*, *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change and Productivity Research Program*, *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adjustment Program*, *Quarantine Research and Preparedness Plan – implementation*, *National Weeds and Productivity Research Program*, *Regional Food Producers, Innovation and Productivity Program* and *Promoting Australian Produce Program*.

Responsible Economic Management — Advancing Australia — FarmHelp

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-22.2	-19.4	-19.5	-17.9	-18.3

The Government will not proceed with funding for the FarmHelp program, announced in the 2007-08 Budget. The savings from this measure will be used to offset the cost of programs in priority areas for farmers and agriculture as part of the Government's election commitments.

This measure will provide savings of \$97.4 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also related expense measures titled *Quarantine Research and Preparedness Program*, *National Needs and Productivity Research Program*, *Regional Food Producers' Innovation and Productivity Program* and *Promoting Australian Produce Program*.

Responsible Economic Management — Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-2.5	-16.9	-22.9	-7.3	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate program.

This measure includes \$0.2 million in capital savings in 2007-08 that was provided for accommodation, and information and communication technology set up costs.

This measure will provide savings of \$50.0 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Australia on the World Stage — enhancement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-1.3	-4.0	-6.8	-6.9	-6.9

The Government will not proceed with the *Australia on the World Stage – enhancement* measure announced in the 2007-08 Budget.

This measure will provide savings of \$26.0 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management. Savings in 2007-08 reflect the initial appropriation less the amount expended up to 31 December 2007.

Responsible Economic Management — Australia-China Free Trade Agreement — departmental funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-0.1	-0.2	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-0.1	-0.2	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-0.1	-0.2	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-0.1	-0.3	-	-	-
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-0.1	-0.3	-	-	-
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-0.2	-0.3	-	-	-
IP Australia	-0.2	-0.3	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-0.2	-0.4	-	-	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-2.1	-4.1	-	-	-
Total	-3.2	-6.4	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with additional funding for negotiation of the Australia-China Free Trade Agreement provided to agencies in the measure *Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – continuation of negotiations* in the 2007-08 Budget, except for \$3.2 million in 2007-08. The future negotiations of the planned free trade agreement with China will be conducted within the existing resources of the relevant departments.

This measure will provide savings of \$9.6 million (including \$3.2 million in 2007-08) and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Industry Productivity Centres

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-12.9	-35.5	-35.6	-36.1	-35.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>	-0.6	-0.5	-	-	-

The Government will redirect funding from the *Australian Industry Productivity Centres* program to the new *Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres* program. The Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres program will establish an improved network of centres to connect businesses with new ideas and new technologies, and provide advisory services.

This measure will provide savings of \$157.0 million, including savings of \$1.1 million in capital funding over two years, and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Technical Colleges — rationalisation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-32.7	-31.5	-17.1	-18.2

The Government will not proceed with funding for the construction of Australian Technical Colleges which have not reached the contract stage.

The Government will honour existing contracts for Australian Technical Colleges commenced by the previous Government.

Training needs across Australian communities will in future be supported through the Government's *Education Revolution* including the \$2.5 billion *Trade Training Centres in Schools* program and additional training places available under the *Skilling Australia for the Future* policy.

This measure will provide savings of \$99.4 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-10.3	-0.3	-	-

The Government will redirect funding from the *Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business Program* to partially offset the cost of the Business Enterprise Centres measure which provides advisory services to small business and subsumes the need for the program.

This measure will provide savings of \$10.5 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Business Enterprise Centres* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Carrick Institute

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-5.4	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding of \$5.4 million in 2007-08 to the Carrick Institute. However, funding to the Carrick Institute from 2008-09 will be retained at the level provided in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. Savings from 2008-09 will be provided from the *Learning and Teaching Performance Fund*.

This measure provides savings of \$5.4 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related savings measure title *Learning and Teaching Performance Fund* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — clinical training for enrolled nurses

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-0.9	-4.3	-5.0	-5.4	-5.7
Department of Health and Ageing	-15.5	-43.6	-30.9	-29.2	-29.5
Total	-16.4	-47.9	-35.9	-34.7	-35.1

The Government will redirect funding from the measure *Clinical training for enrolled nurses* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. The measure was to provide for the creation of 25 Australian Hospital Nursing Schools to deliver hospital-based training within major public and private hospitals for enrolled nurses.

This measure will provide savings of \$169.9 million over five years to offset the Government's election commitments to provide cash bonuses to nurses to increase the number of nurses in hospitals by 7,750 over five years, and in the aged care sector by 1,000 over five years, and provide hospitals and aged care providers with funding to assist with re-training nurses who re-enter the workforce. The Government will also increase the number of higher education nursing places. This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measures titled *Health Workforce — Supporting nurses back into the workforce* and *Mental Health Nurses Training Subsidy — additional funding and redevelopment* in the Health and Ageing portfolio and *Health Workforce — additional higher education nursing places* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Community Business Partnership — abolition

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-0.7	-0.5	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the Community Business Partnership, which was an advisory group on individual and corporate social responsibility. The Government will seek advice on such issues from other relevant groups.

This measure will provide savings of \$1.2 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Defeating the Weed Menace

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-0.3	-	-	-	-

The Government will redirect funding from the *Defeating the Weed Menace* program to fund a fireweed research project under the new *National Weeds and Productivity Research Program*.

This measure will provide savings of \$0.3 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *National Weeds and Productivity Research Program* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Dental treatment — enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic conditions and complex conditions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-2.1	-3.0	-2.7	-2.7	-2.6
Department of Health and Ageing	-39.3	-113.8	-94.9	-110.8	-119.5
Total	-41.4	-116.8	-97.6	-113.5	-122.2

The Government will redirect funding for the measure *Dental treatment – enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic and complex conditions* from 30 March 2008. (Transitional arrangements will however, be put in place for existing patients until 30 June 2008). The measure was previously announced in the 2007-08 Budget and expanded in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. The measure was to enable eligible patients to claim up to \$4,250 worth of Medicare-funded dental treatment over two consecutive calendar years.

The decision to reverse this measure will provide savings of \$491.4 million over five years (including \$41.4 million in 2007-08) to offset the Government's election commitments to reduce public dental waiting lists under the Commonwealth Dental Health Program and to fund preventative dental checks for teenagers under the Medicare Teen Dental Plan.

See also the related expense measures titled *Health and Hospitals Reform – Dental Health – Teen Dental Plan* and *Health and Hospitals Reform – Dental Health – Commonwealth Dental Health Program* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade — budget sustainability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-0.5	3.1	-11.3	-11.3	-9.4

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – budget sustainability* measure announced in the 2006-07 Budget.

This measure includes \$12.0 million in 2008-09 for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to support Australia's overseas interests.

This measure will provide savings of \$29.4 million (including \$0.5 million in 2007-08) and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Digital Action Plan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-1.3	-1.2	-1.3	-	-
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-2.1	-4.6	-4.9	-	-
Total	-3.4	-5.9	-6.2	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-0.2	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the Digital Action Plan, which included the creation of Digital Australia and additional funding for the Australian Communications and Media Authority. Support will be provided instead under a broader plan for Digital Television Switchover, which includes a range of initiatives such as a comprehensive labelling scheme to assist consumers to understand the digital capability of prospective purchases and a public awareness campaign to ensure Australia completes its digital television switchover by 31 December 2013.

This measure will provide savings of \$15.6 million over three years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Digital Television Switchover – additional funding* in the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio.

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Responsible Economic Management — Do Not Call Register — cost recovery

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.8

The Government will now require the telemarketing industry to fund the full operational costs of the Do Not Call Register by increasing the annual subscription fees paid by the industry from 1 July 2008. Previously the telemarketing industry made only a partial contribution to the Register's operational costs.

The Government will continue to fund the Australian Communications and Media Authority for the regulatory functions associated with the register.

This measure will provide savings of \$4.2 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Efficiency Dividend

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Various Agencies	-96.1	-411.9	-414.4	-416.4	-420.3

The Government will apply a one-off 2 per cent efficiency dividend to all departmental expenses that are currently subject to the on-going efficiency dividend. This will result in savings of \$1,759.1 million over five years.

The one-off 2 per cent efficiency dividend applies to the departmental funding of most Australian Government agencies and reduces the level of funding provided in the specified years to ensure efficiencies are returned to the Budget.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Electronic Authentication and Verification

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-6.0	-8.4	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>	-1.7	-1.5	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the Electronic Authentication and Verification (VANguard system). The VANguard system was being developed to provide electronic validation, authentication and notary services. Further development in this area will be met from within existing resourcing of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

This measure will provide savings of \$17.6 million over two years (including \$7.7 million in 2007-08) and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Financial Literacy Foundation — transfer

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-2.7	-5.4	-5.4	-	-
Total	-2.7	-5.4	-5.4	-	-

The Government will not proceed with supplementary funding for the Financial Literacy Foundation. The functions of the Foundation are more appropriately carried out by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission which has responsibilities for consumer education in financial services.

This measure will provide savings of \$13.5 million over three years from 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

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Responsible Economic Management — Future Fund Advisory Unit

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7

The Government will not proceed with funding for the Future Fund Advisory Unit announced in the 2006-07 Budget. The cost of advising on Future Fund matters will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

This measure will provide savings of \$3.2 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Government Communication Unit — abolition

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-1.0	-2.1	-2.1	-2.1	-2.1

The Government will not proceed with the Government Communication Unit in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

This measure will provide savings of \$9.3 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Green Vouchers for Schools

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-99.6	-149.1	-51.3	-34.3	-

The Government will redirect funding from the *Green Vouchers for Schools* program to the new *National Solar Schools Plan*.

This measure will provide savings of \$334.3 million over four years to partially offset the Government's election commitment *National Solar Schools Plan*. The plan will provide grants of up to \$50,000 to all Australian schools to install solar panels, and invest in energy and water efficiency improvements.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *National Solar Schools Plan* in the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-4.2	-0.6	-3.6	2.1	2.1

The Government will redirect \$4.2 million from the *Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program* to the new *Renewable Energy, Clean Business, Energy Innovation* and *National Clean Coal Funds*. These initiatives are part of the Government's response to addressing Climate Change.

The Government will also reprofile \$4.2 million in funding from 2007-08 into 2010-11 and 2011-12 (\$2.1 million in each year), to align with the funding requirements of the *Australian Coal Mine Methane Reduction Program*, which is funded from the *Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program*.

This measure will provide savings of \$4.2 million over two years from 2008-09 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also related expense measures titled *National Clean Coal Fund, Renewable Energy Fund, Clean Business Fund* and *Energy Innovation Fund* in the Resources, Energy and Tourism portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Health and Medical Investment Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-103.8	-122.4	-125.5

The Government will not proceed with the Health and Medical Investment Fund announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. A new fund to support future investment in health infrastructure will be established.

This measure will provide savings of \$351.7 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Health and Hospitals Fund – establishment* in the Finance and Deregulation portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Healthy Active Australia — promoting healthy living

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-0.2	-0.4	-	-	-
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-0.4	-1.2	-	-	-
Total	-0.6	-1.5	-	-	-

The Government will redirect funding from the *Healthy Active Australia – promoting healthy living* measure. The program aimed to develop a Wellbeing Plan for Children and to update Australia’s scientific guidelines on children’s nutrition. The Government considers this program is no longer required given the new initiatives it has introduced to reduce childhood obesity.

This measure will provide savings of \$1.6 million over two years (including \$0.4 million in 2007-08) to partially offset the new Healthy Habits for Life – funding for production.

See also the related expense measure *Healthy Habits for Life – Guide for Parents* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Human Services — departmental funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Human Services	-1.5	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0

The Government will not proceed with funding for *Human Services – additional funding* announced in the 2007-08 Budget. During 2008-09 the Department of Human Services will reassess priorities and service delivery options within the Human Services portfolio.

This measure will provide savings of \$13.5 million over five years and delivers on the Government’s commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related savings measure titled *Abolition of the Access Card* and related expense measure titled *Service Delivery Reform* in the Human Services portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Institute for Trade Skills Excellence

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-6.4	-4.8	-4.8	-4.9

The Government will redirect funding from the Institute for Trade Skills Excellence. The Government will work with the Institute to facilitate the transition from the current level of funding.

This measure will provide savings of \$20.9 million over four years to partially offset the Government's election commitment *Skilling Australia for the Future*. Activities funded through this initiative will include establishing Skills Australia, which will advise the Government about the future skills needs of the economy.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Skilling Australia for the Future* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Invest Australia functions — merge into Austrade

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-12.3	-23.8	-24.2	-24.2	-

The Government will fold the functions of Invest Australia into Austrade. This measure will achieve efficiency savings and will align inward and outward investment functions within a single organisation, Austrade.

This measure will provide savings of \$84.5 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Responsible Economic Management — Magnetic Resonance Imaging — improved access

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	..	..	..	..	..
Department of Health and Ageing	-0.6	-9.7	-14.9	-14.6	-14.7
Total	-0.6	-9.7	-14.9	-14.7	-14.8

The Government will redirect funding from the measure *Magnetic Resonance Imaging – improved access* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08* which provided funding for Medicare-eligible Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) units in 11 locations.

This measure will provide savings of \$54.7 million over five years to offset the Government's election commitment, *Health and Hospital Reform Plan*.

This Measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See the related expense measure titled *Health and Hospitals Reform – Better Outcomes for Hospital and Community Health* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Medibank Private Limited — not proceeding with the sale

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-50.0	-101.3	-103.8
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-0.7	-13.3	-	-	-
Total	-0.7	-13.3	-50.0	-101.3	-103.8

The Government will achieve savings of \$14.0 million over two years from 2007-08 (including savings of \$0.7 million in 2007-08) from not proceeding with the sale of Medibank Private Limited. As a result of not proceeding with the sale of Medibank Private, there will be reduction in the estimated funds that were to be transferred to the Health and Medical Investment Fund. This will result in a reduction in expenditure relative to estimates incorporated into the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007*.

The provision of funding for the sale of Medibank Private Limited was announced in the 2006-07 Budget.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Responsible Economic Management — Ministerial and Opposition Staff — 30 per cent reduction

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-15.4	-27.0	-27.5	-28.7	-27.7

The Government will reduce the number of Ministerial and Opposition personal staff by 30 per cent. This reduction in Ministerial and Opposition staffing reverses past increases in staff numbers.

This measure will provide savings of \$126.3 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — National Capital Authority — streamlining responsibilities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
National Capital Authority	-1.6	-3.7	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5

The Government has reduced funding for the National Capital Authority from 2007-08. This savings measure recognises that the National Capital Authority and the Australian Capital Territory Government have overlapping responsibilities.

This measure will provide savings of \$15.8 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — National Food Industry Strategy — Food Innovation Grants

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-11.6	-12.4	-12.6	-12.9	-13.2

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Food Innovation Grants* program announced in the 2007-08 Budget. The savings from this measure will be used to offset the cost of programs in priority areas for farmers and agriculture as part of the Government's election commitments.

This measure will provide savings of \$62.7 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

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See also related expense measures titled *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships Program*, *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change and Productivity Research Program*, *Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adjustment Program*, *Quarantine Research and Preparedness Program*, *National Weeds and Productivity Research Program*, *Regional Food Producers' Innovation and Productivity Program* and *Promoting Australian Produce Program*.

Responsible Economic Management — New Industries Development Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-0.2	-2.4	-2.7	-1.3	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *New Industries Development Program* announced in the 2004-05 Budget. The Government will assist regional food producers and processors to improve productivity and innovation through the *Regional Food Producers' Innovation and Productivity Program*.

This measure will provide savings of \$6.6 million to partly offset the Government's election commitment *Plan for Sustainable Fisheries*.

See also the related expense measure titled *Regional Food Producers' Innovation and Productivity Program* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Offshore processing centres in Nauru and Manus Province — closure

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-2.3	-16.1	-16.4	-16.7	-17.2

The Government has closed the offshore processing centres in Nauru and in the Manus Province of Papua New Guinea, to replace the former Government's Pacific Solution.

This measure includes arrangements for site remediation as well as meeting obligations to host governments, the International Organization for Migration, and other service providers on the closure of the centres.

This measure will provide savings of \$68.6 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Onshore Assistance of Fisheries Adjustment Package

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-5.5	-	-	-	-

The Government will reduce funding for the onshore assistance component of the *Securing our Fishing Future* structural adjustment package. The third round of funding was completed in December 2007 and was considered sufficient to address any remaining adverse indirect impacts from the rationalisation of the fishing industry. The savings from this measure will be used to offset the cost of programs in priority areas for sustainable fisheries as part of the Government's election commitments.

This measure will provide savings of \$5.5 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Parliamentarians' printing entitlement — reduction

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	-4.3	-6.1	-9.7	-4.3

The Government will reduce funding for printing entitlements for Members of the House of Representatives from \$150,000 to \$100,000 per financial year and will also remove the provision to roll over up to 45 per cent of the printing entitlement from one year to the next. The printing entitlement for Senators will be reduced from \$20,000 to \$16,667 per financial year. The changes will take place from 1 July 2008 and will more than reverse the increases in printing allowances that occurred from 1 July 2006.

This measure will provide savings of \$24.4 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Parliamentary Local Liaison Officers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Human Services	..	..	..	..	..
Medicare Australia	..	..	..	..	..
Centrelink	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Total	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5

The Government will discontinue the parliamentarians' *Local Liaison Officer* program that was introduced in early 2005 to assist parliamentarians in handling constituent queries.

This measure will provide savings of \$2.1 million over five years (including \$0.2 million in 2007-08) and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Radiation oncology — redirect funds to establish oncology facilities in Cairns and Lismore

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-8.3	-7.0	-	-

The Government will redirect funding from the *Better Access to Radiation Oncology* program. This measure will provide savings of \$15.3 million over two years to offset the Government's election commitment to establish radiation oncology facilities in Cairns and Lismore Base Hospital.

See also the related expense measures titled *Health and Hospitals Reform – Radiation oncology – funding contribution for services in Cairns* and *Health and Hospitals Reform – Radiation oncology – funding for Lismore Integrated Cancer Centre* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — regulations for private rulings requiring valuations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-4.1	-13.3	-6.5	-6.3	-6.4

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Regulations for private rulings requiring valuations* measure announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. This measure would have allowed taxpayers to seek valuations from members of an approved professional association as part of a private ruling.

Allowing valuations by members of an approved profession would have increased the difficulty of maintaining consistency in valuations and would have resulted in increased administration costs for the Australian Taxation Office. The previous arrangements, whereby only valuations performed by registered and accredited valuers are accepted, will remain in place.

This measure will provide savings of \$36.6 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

Responsible Economic Management — Skills for the Future — business skills vouchers for apprentices

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-2.7	-3.2	-4.0	-4.0

The Government will redirect funding from the *Skills for the Future – business skills vouchers for apprentices* program. This measure will provide savings of \$13.9 million over four years to partially offset the Government's election commitment *Skilling Australia for the Future*. Activities funded through this initiative, including up to 630,000 additional training places over five years for Certificate II and above qualifications, will replace the need for the *Skills for the Future – business skills vouchers for apprentices* program.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Skilling Australia for the Future* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Skills for the Future — work skills vouchers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-16.3	-190.4	-190.4	-190.6	-190.6

The Government will redirect funding from the *Skills for the Future – work skills vouchers* program. This program provided training vouchers to Australians aged 25 years and over who do not have a Year 12 or equivalent qualification.

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This measure will provide savings of \$778.3 million over five years to partially offset the Government's election commitment *Skilling Australia for the Future*. Activities funded through this initiative, including up to 630,000 additional training places over five years, will replace the need for the *Skills for the Future – work skills vouchers* program. *This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.*

See also the related expense measure titled *Skilling Australia for the Future* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Tasmanian Health Services Infrastructure

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-6.0	-19.3	-7.5	-2.3	-2.2

The Government will not proceed with the measure *Tasmanian Health Services Infrastructure* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*.

This measure will provide savings of \$37.3 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

These funds will be redirected to the Government's programs for health services in Tasmania including an integrated care centre at Launceston General Hospital, improved patient and health related community transport, and an oncology/cancer service for the north/north west region of Tasmania.

See also the related expense measure titled *Better Outcomes for Hospitals and Community Health* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

Other measures

Responsible Economic Management — Adjusting the funding for specific health programs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-113.7	-138.1	-130.3	-123.1
Total	-	-113.0	-137.8	-130.1	-122.9

The Government will adjust the funding for a number of health programs that have a history of lower than anticipated expenditure by aligning future funding more closely with anticipated demand. This measure will not impact on the delivery of these health programs and the Government will review funding levels for individual programs should demand exceed expected take-up rates in the future.

The efficient allocation of resources is a core element of the Government's health reform initiatives. The adjustments have been made to eight programs primarily focused on providing grants for primary care projects, education and training for health care providers. These programs have total funding of \$854.5 million in 2008-09 and \$3.3 billion over the four years 2008-09 to 2011-12. The programs are:

- Primary Care Financing, Quality and Access;
- Primary Care Education and Training;
- Primary Care Policy, Innovation and Research;
- Pathology Services;
- Mental Health;
- e-Health Implementation; and
- Diagnostic Imaging.

This measure will provide savings of \$503.7 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — After-hours medical services — streamlining grants funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-3.5	-5.7	-8.7	-8.2
Total	-	-3.6	-5.8	-8.7	-8.2

The Government will rationalise and streamline grants to general practices providing after-hours medical services. Currently, there are two programs providing grants to support these services, including funding to help establish new facilities and to support the ongoing cost of providing after-hour services.

Under the new arrangements, grant funding will be available under one program. This will allow for more efficient administration and reduce complexity for general practices accessing the grants funding. This program will continue to provide grants to support the operations of existing and new after-hour services, but funding to establish new facilities will no longer be available. Funding to establish new after-hours services will be provided under the *Health and Hospitals Reform – GP Super Clinics* measure.

See the related expense measure titled *GP Super Clinics* in the Health and Ageing portfolio.

This measure will provide savings of \$26.2 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Alerting the Community to the Links Between Illicit Drugs and Mental Illness — advertising and information campaigns

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-9.0	-0.7	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the final two years of funding for the program *COAG Mental Health – alerting the community to the links between illicit drugs and mental illness* announced in the 2006-07 Budget. This program previously provided \$21.6 million over four years primarily for media and education campaigns. Messages providing information to help people understand the links between drug use and the development of mental illness will be delivered instead through the National Drugs Strategy as part of broader illicit drug communications programs.

This measure will provide savings of \$9.7 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Apprenticeship Incentives for Agriculture and Horticulture

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-7.7	-12.7	-13.5	-13.9	-0.9

The Government will continue to provide funding for Apprenticeship Incentives for Agriculture and Horticulture. All first and second year Australian Apprentices undertaking a Certificate level II, III or IV qualification in agriculture, and those in rural and regional areas who are undertaking a Certificate level II, III or IV qualification in horticulture, will continue to be eligible for the \$500 fee assistance training voucher and the tools for your trade initiative.

Additional funding included in the forward estimates to fund this measure will be withdrawn and the cost of this measure will be met from within existing resources of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

This will provide savings of \$48.7 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Asia-Pacific forestry skills and capacity building

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-2.9	-4.3	-4.3	-4.3	-

The Government will not proceed with additional funding for the *Asia-Pacific forestry skills and capacity building* measure announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. Funding for this measure will be provided from the existing International Forest Carbon Initiatives program.

This measure will provide savings of \$15.7 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — AusLink — inland rail — revision of measure

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-10.8	-54.2	65.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over three years from 2007-08 to the Australian Rail Track Corporation for a scoping study involving the detailed planning and design work for a potential inland rail corridor. The Government is deferring, until the outcome of the study is clear, the expenditure of \$85.0 million for projects on existing sections of the AusLink rail network which could contribute to a future inland rail corridor. This deferred expenditure includes \$10.8 million from 2007-08 and \$54.2 million from 2008-09 which will now be expended in 2009-10.

The previous measure was announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Australia Connected — cancellation of the OPEL contract

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-99.1	-634.2	-226.0	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the OPEL Networks (the Optus and Elders joint venture) broadband network. OPEL's Implementation Plan did not satisfy the condition precedent of the funding agreement, and as a result the contract has been terminated.

This measure will provide savings of \$959.3 million over three years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *National Broadband Network – rollout* in the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio.

**Responsible Economic Management — Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement
— commencement of negotiations**

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Various Agencies	-	-1.1	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with half of the funding for Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement negotiations for 2008-09 provided to agencies in the measure *Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations* announced in the 2007-08 Budget. Funding provided in 2007-08 has been retained by the agencies. Future negotiations on the Free Trade Agreement will draw to a greater extent on the existing resourcing of the relevant agencies. This will not affect the Government's capacity to undertake the negotiations.

This measure will provide savings of \$1.1 million in 2008-09 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-5.1	-5.1	-5.2	-5.2

The Government will redirect funding from the *Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development Program*. The funding was originally allocated to support increased opportunities for school-based New Apprenticeships in the trades, but has not been achieving this objective efficiently. Increased opportunities for school-based New Apprenticeships in the trades will now be met through implementation of the Government's *Skilling Australia for the Future* and *Trade Training Centres in Schools* plans.

This measure will provide savings of \$20.6 million over four years to offset the Government's election commitments, *Early Childhood – Strong Quality Standards in Child Care* and *Early Years Learning Framework*.

See also the related expense measures titled *Strong Quality Standards in Child Care* and *Early Years Learning Framework* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Apprenticeships State and Territory Incentives Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-5.3	-15.6	-20.5	-22.2

The Government will not proceed with incentives provided to State and Territory governments under the *Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program* to employ apprentices.

The Government does not provide these incentives to its own agencies and considers that State and Territory governments should accept full responsibility for funding their agencies to employ apprentices. This measure does not affect the eligibility of local government agencies to receive incentives under the program and does not affect payments made to apprentices.

This measure will provide savings of \$63.6 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Defence Force — fewer non-operational overseas postings and exchanges

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	0.5	1.6	2.2	2.3

The Government will phase out 89 Department of Defence non-operational overseas postings and exchanges and will reduce funding for overseas travel by \$7.0 million per year. There will be no reduction in Australian Defence Force numbers as a result of this measure.

The measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management by providing savings of \$86.4 million over four years, which will be reinvested in priority projects within Defence.

The measure is also expected to increase taxation revenue by \$6.6 million over four years, as personnel posted on non-operational deployments are taxed concessionally.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Federal Police airport liaison officer network

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	-1.5	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with full funding for the measure *National Security – Australian Federal Police airport liaison officer network*, announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2003-04*. The network provides an Australian Federal Police coordination point at major airports for national security related issues.

Half of the funding to maintain the liaison officer network will be provided instead from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Federal Police. Separate funding of \$1.5 million for the remaining cost of maintaining the network at current levels has been retained in the estimates for 2008-09. Provision for funding from 2009-10 to 2011-12 has been included in the forward estimates, pending a review of the measure in the 2009-10 Budget.

This measure will provide savings of \$1.5 million in 2008-09 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Federal Police surge capacity

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	-2.5	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the measure *National Security – Australian Federal Police surge capacity*, announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*.

Funding to maintain a surge capacity at current levels will be provided from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Federal Police.

Provision for funding from 2009-10 to 2011-12 has already been included in the forward estimates, pending a review of the measure in the 2009-10 Budget.

This measure will provide savings of \$2.5 million in 2008-09 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Federal Police — termination of residential and accommodation leases in Papua New Guinea

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-0.7	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for residential accommodation leases intended for Australian Federal Police personnel in Papua New Guinea that are unoccupied and no longer required.

This measure will provide savings of \$0.7 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian National Rugby Academy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-5.0	-10.0	-10.0	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Australian National Rugby Academy* measure announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*.

This measure will provide savings of \$25.0 million over three years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	-	-2.1	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7

The Government will reduce the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation's funding in recognition of the need for all agencies to achieve further efficiencies and prioritise resources. The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation's funding will remain exempt from the standard annual efficiency dividend.

This measure will provide savings of \$7.3 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	-1.3	-	-	-

The Government will reduce funding for the *Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program*. This program provides funding to Australia's major political parties for international activities. The program has a history of underspending and the arrangements after 2008-09 will be reviewed to determine whether the program should be refocused.

This measure will provide savings of \$1.3 million in 2008-09 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Australia Post Special Dividend

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	150.0	-	-	-

The Government will receive a special dividend of \$150.0 million from Australia Post in 2008-09. The special dividend reflects the strong financial position of Australia Post.

Responsible Economic Management — Australian Tourism Development Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-6.9	-4.3	-4.3	-

The Government will reduce funding to the Australian Tourism Development Program and will focus the program on projects with greater community benefits. Funding of \$6.5 million in 2008-09, \$4.0 million in 2009-10 and \$4.0 million in 2010-11 will be retained to provide competitive, merit-based grants to tourism projects across Australia, including election commitments and projects that promote tourism development for Indigenous communities and in drought-affected areas of regional and rural Australia.

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This measure will provide savings of \$15.5 million over three years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Better targeting and delivery of Baby Bonus

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-52.4	-96.5	-101.0	-104.7

The Government will limit eligibility to the Baby Bonus to families with an adjusted taxable income of \$75,000 or less in the six months after the birth of a baby (equivalent to an annual income of \$150,000) from 1 January 2009. This will ensure that family payments are targeted to families on the basis of need.

The Government will also pay the Baby Bonus in 13 fortnightly instalments from the date of claim, rather than as a lump sum, to all eligible births from 1 January 2009.

The Government will increase the Baby Bonus from \$4,258 to \$5,000 on 1 July 2008 and will index the payments by the Consumer Price Index each subsequent year on 1 July. In addition, the Baby Bonus will be extended to families with newly adopted children aged from two years to 16 years, from 1 January 2009.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$377.2 million and to cost \$22.6 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$354.5 million over four years. The measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$6.4 million in 2008-09, \$5.5 million in 2009-10, \$5.3 million in 2010-11, and \$5.0 million in 2011-12.

Responsible Economic Management — Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit — \$150,000 income test on primary earner for FTB-B

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.5	-112.8	-132.4	-141.2	-158.0

The Government will limit eligibility for Family Tax Benefit Part B to families where the primary earner has an adjusted taxable income of \$150,000 a year or less. Adjusted taxable income includes taxable income, plus other amounts that reflect a person's financial means, such as net rental property losses and tax free pensions or benefits. The income test will be indexed annually by the consumer price index. This measure will ensure that family payments are targeted to families on the basis of need.

This measure is expected to deliver net savings of \$543.8 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.5 million in 2007-08 and savings from Centrelink of \$0.1 million in 2008-09, \$1.4 million in 2009-10, \$1.7 million in 2010-11, and \$2.1 million in 2011-12.

Responsible Economic Management — Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit — continuous adjustment to reduce over-payments of Family Tax Benefit

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	1.7	-14.3	-0.5	0.6

The Government will ensure that when families advise during the year that their income estimate has increased, their Family Tax Benefit payments will be adjusted, with the aim of avoiding any overpayment. This 'continuous adjustment' measure will commence from 1 July 2009. This measure is directed at avoiding overpayment and the need for families to pay back Family Tax Benefit debts.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$3.6 million. This measure is expected to lead to net savings from Family Tax Benefit of \$12.5 million over four years.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit — streamlining administration

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	2,139.5	2,171.4	2,210.8	2,250.2
Australian Taxation Office	-	-2,159.3	-2,196.4	-2,238.7	-2,278.7
Total	-	-19.8	-25.0	-27.9	-28.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	1.6	-	-	-

The Government will simplify the delivery of the Family Tax Benefit. From 1 July 2009, the Family Tax Benefit will only be paid and claimed through Centrelink and Medicare, and not through the tax system. This will simplify claiming arrangements for families and reduce administrative costs. Families will still be able to choose between lump sum claims made at the end of the year and fortnightly instalments.

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This measure will lead to net savings of \$99.7 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$3.5 million in 2008-09, \$6.0 million in 2009-10, \$6.1 million in 2010-11, and \$6.1 million in 2011-12.

Responsible Economic Management — Bimbimbie Wildlife Park

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding towards the infrastructure costs of establishing the Community Wildlife Centre in the Bimbimbie Wildlife Park, Victoria. This funding was not subject to a competitive selection process.

The \$2.5 million contribution in 2007-08, as announced in the *2007 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook*, was to be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. The funding has been reallocated by the Department to other priorities.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Biodiversity Hotspots — reduction in funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-6.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will reduce funding for the Biodiversity Hotspots program in 2007-08. There were insufficient suitable projects identified under the program to utilise all the available funding.

This measure will provide savings of \$6.0 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — BroadbandNow

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-2.4	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for BroadbandNow, which was designed to provide information to help consumers understand the broadband options available to them and how to get connected. This function duplicated initiatives provided by industry and the Broadband Service Locator, available on the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy website.

This measure will provide savings of \$2.4 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Capability Technology Demonstrator Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-4.3	-13.0	-13.0

The Government will reduce funding for the *Capability Technology Demonstrator Program*. The program provides funds to subsidise the defence industry's development of demonstration technologies that may enhance Australian Defence Force capability.

Base funding for the program will be set at \$13.0 million per annum for the four years 2008-09 to 2011-12, with additional funding of \$13.0 million in 2008-09 and \$8.7 million in 2009-10 to meet existing commitments.

The program has a low rate of successful transition to Australian Defence Forces service. The program's efficiency will be enhanced by focusing resources on projects that target development of the Australian Defence Force's priority technologies. The *Defence White Paper*, due for completion in 2008, will examine more effective approaches to working with defence industry.

This measure will provide savings of \$30.3 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

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Responsible Economic Management — Career Advice Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-2.9	-2.9	-2.9	-2.9

The Government will redirect residual funding from the Career Advice Australia program to two new programs: *Mentors for Our Students* and *Enterprise and Career Education – School Business Linkages*. The *Mentors for Our Students* program will pilot a volunteer mentoring program involving recently retired tradespeople and professionals sharing their knowledge and skills with younger Australians. The *Enterprise and Career Education – School Business Linkages* program will strengthen partnerships between schools and businesses and develop innovative, high quality, relevant work and training programs for vocational education and training in schools.

This measure will provide savings of \$11.4 million over four years to offset the Government's election commitments *Mentors for Our Students* and *Labor's Education Revolution: New Directions for Vocational Education and Training*.

The Government will also provide \$51.2 million over two years (including \$33.9 million in 2008-09 and \$17.3 million in 2009-10) to extend the Career Advice Australia program. Career Advice Australia provides access to career information and advice, meaningful work experience and quality information about industry opportunities to help young people make informed decisions about their future. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

See also the related expense measures titled *Mentors for Our Students* and *Enterprise and Career Education – School Business Linkages* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Centrelink — further call centre supplementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-3.3	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-1.7	-	-	-	-
Total	-5.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Centrelink – further call centre supplementation – continuation* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Year Outlook 2007-08*.

Centrelink was able to meet call centre demand for the 2007-08 financial year within existing funding.

This measure will provide savings of \$5.0 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Additional funding for call centres has been provided for the 2008-09 financial year.

See also the related measure titled *Centrelink call centre supplementation – continuation* in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Chamber Music Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-0.1	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with a one-off contribution to Chamber Music Australia. Chamber Music Australia is supported by the corporate sector and a number of public sector agencies in Victoria, reducing the need for support from the Australian Government.

This measure will provide savings of \$0.1 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Chemical, biological and radiological incident response — provision of deployable mortuaries

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	-0.8	-0.8	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the purchase of deployable mortuaries announced in the 2006-07 Budget. The Attorney-General's Department has determined that deployable mortuaries could be more effectively delivered through a service agreement with a commercial provider.

This measure will provide savings of \$1.6 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Chemotherapy Drugs — more efficient arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	4.4	-31.9	-33.6	-35.8
Medicare Australia	-	0.6	0.1	..	..
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-3.3	-3.2	-3.4
Total	-	4.9	-35.0	-36.8	-39.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Medicare Australia	-	0.8	-	-	-

The Government will implement more efficient arrangements for funding chemotherapy drugs on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and under the Chemotherapy Pharmaceutical Access Program. Under the new arrangements, to commence from 1 July 2009, chemotherapy drugs will be funded on the amount of active ingredient used, rather than by the number of vials used. In addition to meeting the cost of the drug, the Government will also pay a mixing fee of \$40 per prescription to assist in the cost of preparing the drugs for infusion. This fee will replace the current wholesaler mark-up and pharmacy dispensing fee provided for prescriptions of these medicines. These changes will not increase the co-payment paid by patients of up to \$31.30 for general patients and \$5.00 for concessional patients.

This measure will provide savings of \$105.4 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Child Care Benefit — remove the minimum rate

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	1.8	-43.8	-51.1	-61.1	-68.1

The Government will strengthen the income testing arrangements for Child Care Benefit, and improve the targeting of Government assistance, by abolishing the Child Care Benefit minimum rate from the first Monday in July 2008.

Families currently using approved care have the hourly rate of Child Care Benefit reduced over certain income ranges down to a minimum rate of Child Care Benefit. This measure will have the effect of reducing the minimum rate of Child Care Benefit to zero. As a result families with higher incomes (over \$110,000 per annum) will no longer receive any Child Care Benefit. However, this measure is being introduced at the same time as the Child Care Tax Rebate is being increased from 30 per cent to 50 per cent and this change to the Child Care Tax Rebate will give families significantly more assistance than will be removed via the abolition of the minimum rate of Child Care Benefit.

This measure will not affect Child Care Benefit for registered care.

This measure will provide net savings of \$222.2 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.7 million in 2007-08, \$4.3 million in 2008-09, \$4.0 million in 2009-10, \$1.0 million in 2010-11, and \$1.0 million in 2011-12.

Responsible Economic Management — Child Support Reforms — revised advertising campaign

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Human Services	-4.9	-	-	-	-

The Government will reduce funding for the *Child Support Reforms – communication strategy* announced in the 2006-07 Budget. The Government has revised the planned communications campaign activities for the Child Support Reforms to use shorter and more accessible methods of delivering information such as newsletters and online information.

This will ensure that parents affected by the reforms are properly informed, but at a lower cost.

This measure will provide savings of \$4.9 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Choice of Superannuation Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-	-1.1	-2.3	-2.3
Australian Taxation Office	-	-6.6	-13.8	-13.8	-13.8
Total	-	-6.6	-14.9	-16.1	-16.1
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	-	-	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1

The Government reduce funding for the *Choice of Superannuation Fund* measure.

The successful implementation of the *Choice of Superannuation Fund* means that additional implementation funding is not required beyond 30 June 2009 for the Australian Taxation Office and the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal. Funding at a reduced level of \$7.2 million for the Australian Taxation Office in 2008-09 will support residual implementation issues. Funding for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission will continue at a reduced level of \$2.7 million per annum from 2010-11, to support the Commission in superannuation related enforcement and compliance issues.

The termination of additional funding for the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal will be matched by a reduction in levies collected by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority through the financial sector supervisory levy on superannuation funds. The Tribunal receives its resources from Government via the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's appropriation.

This measure will provide savings of \$50.5 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Citizenship Test — advertising

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-10.0	-5.6	-2.1	-2.1	-

The Government will reduce funding for Citizenship Test advertising provided as part of the *Citizenship Test* measure announced in the 2007-08 Budget.

Funding of \$1.2 million remains to allow for a range of public relations activities to promote the citizenship test over the next three years.

This measure will provide savings of \$19.8 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Citizenship Test — values statement component

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-1.8	-4.1	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with departmental funding for administering the values statement provided as part of the *Citizenship Test* measure announced in the 2007-08 Budget and the *Citizenship Test – administration* measure announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*.

From 15 October 2007, visa applicants aged 18 years and over have been required to sign a values statement when applying for selected visas. The values statement requires applicants to confirm that they will respect the Australian way of life and obey the laws of Australia before being granted a visa. The existing values statement will continue, but with costs to be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

This measure will provide savings of \$5.9 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Clean Energy Target

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator	-0.5	-1.3	-1.7	-2.2	-2.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator</i>	-	-3.3	-1.1	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the introduction of the Clean Energy Target announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. The Clean Energy Target of 30,000 gigawatt hours of electricity a year generated from low emissions sources by 2020 will be replaced with the expanded Renewable Energy Target of 45,000 gigawatt hours of electricity a year to be generated from renewable sources by 2020.

This measure will provide savings of \$12.3 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Renewable Energy Target – expansion* in the Climate Change portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Climate Change — Asia-Pacific Network for Energy Technology

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-1.9	-3.1	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding to the Asia-Pacific Network for Energy Technology announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*.

This measure will provide savings of \$5.0 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Commercial Ready

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-70.0	-200.2	-213.8	-223.2

The Government will discontinue the *Commercial Ready* program, a grants program for small to medium enterprises that subsidises innovation and its commercialisation. A 2007 report by the Productivity Commission (Public Support for Science and Innovation) found that there is robust evidence that the *Commercial Ready* program supports too many projects that would have proceeded without public support, and that the national benefits from the program are, at best, uncertain.

Pending the outcomes of the National Innovation System Review, innovation will continue to be supported through the *Research and Development Tax Concession* Program, including access to the Research and Development tax offset for small and medium sized companies. In addition, support will be provided through a number of new initiatives including: *Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres*, the *Business Enterprise Centres*, the *Renewable Energy Fund*, the *Energy Innovation Fund*, the *Green Car Innovation Fund* and *Clean Business Australia*.

This measure will provide savings of \$707.2 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management. \$160.0 million over three years from these savings will provide offsets for the Government's Clean Business Australia election commitments.

See also the expense measures *Tackling Climate Change – Clean Business Australia – Climate Ready Program*, *Tackling Climate Change – Clean Business Australia – Green Building Fund* and *Tackling Climate Change – Clean Business Australia – Retooling for Climate Change* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation dividend

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	-9.5	-9.8	-10.2	-10.3

The Government will reduce the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation's funding in recognition of the need for all agencies to achieve further efficiencies and prioritise resources.

This measure will provide savings of \$39.8 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Commonwealth Seniors Health Card — adjusted taxable income test

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	11.6	-9.7	-12.2	-13.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-20.5	-20.1	-21.6
Total	-	12.2	-30.2	-32.4	-34.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will change the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card income test to include gross income from superannuation income streams from a taxed source and include income that is salary sacrificed to superannuation in the income assessment.

The Commonwealth Seniors Health Card provides a range of benefits to people who do not qualify for the Age Pension but have an adjusted taxable income of less than \$50,000 (for singles) or \$80,000 (for couples combined).

This measure will increase fairness by ensuring that, in applying the existing income test, all income received by seniors – whether from superannuation or another source such as a managed fund or interest from a bank account, is treated in the same way.

This measure will cost \$19.4 million over four years to administer and includes funding for Centrelink of \$11.3 million in 2008-09, \$3.3 million in 2009-10, \$1.6 million in 2010-11 and \$1.6 million in 2011-12. This measure includes \$0.2 million in 2008-09 for capital funding for IT system enhancements.

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This measure is expected to result in net savings of \$84.8 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Community Water Grants

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	-41.5	-26.5	-1.9	-3.7

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Community Water Grants* program from 2008-09.

Households will be provided assistance for water and energy saving projects under new measures being introduced by the Government, including the *National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative*, and *Green Loans*.

This measure will provide savings of \$73.6 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Concession Cards — retention while overseas

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.2	..	..	-
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-4.9	-4.9	-4.9	-5.0
Total	-	-4.6	-4.9	-4.9	-5.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will cease the automatic cancellation of concession cards for temporary absences from Australia. This will reduce administration costs. Under this measure, concession cards will remain current during a cardholder's temporary absence from Australia of 13 weeks or less.

This measure is expected to result in net savings through administrative efficiency of \$17.2 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$2.2 million in 2007-08, and savings of \$4.9 million in 2008-09, \$4.9 million in 2009-10, \$4.9 million in 2010-11 and \$5.0 million in 2011-12. This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2008-09 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for Information Technology system changes.

Responsible Economic Management — Continenence Management Strategy — advertising campaign

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-1.5	-1.5	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the final two years of the advertising campaign associated with the Continenence Management Strategy. The Strategy will continue to fund continence management educational activities provided through a range of existing projects.

This measure will provide savings of \$3.0 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Corporations Payments to the States — termination

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Treasury	-	-179.8	-184.3	-188.9	-193.6

The Government will no longer provide payments to the States and the Northern Territory relating to the transfer of companies regulation to the Commonwealth in 1991. These payments are no longer relevant, given the broader reform to the financial framework of the Commonwealth-State relations.

This measure will provide savings of \$746.6 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Department of Immigration and Citizenship — efficiency improvements

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-8.0	-9.9	-12.1	-13.5

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship will implement a range of efficiency initiatives to provide savings of \$43.6 million over four years.

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Efficiencies will be achieved by: making greater use of lower cost processing locations to reduce overhead costs and achieve more efficient visa processing; reprioritising activities within the National Office; encouraging employers to use online systems to check the employment eligibility of temporary residents; encouraging clients to utilise the automated *Visa Entitlement Verification Online* system to reduce manual visa evidencing (stamping); streamlining permanent partner visa assessment arrangements; automating name matching in the movement alert list database; and enhancing global health processing.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Department of Immigration and Citizenship's overseas posts — reduced Australia-based staffing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-5.9	-5.9	-6.0	-6.0

The Government will redeploy Department of Immigration and Citizenship Australia-based operational staff to achieve operational efficiencies.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship has a presence in 68 posts, where it engages around 163 Australia-based and 869 locally engaged employees. This measure will result in an ongoing reduction of 16 Australia-based officers.

This measure will provide savings of \$23.8 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Document Verification Service — Lost and Stolen Document Register

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Crime Commission	-0.5	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Crime Commission</i>	-0.2	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the pilot national register of lost and stolen proof of identity documents announced in the 2006-07 Budget.

A more efficient and effective approach is being developed to make information on lost and stolen identity documents available to appropriate agencies through the Document Verification Service. This will be achieved by working collaboratively with commonwealth, state and territory document issuing agencies to develop common protocols for managing lost and stolen document information.

This measure will provide savings of \$0.7 million in 2007-08 (including capital of \$0.2 million) and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Drought Package 2006 — revised communications campaign

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Human Services	-0.9	-	-	-	-

The Government will reduce communications and advertising funding for drought assistance announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07*.

Research findings indicate there is already a high level of awareness about drought assistance in affected areas. On-the-ground outreach and associated public relations for drought-affected communities will continue to be delivered by Centrelink through its program of drought buses and media promotion activities.

This measure will provide savings of \$0.9 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Drought Package 2007 — assistance to rural research and development corporations and companies

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-2.0	-8.0	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the *Drought Package 2007 – assistance to rural research and development corporations and companies* measure announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. Additional funding for rural research and development corporations and companies will be available under the new *Climate Change and Productivity Research Program*.

Budget Measures 2008-09

This measure will provide savings of \$10.0 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Climate Change and Productivity Research Program* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Drought Package 2007 — communications

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-5.5	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for media advertising in 2008-09 for the measure titled *Drought Package 2007 – communications* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*.

This measure will provide savings of \$5.5 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Drought Package 2007 — re-establishment assistance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-26.0	-72.8	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with part of the funding for the measure titled *Drought Package 2007 – re-establishment assistance* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*.

The revised funding recognises that the rate of take up by primary producers has been significantly lower than expected. There has been no change to the eligibility criteria of the program and no limit placed on the number of re-establishment grants available.

This measure will provide savings of \$98.9 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — ECLIPSE System — discontinue development

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	-2.9	-5.7	-5.8	-5.8

The Government will not proceed with funding for further development of the ECLIPSE system. A review has indicated there is little value in adding to existing ECLIPSE functions.

The Government will maintain the present ECLIPSE system that allows private health funds or Medicare Australia to advise private patients seeking treatment in hospital to establish, prior to treatment, how much they are likely to be out of pocket on the basis of quotes from Medicare Australia and private health funds.

This measure will provide savings of \$20.3 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Employment Entry Payment — Abolish from 1 July 2008

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.1	-4.2	-4.3	-4.2	-4.2
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	0.9	-10.7	-11.5	-11.4	-11.3
Total	1.0	-14.9	-15.8	-15.6	-15.5

The Government will abolish the Employment Entry Payment from 1 July 2008. The assistance provided by the payment has been largely duplicated by the Working Credit and, for those with connections to the Job Network, through Job Seeker Accounts and/or the Special Employment Advance.

This measure will provide net savings of \$60.8 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

The measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.0 million in 2007-08 and \$0.7 million in 2008-09.

Responsible Economic Management — Employment Services for 2009-10 to 2011-12

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	54.5	-38.9	-148.4	-157.7
Department of Human Services	-	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Department of Finance and Deregulation	..	0.4	-	-	-
Total	0.0	56.2	-37.6	-147.1	-156.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.2	2.9	-	-

The Government will implement a reformed employment services system from 1 July 2009 with total funding of \$3.7 billion over three years. The reformed system will better target assistance to the most disadvantaged job seekers, improve linkages with education and training, create greater flexibility for employment services providers to deliver assistance tailored to job seeker needs and encourage greater engagement with employers.

Under the reformed system, employment services providers will be encouraged to refer job seekers to education or training opportunities, including the additional training places (including apprenticeships) available for job seekers under the Government's *Skilling Australia for the Future* policy. Improving the skills of job seekers will boost their opportunity to gain sustainable employment.

As part of the new approach to employment services \$41.0 million will be provided over three years to establish a fund for innovative initiatives that will address barriers to gaining employment experienced by disadvantaged job seekers including those who are homeless or who have a mental illness.

Under the reformed system, separate contracts will be replaced with a single contract. The better targeted and efficient employment services arrangements will deliver savings of \$370.2 million over three years. Many registered providers are also Registered Training Organisations and will be eligible to provide the extra training places available under the *Skilling Australia for the Future* policy.

This measure includes \$8.2 million over two years for a tender to select suitable providers of new employment services. A further \$83.0 million will be provided over five years (including \$5.1 million in capital) for: transitioning existing job seekers into the new employment service and legislative changes; IT systems upgrades to underpin the delivery of employment services; and a longitudinal study to evaluate the experiences, pathways and outcomes of job seekers once they leave income support.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$30.2 million in 2008-09, \$11.8 million in 2009-10, \$9.7 million in 2010-11 and \$3.4 million in 2011-12.

See also the related expense measure titled *Skilling Australia for the Future* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Ethanol Distribution Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-5.0	-	-	-	-

The Government has reduced funding to the *Ethanol Distribution Program* in 2007-08 to better align funding under the program with the demand for grants. The *Ethanol Distribution Program* provides grants of up to \$20,000 for retail service stations, reducing the cost of installing or converting the infrastructure necessary to supply ethanol blended petrol, and encouraging the take-up of those fuels. Funding of \$11.0 million in 2008-09 and \$2.3 million in 2009-10 will be maintained, providing continued assistance to encourage development of facilities at service stations.

This measure will provide savings of \$5.0 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Ethanol Production Grants

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-10.8	-	-	-	-

The Government has reduced funding to the *Ethanol Production Grants Program* in 2007-08 to better align funding available with the demand for grants, ongoing eligibility is not changed. The *Ethanol Production Grants Program* provides a targeted means of promoting the use of biofuels in Australia. Funding for this program in 2008-09 and the forward estimates has been maintained.

This measure will provide savings of \$10.8 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Family Relationship Centres — advertising

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-2.2	-6.7	-3.2	-3.2	-3.2

The Government will not proceed with funding for advertising relating to Family Relationship Centres announced in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 Budgets.

The Government will maintain funding to allow the services provided by Family Relationships Centres to be promoted through church and social welfare organisations, with information also available via the internet and a telephone hotline.

This measure will provide savings of \$18.5 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was originally announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008 and further savings were identified upon review of the advertising requirements relating to Family Relationship Centres.

Responsible Economic Management — Family Tax Benefit — cease fortnightly payments for recipients who do not lodge tax returns

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	41.6	13.3	121.1	-115.5	-137.6

The Government will implement changes to address Family Tax Benefit debts accrued because recipients do not lodge a tax return. This measure will cost \$15.8 million to administer and will lead to a reduction in Family Tax Benefit expenses of \$92.8 million, to provide net savings of \$77.1 million over five years.

Where Family Tax Benefit recipients in a family have not lodged their tax returns for more than 12 months following the relevant entitlement year and have not responded to Centrelink notices asking them to do so, they will no longer be entitled to receive Family Tax Benefit through fortnightly instalments. Recipients will still be able to receive Family Tax Benefit after lodging their tax return by claiming through Centrelink, Family Assistance Office or Medicare. Lodgement of tax returns is necessary to reconcile a person's Family Tax Benefit entitlement once their final annual income is known. At that time, debts owing can be deducted from the person's Family Tax Benefit entitlement. The measure will commence on 1 July 2009 and will ensure that people only receive the Government support to which they are entitled.

By encouraging people to lodge their tax return, the measure will produce a significant outlay in 2009-10, primarily driven by people receiving their end of year supplement payments, minus any debt they owe. The supplement is only paid following the lodgement of a tax return. Significant savings arise in 2010-11 and beyond as people are not paid family payments to which they are not entitled.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$4.1 million in 2008-09, \$6.2 million in 2009-10, \$1.7 million in 2010-11 and \$1.7 million in 2011-12.

The measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Fishing Hall of Fame — abolition

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-3.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the Fishing Hall of Fame project. The project was originally funded in the 2001-02 Budget, on the basis that funding would be provided on a matching funding basis with the Queensland Government and local community. It has not been progressed due to limited interest from possible participants.

This measure will provide savings of \$3.0 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Flemington Racecourse — funding for alternative water strategy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-5.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the *Flemington Racecourse — funding for alternative water strategy* measure announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*.

This measure will provide savings of \$5.0 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

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This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Fraud and compliance — assessments to verify income or assets

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-32.4	-64.6	-86.4	-97.1
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-69.7	-80.6	-79.4	-79.1
Total	-	-102.1	-145.2	-165.8	-176.2

The Government will increase the number of assessments of people receiving payments through Centrelink, where data-matching with the Australian Taxation Office suggests the need for such a review. The reviews will seek to identify people who have failed to declare, or may have under-declared, income or assets to Centrelink. This measure will reduce overpayments and will lead to the recovery of amounts already incorrectly paid.

The measure will cost \$138.0 million over four years for Centrelink to administer (\$33.2 million in 2008-09, \$34.3 million in 2009-10, \$35.0 million in 2010-11, and \$35.5 million in 2011-12) but is expected to lead to savings of \$728.0 million over four years.

The measure will provide net savings of \$589.2 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Fraud and compliance — cessation of 'Keeping the System Fair' advertising campaign

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-13.0	-13.1	-13.2	-13.3

The Government will cease funding for the 2004-05 Budget measure *Compliance – 'Keeping the System Fair' education campaign*. This measure was a national multimedia advertising campaign to increase voluntary compliance and reduce overpayments to income support recipients. The effectiveness of the campaign has declined over the campaign's advertising period and is no longer considered a cost effective method for reducing overpayments.

This measure will provide savings of \$52.6 million over four years (including \$29.4 million from Centrelink) and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Fraud and Compliance — Commonwealth Seniors Health Card compliance reviews

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	7.7	-7.6	-9.5	-11.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	..	0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-3.7	-16.0	-18.3	-21.7
Total	0.0	4.4	-24.3	-28.6	-34.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Veterans' Affairs	..	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will establish a compliance program for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card to ensure that only those people who are entitled to the card retain access. This will involve Centrelink establishing data matching with the Australian Taxation Office (to ensure taxable income of card holders does not exceed the income test) and Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages (for death notification). The measure also involves the collection of tax file numbers from existing and future card holders to allow an automatic review of the assessable income for card holders.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$9.4 million in 2008-09, \$1.0 million in 2009-10, \$0.8 million in 2010-11 and \$0.7 million in 2011-12. This measure also includes \$0.2 million in capital funding over two years for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (including \$5,000 in 2007-08) for IT system enhancements.

This measure will cost \$13.5 million over five years to administer and will provide net savings of \$82.4 million over five years.

The measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

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Responsible Economic Management — General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme — continue funding liquidators to pursue litigation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-8.0	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the measure titled *General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme – continue funding liquidators to pursue litigation* announced in the *2007 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook*. The measure was to continue a pilot program that aimed to assist the recovery of assets where the Commonwealth had funded entitlements of former employers of bankrupt or liquidated companies. The pilot has not shown a significant return on the cost of litigation, indicating that the program is not cost effective. Asset recovery activities already commenced as part of the original pilot will be completed.

This measure will provide savings of \$8.0 million in 2008-09 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — generic medicines — advertising

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-10.1	-2.4	-2.4	-	-

The Government will not proceed with further funding for the measure titled *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – community campaign to promote the benefits of generic medicines* announced in the 2007-08 Budget.

The Government will continue to encourage the use of generic medicines through an incentive payment to pharmacists of \$1.50 per prescription, which will be available from 1 August 2008. The introduction of the incentive will promote the use of generic medicines, removing the need for further advertising expenditure.

This measure will provide savings of \$14.9 million over three years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Global Integration — export facilitators to the United States market

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Trade Commission	-	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Global Integration – export facilitators to the United States market – extension* measure announced in the 2007-08 Budget.

The measure was designed to support the implementation of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement, which came into operation on 1 January 2005. Ongoing support for businesses exporting to the United States will continue to be provided through the Government's existing export promotion programs.

This measure will provide savings of \$12.0 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Global Opportunities Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-14.4	-14.2	-14.6	-15.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>	-	-2.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8

The Government will reduce funding for the *Global Opportunities Program* and will transfer the program and the balance of its funding to Austrade to reduce duplication in overseas investment promotion efforts.

This measure will provide savings of \$62.6 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Goods and services tax compensation to the States for small business concession — recovery of overpayments

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Treasury	-	-286.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

The Australian Government will recover \$286.0 million from the States in 2008-09 for overpayment of compensation for small business goods and services tax payment changes and recommence annual payments to the States of approximately \$10.0 million from 2009-10.

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In the 2004-05 Budget, the Australian Government agreed to compensate the States for the decision to allow certain small businesses and non-profit organisations to pay their goods and services tax liability on an annual rather than monthly or quarterly basis. This ensured that the full financial impact of the decision was borne by the Australian Government, rather than the States.

These payments were suspended in the 2007-08 Budget because final tax return data indicated that the impact of the policy decision on goods and services tax revenue was lower than forecast. Consequently, there had been an overpayment of compensation to the States. The overpayment is estimated to be \$286.0 million by the end of 2008-09.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Further information is contained in Budget Paper No. 3.

Responsible Economic Management — Griffin Legacy Infrastructure — redevelopment of Constitution Avenue

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
National Capital Authority	-3.0	-18.3	-9.6	-1.0	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
National Capital Authority	-	-3.0	-3.2	-3.3	-3.3

The Government will not proceed with funding to the National Capital Authority to redevelop Constitution Avenue in Canberra into a boulevard. The construction of an overpass at the intersection of Kings Avenue and Parkes Way will continue as planned to improve safety and traffic flow.

This measure will provide savings of \$44.6 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Growing Regions Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-2.5	-30.0	-40.0	-75.0	-52.5

The Government will redirect funding from the *Growing Regions Programme* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*, which was to have been introduced from 1 January 2008.

This measure will provide savings of \$200.0 million over five years to offset the Government's regional election commitments made under the *Better Regions* program.

See also the related expense measure titled *Better Regions* in the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Heavy vehicle road user charging

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-40.0	-110.0	-150.0	-190.0

The Government will increase the Road User Charge, collected by the Commonwealth from fuel used by heavy vehicles such as trucks and buses operating on the road network. From 1 January 2009 the Road User Charge will increase from 19.633 to 21.0 cents per litre and be indexed annually. This will reduce the fuel tax credit paid by the Commonwealth to eligible heavy vehicle operators.

The increase was agreed by the Australian Transport Council on 29 February 2008 and forms part of a new heavy vehicle charging regime that aims to fully recover that portion of the cost of provision of the road network attributable to the heavy vehicle industry. The new arrangements deliver on important road pricing reforms agreed to by the Council of Australian Governments to promote greater efficiency and productivity in the transport sector.

This measure will provide estimated savings of \$490.0 million over four years.

The increase in the rate is contingent on implementation of Road User Charge Determination 2008 (No. 1) made under the *Fuel Tax Act 2006* and declared on 11 March 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Illicit drugs in sport — advertising and information campaigns

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority	-	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-9.7	-7.7	-7.2	-6.4
Total	-	-10.2	-8.0	-7.6	-6.8

The Government has reviewed and will reduce the funding provided by the *Illicit drugs in sport* measure announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. The Government will not proceed with the component to provide a public awareness campaign on illicit drugs as this element is being addressed through existing drug education campaigns.

The remaining funding will support the implementation of a national illicit drugs in sport policy comprising minimum standards for illicit drug testing, and the further processing and management associated with positive tests such as re-testing, associated administration and hearings to rule on the case. Funding will also provide for education forums for national sporting organisations to address illicit drug use in their sports.

This measure will provide savings of \$32.5 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Innovation Ambassador Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-1.4	-1.9	-1.7	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Innovation Ambassador* program. The Government will consider its future priorities to support innovation in the light of the review of Australia's National Innovation System which it has commissioned.

This measure will provide savings of \$5.0 million over three years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2006.

Responsible Economic Management — Intermediary Access Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-0.5	-3.6	-4.5	-5.7	-5.0

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Intermediary Access Program*. The program duplicates the Government's new Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres which will focus on assisting businesses find and adapt the latest research and technology.

This measure will provide savings of \$19.3 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — International Deployment Group workforce re-phasing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	-10.0	-	-	-

The Government will reduce funding for the Australian Federal Police's International Deployment Group in 2008-09. The planned growth in the International Deployment Group's staffing capacity has been deferred by one year to 2009. The International Deployment Group provides the Australian Federal Police with capacity to respond quickly and comprehensively to international crisis situations and to help strengthen law enforcement capabilities across the region.

This re-phasing of workforce capability has been undertaken as the International Deployment Group is expected to have sufficient capacity in 2008-09 to conduct its current mission.

This measure will provide savings of \$10.0 million in 2008-09 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Learning and Teaching Performance Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-10.7	-10.7	-10.7	-10.7

The Government will redirect funding of \$42.8 million over four years from 2008-09 from the Learning and Teaching Performance Fund to the Carrick Institute.

This measure will provide savings of \$42.8 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also related savings measure titled *Carrick Institute* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Living Away from Home Allowance — extension to Australian School-Based Apprenticeships

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-0.1	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$0.2 million over five years from 2007-08 to extend Living Away from Home Allowance to all Australian school-based apprentices who are required to live away from home in order to complete their Australian Apprenticeship. This allowance will provide a weekly financial supplement in the first three years of an apprenticeship and will encourage attraction and retention of apprentices in this category.

Additional funding included in the 2007-08 estimates to fund this measure will be withdrawn and the costs of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. This will provide savings of \$0.1 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management,

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Local Government Amalgamation — plebiscites in the Northern Territory

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the measure *Local government plebiscites in the Northern Territory* announced in the *2007 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook*. There has been no indication that plebiscites are needed or widely supported in the Northern Territory.

The original measure was published without financial implications pending determination of how many plebiscites would be required. This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Low Emissions Technology and Abatement program — reduction in funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-2.2	-	-	-	-

The Government will reduce funding for the *Low Emissions Technology and Abatement* program in 2007-08. There were insufficient suitable projects identified under the program to utilise all the available funding.

This measure will provide savings of \$2.2 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-47.0	26.0	47.7	-9.5	47.4

The Government will reduce funding for the Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund over 12 years from 2007-08 to 2018-19. While the Government will fund the previously announced projects, any new projects in this sector will be funded through the National Clean Coal Fund or the Renewable Energy Fund.

The Government will also move funds across years to better reflect the profile of expected expenditure in this program.

Funding of \$410.0 million over 12 years remains in the program to meet expected grant payments for the six announced projects.

Responsibility for the program has now been transferred to the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism.

This measure will provide savings of \$90.0 million over 12 years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measures titled *Tackling Climate Change – National Clean Coal Fund* and *Tackling Climate Change – Renewable Energy Fund* in the Resources, Energy and Tourism portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Medicare Benefits Schedule — funding for reversing elective sterilisation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-2.3	-2.8	-3.5	-4.2
Total	-	-2.3	-2.8	-3.4	-4.2

The Government will provide Medicare benefits to patients who wish to reverse their elective sterilisation. The introduction of Medicare benefits for the reversal of sterilisation procedures will provide a more cost effective alternative for people wanting to have children.

Rather than undergo a reversal of sterilisation, some patients currently use assisted reproductive services such as in vitro fertilisation. Savings will be achieved through the reduction in high-cost assisted reproductive services claimed on the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

This measure will provide savings of \$12.8 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Medicare Benefits Schedule — rationalise funding provided for multiple pathology tests performed on a single sample

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-1.9	-1.8	-1.8	-1.9
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-21.6	-23.1	-24.7	-26.4
Total	-	-23.4	-24.9	-26.6	-28.3

The Government will rationalise the funding provided for multiple tests performed on a single sample for three groups of chemical/microbiology pathology tests.

The Pathology Services Table has a number of items where multiple tests can be performed on a single sample and rebates provided for each item. These are known as 'ladder' items. This measure recognises the efficiencies that can be achieved from undertaking multiple tests on a single sample and will accordingly remove the sixth ladder item from three groups of tests. Rebates will now be capped at the fifth ladder item.

This measure will provide savings of \$103.2 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Medicare Benefits Schedule — reduction of repeat prescription requirements for patients with chronic conditions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	0.1	..	..	..
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8
Total	-	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9	-0.9

The Government has extended the period for which a repeat prescription can be written for patients with chronic conditions, from six months to 12 months.

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Under current arrangements a prescription can only be written for a maximum of six months. Extending the period to 12 months will help ease the burden on patients with chronic conditions by reducing the number of medical appointments, and Medicare claims required.

This measure will provide savings of \$3.4 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Medicare Benefits Schedule — increase compliance audits

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	14.2	18.7	18.8	19.0
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-21.2	-42.2	-41.5	-42.4
Total	-	-6.9	-23.5	-22.7	-23.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Medicare Australia</i>	-	6.2	-	-	-

The Government will further protect the integrity of Medicare by increasing its compliance audit program to ensure appropriate claiming of items on the Medicare Benefits Schedule by health care providers. The Government will amend relevant health legislation to increase the audit powers available to Medicare Australia to gain access to medical records supporting Medicare billing where appropriate and, under certain circumstances, to apply sanctions where providers are found to be claiming inappropriately. Doctors found to be inadvertently billing items inappropriately will receive advice on how to bill Medicare Benefits Schedule items correctly.

This measure will provide savings of \$147.2 million over four years and will cost \$76.9 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$70.3 million over four years.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Migration and Humanitarian Programs — integration criterion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-1.6	-1.4	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	-0.5	-0.2	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Migration and Humanitarian Programmes – integration criterion* measure announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*.

The integration criterion was intended to assess the likelihood that visa applicants would settle in Australia without undue personal difficulty and without imposing undue difficulty or costs on the Australian community. However, this duplicates the verification process that already takes place within the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to assess applications from migrants seeking to settle in Australia.

This measure will provide savings of \$7.1 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — National Community Crime Prevention Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	-12.4	-12.6	-12.8	-13.0

The Government will redirect funding for the *National Community Crime Prevention Program* to the new *Safer Suburbs Program*, which aims to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and gang activity.

This measure will provide offsetting savings of \$50.8 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Safer Suburbs Program* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — National Competition Council

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
National Competition Council	-	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2

The Government will reduce funding to the National Competition Council (NCC) following the completion of its role in implementing the National Competition Policy reform agenda. The Council will continue its activities related to access regulation of nationally significant infrastructure.

This measure will provide savings of \$4.8 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — National Nanotechnology Strategy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-5.6	-5.6	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>	-	-	-0.5	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the *National Nanotechnology Strategy* after 1 July 2009. The Government's review of Australia's National Innovation System will examine emerging or enabling technologies future priorities to support innovation.

This measure will provide savings of \$11.7 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — National Psychostimulant Initiative

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-2.0	-2.0	-	-

The Government has revised its estimates of funding required under the *National Psychostimulant Initiative* by \$2.0 million per annum over two years from 2008-09 in light of projected future activities for this program. Funding of \$11.3 million over four years will continue under the program and will be used to inform Australians about the use, harms and long term effects of psychostimulant use, and deliver workforce training and treatment activities.

This measure will provide savings of \$4.0 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — National Security — regional rapid deployment teams

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Federal Police	-	-2.2	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with full funding for the measure *National Security – regional rapid deployment teams*, announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*.

Half of the funding to maintain rapid deployment teams for security incidents at regional Australian airports will instead be provided from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Federal Police in 2008-09. Separate funding of \$2.2 million for the remaining cost of maintaining the rapid response capability at current levels has been retained in the estimates for 2008-09.

Provision for funding from 2009-10 to 2011-12 has been included in the forward estimates, pending a review of the measure in the 2009-10 Budget.

This measure will provide savings of \$2.2 million in 2008-09 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — National Training Centre for Aerial Skiing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-2.5	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *National Training Centre for Aerial Skiing* measure announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07*.

This measure will provide savings of \$2.5 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — New Business Intensive Assistance Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *New Business Intensive Assistance Program*. The Australian Taxation Office will continue to assist small business taxpayers through its existing range of programs, including the successful Small Business Assistance Program.

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This measure will provide savings of \$40.0 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Nuclear Collaborative Research Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	-1.4	-1.6	-1.8	-1.5	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</i>	-5.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Nuclear Collaborative Research Program*. The savings reflect the Government's policy not to proceed with the development of nuclear power plants in Australia.

This measure will provide savings of \$11.3 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Office of Transport Security — reduction in overseas representation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	-1.6	-1.7	-1.9	-1.9

The Government will reduce funding, from 1 July 2008, for the Office of Transport Security's overseas representation which provides for the overseas posting of liaison officers in regard to aviation and maritime security. The liaison function will be maintained through a greater reliance on periodic visits, Australian embassies and the remaining posted liaison officers.

This measure will provide savings of \$7.1 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Pandemic influenza preparedness — rapid deployment teams

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-2.8	-2.9	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding in 2008-09 and 2009-10 for the *Pandemic influenza preparedness – rapid deployment teams for thermal scanning at airports* measure announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. The measure will proceed, with costs met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

This measure will provide savings of \$5.8 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Partner Service Pension — align partner and veteran age eligibility

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.3	-4.3	-7.7	-10.4	-12.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	0.1	-	-	-	-

The Government will, from 1 July 2008, increase the Service Pension age eligibility for partners (currently 50 years) to bring it into line with the Service Pension age eligibility for veterans (currently 60 years for men and 58.5 years for women). The partners of veteran service pensioners are currently able to access the Service Pension at age 50, 10 years earlier than most veterans, and up to 15 years earlier than non-veteran age pensioners. This measure will not apply to applicants with dependent children, or those who are partnered to a Totally and Permanently Incapacitated veteran.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$35.1 million over four years and will cost \$0.4 million in 2007-08 to implement, including \$0.1 million in capital funding for upgrades to related computer systems. The overall result is net savings of \$34.6 million over four years. It will not apply to partners already in receipt of the Partner Service Pension.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Partner Service Pension — cease payment to married partners who are separated but not divorced

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	4.7	10.2	11.6	13.0
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.6	1.2	1.3	1.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-8.6	-20.4	-23.0	-25.9
Total	-	-3.3	-9.0	-10.2	-11.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will no longer provide the Service Pension for partners who are separated from, but still legally married to, a veteran. Commencing on 1 January 2009, access to the Service Pension will cease 12 months after separation or from the beginning of a new marriage-like relationship by either the veteran or the partner, whichever occurs first. Only partners who have separated from a veteran but not divorced within 12 months are affected by this proposal.

This measure is expected to provide savings of \$77.8 million over four years. Some affected partners will transfer to other income support payments, resulting in net savings of \$33.9 million over four years.

The Government will also provide the Department of Veterans' Affairs with \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2008-09 for required IT system changes.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Pathology Services — reduced collection fees

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	..	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-0.6	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-17.0	-	-	-
Total	-	-17.5	-	-	-

The Government will reduce the Medicare Benefit Schedule fee for collecting pathology specimens where collection centres are co-located with pathology laboratories. Collection fees subsidise costs associated with collecting, storing, transporting, reporting and billing pathology specimens. This measure recognises the lower costs associated with collecting samples from these co-located facilities. The new fee will be introduced on 1 July 2008.

This measure will provide savings of \$17.5 million in 2008-09, \$19.0 million in 2009-10, \$20.0 million in 2010-11 and \$21.0 million in 2011-12 and includes funding for Medicare Australia to administer the measure.

Ongoing savings from 2009-10 are already provided for in the forward estimates.

This delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Pharmaceuticals Partnership Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-2.7	-0.5	-	-	-

The Government will return uncommitted funds from the Pharmaceuticals Partnership Program to the Budget. This funding is no longer required. The objective of the program is addressed through the broader Research and Development Tax Concession program. Multi-national companies from all sectors, including the pharmaceuticals sector, can access the premium 175 per cent concession.

This measure will provide savings of \$3.2 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Pilot program addressing undeclared business income and assets — cessation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-0.5	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-0.5	-	-	-	-
Total	-1.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the measure *Fraud and Compliance – pilot program addressing undeclared business income and assets* announced in the 2006-07 Budget.

The pilot sought to test the feasibility of matching Centrelink data with goods and services tax and Business Activity Statement data from the Australian Taxation Office, to address payment risks associated with undeclared business income and assets. The measure has been terminated early as the pilot program results showed that the data-matching was not cost-effective.

This measure will provide savings of \$1.0 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Practice Incentives Program — discontinue funding for the mental health incentive

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-1.9

The Government will reduce funding under the *Practice Incentives Program* to remove funding for a mental health incentive that is no longer available. This incentive was abolished in May 2007 following the introduction of the *COAG Mental Health – better access to psychiatrists, psychologists and general practitioners through the Medicare Benefits Schedule* measure announced in the 2006-07 Budget.

This measure will provide savings of \$7.3 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Practice Incentives Program — new e-Health incentive payment for General Practitioners

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	0.3	0.7	..	..
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-16.7	-32.9	-31.8	-30.6
Total	-	-16.4	-32.3	-31.8	-30.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Medicare Australia	-	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will introduce a new e-Health incentive payment for general practitioners under the *Practice Incentives Program*. The new incentive will rationalise *Practice Incentive Program* payments by introducing a single e-Health incentive to encourage general practices to develop the capacity to exchange information and promote the use of electronic decision support systems.

The new incentive will be introduced in August 2009 at a rate of \$6.50 per patient and will replace current information technology incentives and the Electronic Decision Support incentive which was scheduled to be implemented in August 2008. Payments will be capped at \$50,000 per practice per year.

This measure will provide savings of \$110.7 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Practice Incentives Program — removal of the General Practice Immunisation Service Incentive Payment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	..	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-14.8	-22.4	-22.9	-23.4
Total	-	-14.8	-22.6	-23.1	-23.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Medicare Australia	-	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will no longer fund the Service Incentive Payment that is currently provided to general practices for providing immunisation services. This payment duplicates other incentives to promote immunisation. General practices will continue to receive payments for notifying the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register of immunisations and incentives to achieve a 90 per cent child immunisation rate in their practice. In addition, immunisations provided by general practitioners and practice nurses will continue to attract Medicare rebates.

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Across Australia, the current immunisation rate of children between 12 months and 7 years of age is 90 per cent. In addition to funding general practices to provide immunisation, the Government also funds States and Territories to provide vaccines in schools and community health centres.

Under the Maternity Immunisation Allowance scheme the Government also provides incentives to parents once their children reach a certain immunisation status.

This measure will provide savings of \$83.7 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Maternity Immunisation Allowance – eligibility change* in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — primary care — review of the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-4.2	-4.1	-4.2	-4.2

The Government will not proceed with the increased funding provided under the measure *Australian Primary Care Collaboratives – continue and increase funding* announced in the 2007-08 Budget.

The *Australian Primary Care Collaboratives Program* supports doctors to make improvements in their practices and to close the gap between current and best practice. The Government will continue to fund the program at the levels in place prior to the 2007-08 Budget, at approximately \$5.4 million per year.

Funding is linked to the level of demand for the program and will be revisited in future if found to be excessive or insufficient.

This measure will provide savings of \$16.7 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Protecting Australian Families Online

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	-2.9
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	-5.1	-3.1	-3.2	-3.2
Australian Federal Police	-	-9.4	-13.6	-13.7	-13.7
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-46.7	-32.7	-6.0	-	-
Total	-46.7	-49.9	-25.5	-19.7	-19.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Federal Police	-	-0.7	-0.6	-0.1	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Protecting Australian Families Online* program. The program will be replaced by the new *Cyber-safety Plan*. The *Cyber-safety Plan* continues the role of the Australian Federal Police and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in investigating and prosecuting internet offenders.

This measure will provide savings of \$163.0 million over five years to offset the Government's election commitment to the *Cyber-safety Plan*, and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measures titled *Cyber-safety Plan* in the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Provisioning for future requirements

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-191.2	25.0	95.6	95.6

The Government has identified savings of \$191.2 million which can be achieved by the Department of Defence in 2008-09 and re-invested in Defence in 2010-11 and 2011-12 to address emerging cost pressures. This is consistent with the Government's agenda to deliver efficiencies in the Defence budget so that resources are freed up to invest in strategic capability as the Government implements the White Paper, and to plan for future cost pressures, including the rising net personnel and operating costs of new capital equipment.

This will ensure best use of the growing Defence budget and a better planned Defence force that can respond to a rapidly changing threat environment.

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The Government will provide an additional \$25.0 million in 2009-10 to support Defence expenditure in the interim year.

Savings will not adversely impact on operational capability areas of Defence. These savings will be drawn from a range of areas across the Department of Defence including accommodation, facilities and Defence Materiel Organisation sustainment activities.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Quality Outcomes Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-4.8	-7.3	-8.1	-8.5

The Government will redirect funding from the *Quality Outcomes Program* to its new education initiatives. This will not affect existing projects.

This measure will provide savings of \$28.6 million over four years and will offset the costs of establishing the National Schools Assessment and Data Centre.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See the related expense measure titled *National Schools Assessment and Data Centre* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Rainfall enhancement technology — cancellation of project

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
National Water Commission	*	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding proposed by the previous government in 2007-08 to support operational trials of rainfall enhancement technology. Evidence suggests that rainfall enhancement technology is not necessarily an effective means of drought mitigation.

This measure will provide savings in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management. The precise amount of savings from the previous Government's proposed \$10.0 million contribution is subject to the finalisation of contract termination arrangements.

Responsible Economic Management — Realising Our Potential — Core Curricula Standards Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-8.6	-	-0.1	-

The Government will redirect funding from the *Realising Our Potential – Core Curricula Standards Program* to the new *Early Years Learning Framework* and *Strong Quality Standards in Child Care Program*. The new Framework will provide nationally consistent standards for the delivery of quality early childhood learning. The *Strong Quality Standards in Child Care Program* will develop a system that will be used to accredit child care services and will build on the current Child Care Quality Assurance system that links quality to Child Care Benefit payments.

This measure will provide savings of \$8.6 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measures titled *Early Years Learning Framework* and *Early Childhood – Strong Quality Standards in Child Care* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Realising Our Potential — National Literacy and Numeracy Vouchers Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-60.6	-131.9	-134.7	-137.4

The Government will redirect funding from the *Realising Our Potential – National Literacy and Numeracy Vouchers Program* to support a National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy. Details of the Plan are to be finalised during 2008 with State and Territory governments and non-government school systems. The current program will continue for the 2008 school year.

The Government is committed to developing programs with States and Territories to improve literacy and numeracy in schools.

This measure will provide savings of \$464.6 million over four years from 2008-09 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Realising Our Potential — Rewarding Schools for Improving Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-17.1	-16.9	-17.0	-17.0

The Government will redirect funding from the *Realising Our Potential – Rewarding Schools for Improving Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes Program* to support a National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy. Details are to be finalised during 2008 with State and Territory governments and non-government school systems.

The Government is committed to developing programs with States and Territories to improve literacy and numeracy in schools.

This measure will provide savings of \$68.0 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Realising Our Potential — Summer Schools for Teachers Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-24.9	-23.3	-23.7	-24.2

The Government will redirect funding from the *Realising Our Potential – Summer Schools for Teachers Program* to support a National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy. Details of the Plan are to be finalised during 2008 with State and Territory governments and non-government school systems. Funding will also be redirected to the expansion of literacy and numeracy programs for Indigenous students.

The Government is committed to developing programs with States and Territories to improve literacy and numeracy in schools.

This measure will provide savings of \$96.1 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measures titled *National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy* and *Building an Indigenous Future – expansion of intensive literacy and numeracy programs and individual learning plans* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Regional maritime security capacity-building

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-0.9	-2.4	-2.4	-2.1	-1.5

The Government will not proceed with funding for additional regional maritime security capacity-building.

This measure will provide savings of \$9.3 million over five years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Regional Partnerships

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-10.9	-22.9	-69.1	-66.1	-67.2

The Government will redirect funding from the *Regional Partnerships* program, which previously provided discretionary grants for a variety of projects across Australia. The Australian National Audit Office's *Performance Audit of the Regional Partnerships Programme*, which was tabled 15 November 2007, noted that the program had fallen short of an acceptable standard of public administration, particularly in relation to the assessment of grant applications and the management of funding agreements.

This measure will provide savings of \$236.2 million over five years to offset various Government regional election commitments.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Renewable Remote Power Generation Program — reduction in funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-33.0	-9.0	-	-	-

The Government will reduce funding for the *Renewable Remote Power Generation program* in 2007-08 and 2008-09. There were insufficient suitable projects identified under the program to allocate available funding.

This measure will provide savings of \$42.0 million and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Research Quality Framework

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Research Council	-	-3.4	-3.7	-4.3	-5.4
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-7.8	-25.9	-9.7	-1.4	-
Total	-7.8	-29.3	-13.4	-5.7	-5.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Research Council	-	-4.5	-0.7	-	-

The Government will redirect funding from the Research Quality Framework initiative to the new Excellence in Research for Australia. Funding will continue for existing commitments. The Research Quality Framework was introduced to assess research performances across different research institutions.

The Excellence in Research for Australia will be developed by the Australian Research Council and the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. It will provide a streamlined, internationally recognised and transparent research quality assurance system.

This measure will provide savings of \$66.8 million over five years (including \$7.8 million in 2007-08) to offset the *Excellence in Research for Australia* initiative.

See also the related expense measure titled *Excellence in Research for Australia* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

Responsible Economic Management — Research Vessel — Southern Surveyor

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	-3.0	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the measure *Research Vessel Southern Surveyor – additional funding* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*.

This measure will provide savings of \$3.0 million in 2008-09 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — residential aged care funding claims — audits

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-1.6	-1.6	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-6.2	-8.7	-	-
Total	-	-7.8	-10.3	-	-

The Government will increase the number of audits of funding claims submitted by residential aged care providers. This integrity measure will involve targeted audits to ensure providers are using the correct residential care classification.

The audits will cost \$2.3 million in 2008-09 but are expected to lead to an estimated reduction in funding claims of \$20.3 million over two years, resulting in a net saving of \$18.1 million over two years.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Rugby League Hall of Fame

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-3.0	-7.0	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the measure *Rugby League Hall of Fame – contribution* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. This measure will provide savings of \$10.0 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

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This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Simplified Superannuation — advertising campaign

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-14.4	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with supplementary funding for an advertising campaign to promote Simplified Superannuation policy.

This measure will provide savings of \$14.4 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Sustainable Regions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-10.4	-12.9	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with the *Sustainable Regions* program. The program was introduced as a pilot program to assist regions to analyse and map their futures. Funding for the *Sustainable Regions* program was scheduled to terminate in 2008-09.

This measure will provide offsetting savings of \$23.3 million over two years which will be redirected to fund various Government election commitments in regional areas.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Teaching Australia — Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-2.6	-2.0	-1.3	-1.3

The Government will reduce funding to Teaching Australia over four years. Teaching Australia was established in 2005 to advance school leadership and the teaching profession. The Government will examine the role, function and structure of Teaching Australia. Other measures being taken by the Government, including through the additional funding being provided to strengthen literacy and numeracy in Australian schools, will complement the role of Teaching Australia.

This measure will provide savings of \$7.2 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Telecommunications Improvement and Procurement Project

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-0.6	-1.8	-1.9	-2.0	-2.0

The Government will achieve net savings of \$8.3 million over five years by implementing the Telecommunications Improvement and Procurement project. The project will consolidate telecommunications contracts and arrangements managed by the Department of Finance and Deregulation for parliamentarians, as well as departmental needs, to achieve cost savings and service efficiencies.

The Telecommunications Improvement and Procurement project will receive funding of \$1.3 million over two years to implement the new arrangements from 2007-08, offset by savings on telecommunications costs in the order of \$2.0 million per annum, commencing in 2007-08.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

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Responsible Economic Management — Tourism Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Tourism Australia	-	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0

The Government will reduce funding for Tourism Australia, with savings to be achieved through operational efficiencies. The savings will not reduce Tourism Australia's funding for international and domestic marketing activities.

This measure will provide savings of \$4.0 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Townsville International Sports Centre

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-3.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will not proceed with additional funding for the measure *Townsville International Sports Centre* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08*. Funding for the Centre will instead be met from the *Better Regions* program administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

This measure will provide savings of \$3.0 million in 2007-08 and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

See also the related expense measure titled *Better Regions* in the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Tuggeranong Office Park — facilities management

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-1.1	-0.6	-	-	-

The Government will reduce the funding provided in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08* to cover rent commitments, utility costs and building management costs associated with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs continuing to occupy Tuggeranong Office Park. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs will meet the costs of building management from within existing resourcing.

This will result in savings of \$1.7 million over two years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Water for the Future — Bureau of Meteorology

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Bureau of Meteorology	-5.0	-	-	-	-

The Government has decided to defer \$5.0 million in funding from 2007-08 to 2016-17 to reflect the profile of expected expenditure arising from delays in the Bureau of Meteorology establishing its water functions under the *Water Act 2007*.

The Bureau was scheduled to receive a \$28.8 million (including \$5.1 million in capital) increase in funding in 2007-08 to meet the Government's commitments on water. Implementation delays have reduced the necessary amount by \$5.0 million.

This measure delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Water for the Future — Murray-Darling Basin Authority

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-45.0	-26.0	-	-	-

The Government will reprofile \$45.0 million in funding from 2007-08 to 2016-17, and \$26.0 million in funding from 2008-09 to 2015-16, to reflect the profile of expected expenditure arising from delays in establishing the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. The new Authority was originally scheduled to be established in 2007-08, but will now be established in 2008-09. In July 2008, COAG will consider the final arrangements for bringing together the Authority and the Murray-Darling Basin Commission.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Responsible Economic Management — Women's representation in decision making

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1	-

The Government will not proceed with funding for the measure titled *Women's representation in decision making* announced in the 2007-08 Budget. The program has not commenced any activities.

Issues affecting women in Australia and strategies to promote women's participation in decision-making and leadership roles across the whole economy are undertaken by the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio, including through the Office for Women. Funding is also provided to the National Rural Women's Coalition.

This measure will provide savings of \$3.5 million over three years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

Responsible Economic Management — Work Choices — Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission	-0.5	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-

The Government will not proceed with additional funding for the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, announced in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 Budgets, to meet workload increases anticipated to arise from *Work Choices*. As *Work Choices* will be abolished, the commission's workload increase is no longer expected to occur.

This measure will provide savings of \$5.9 million over four years and delivers on the Government's commitment to responsible economic management.

This measure was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008.

Part 3: Capital Measures

Table 9: Capital measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO^(a)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
	<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
436	Ministerial Residences and Diplomatic Missions – Protective Security	1.3	0.4	-	-	-
436	National Security – Attorney-General's Department secure communications	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity</i>					
90	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity – increased operational resourcing(b)	-	0.8	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Crime Commission</i>					
384	Responsible Economic Management – Document Verification Service – Lost and Stolen Document Register(b)	-0.2	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Customs Service</i>					
94	Patrol Vessel in Australian Northern Waters – extension(b)	-	-	-	-	-
86	Port security – increased inspection capacity(b)	-	3.3	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
97	Cyber-safety Plan(b)	-	0.7	0.6	0.1	-
	Overseas development assistance					
191	– Australian Federal Police contribution to Afghanistan(b)	-	-	-	-	-
189	– enhanced Australian Federal Police deployment to Afghanistan(b)	-	9.0	-	-	-
197	– Timor-Leste Police Development Program(b)	-	1.5	1.0	-	-
415	Responsible Economic Management – Protecting Australian Families Online(b)	-	-0.7	-0.6	-0.1	-
89	Sworn Australian Federal Police officers – increase(b)	-	1.5	1.3	1.4	7.5
	<i>National Capital Authority</i>					
396	Responsible Economic Management – Griffin Legacy Infrastructure – redevelopment of Constitution Avenue(b)	-3.0	-18.3	-9.6	-1.0	-
	Portfolio total	-1.9	-1.8	-7.3	0.4	7.5
	BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY					
	<i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i>					
101	Digital radio – introduction extended(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
	<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
102	Digital Television Switchover – additional funding(b)	-	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
347	Responsible Economic Management – Digital Action Plan(b)	-0.2	-	-	-	-

Table 9: Capital measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY (continued)					
	<i>Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</i>					
96	Australian Broadband Guarantee – extension(b)	-	0.3	-	-	-
	<i>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</i>					
101	Digital radio – introduction extended(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
	Portfolio total	-0.2	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2
	CLIMATE CHANGE					
	<i>Department of Climate Change</i>					
112	Tackling Climate Change – Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation(b)	0.5	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	0.5	-	-	-	-
	DEFENCE					
	<i>Department of Defence</i>					
121	Defence Funding – continuation of three per cent real growth(b)	-	-	-	-	-
124	Establishment of 2008-09 Defence operations reserve to fund overseas operations(b)	-	-62.6	-	-	-
126	Iraq – continued funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities(b)	-	-	-	-	-
127	National Security – improved Defence intelligence capability(b)	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	-62.6	-	-	-
	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
	<i>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
388	Responsible Economic Management – Employment Services for 2009-10 to 2011-12(b)	-	2.2	2.9	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	2.2	2.9	-	-
	ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS					
	<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>					
162	Bureau of Meteorology – Emerald weather radar station(b)	-	1.4	1.8	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	1.4	1.8	-	-

Table 9: Capital measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
	<i>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
310	Closing the Gap – Northern Territory – accommodation for government personnel in remote communities(b)	-	6.7	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	6.7	-	-	-
	FINANCE AND DEREGULATION					
	<i>Comsuper</i>					
437	ComSuper – administration of changed superannuation arrangements	2.2	-	-	-	-
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform(b)	-	0.3	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Finance and Deregulation</i>					
437	ANZAC Park West – additional funding	-	6.3	27.4	0.1	-
	Portfolio total	2.2	6.6	27.4	0.1	-
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
	<i>AusAID</i>					
	Overseas development assistance					
189	– access to clean water and effective sanitation(b)	-	-	0.6	-	-
193	– investing in Pacific public sector capacity(b)	-	-	0.4	-	-
195	– Pacific land program(b)	-	0.2	-	-	-
108	Tackling Climate Change – adaptation to climate change(b)	-	0.4	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
199	National Security – enhanced intelligence capability(b)	-	1.9	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
199	Afghanistan – Australian diplomatic presence – continuation and expansion(b)	-	6.9	..	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	9.4	1.0	-	-
	HEALTH AND AGEING					
	<i>Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority</i>					
233	Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority – facilitating compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code(b)	-	0.1	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
438	National Medical Stockpile – replenishment	-	124.7	41.2	-	-
33	Personal income tax – increasing the Medicare levy surcharge thresholds(c)	-	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Portfolio total	-	125.2	41.3	0.1	0.1

Table 9: Capital measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
HUMAN SERVICES						
<i>Centrelink</i>						
176	Carers – improved support(b)	-	-	2.5	-	-
310	Closing the Gap – Northern Territory – Centrelink’s role(b)	-	1.6	-	-	-
339	Responsible Economic Management – Access Card(b)	-18.3	-	-	-	-
174	Welfare Payments Reform – child protection pilot and school attendance and enrolment pilot(b)	-	1.8	-	-	-
<i>Department of Human Services</i>						
339	Responsible Economic Management – Access Card(b)	-83.2	-2.4	-2.5	-	-
<i>Medicare Australia</i>						
210	Health and Hospitals Reform – Dental Health – Teen Dental Plan(b)	0.2	0.9	-	-	-
247	Medicare EasyClaim – increasing take-up(b)	-	0.7	-	-	-
Responsible Economic Management						
339	– Access Card(b)	-5.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2
376	– Chemotherapy Drugs – more efficient arrangements(b)	-	0.8	-	-	-
404	– Medicare Benefits Schedule – increase compliance audits(b)	-	6.2	-	-	-
413	– Practice Incentives Program – new e-Health incentive payment for General Practitioners(b)	-	0.4	-	-	-
413	– Practice Incentives Program – removal of the General Practice Immunisation Service Incentive Payment(b)	-	0.4	-	-	-
Portfolio total		-106.5	10.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2
IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP						
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>						
255	Immigration health screening process – strengthening(b)	-	-	-	-	-
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform(b)	-	0.1	-	-	-
405	Responsible Economic Management – Migration and Humanitarian Programs – integration criterion(b)	-0.5	-0.2	-	-	-
439	Systems for People – additional funding	24.0	-	-	-	-
260	Temporary Protection visa – abolition(b)	-	0.4	-	-	-
261	Temporary working visas – enhanced arrangements(b)	-	0.4	-	-	-
Portfolio total		23.5	0.8	-	-	-

Table 9: Capital measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH					
	<i>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</i>					
408	Responsible Economic Management – Nuclear Collaborative Research Program(b)	-5.0	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Research Council</i>					
420	Responsible Economic Management – Research Quality Framework(b)	-	-4.5	-0.7	-	-
	<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>					
271	Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres – establishment(b)	1.6	3.1	1.0	-	-
343	Responsible Economic Management – Australian Industry Productivity Centres(b)	-0.6	-0.5	-	-	-
349	– Electronic Authentication and Verification(b)	-1.7	-1.5	-	-	-
395	– Global Opportunities Program(b)	-	-2.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
406	– National Nanotechnology Strategy(b)	-	-	-0.5	-	-
	Portfolio total	-5.7	-5.4	-1.1	-0.8	-0.8
	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
	<i>Australian Public Service Commission</i>					
280	Career Transition and Support Centre(b)	0.1	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
280	Cabinet Committee Secretariat Support – additional funding(b)	-	0.1	-	-	-
282	COAG Reform Council(b)	0.2	..	..	-	-
283	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – enhanced strategic capacity(b)	-	1.0	-	-	-
276	Lobbyists Register – establishment(b)	0.1	0.3	-	-	-
	<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>					
339	Responsible Economic Management – Access Card(b)	-0.1	-	-	-	-
	<i>Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator</i>					
379	Responsible Economic Management – Clean Energy Target(b)	-	-3.3	-1.1	-	-
117	Tackling Climate Change – Renewable Energy Target – expansion(b)	-	1.1	1.1	-	-
	Portfolio total	0.3	-0.8	..	-	-

Table 9: Capital measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM						
<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>						
287	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism – supplementary funding for establishment and management(b)	1.5	-	-	-	-
341	Responsible Economic Management – Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total		1.5	-	-	-	-
TREASURY						
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>						
112	Tackling Climate Change – Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation(b)	-	0.3	0.2	0.2	-
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>						
291	Petrol price monitoring – FuelWatch(b)	-	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>						
288	First Home Saver Accounts(b)	0.3	20.8	-	-	-
Means-testing of government support						
29	– expanded definitions of income to include certain ‘salary sacrificed’ contributions to superannuation(c)	-	1.3	-	-	-
30	– expanded definitions of income to include net losses from investments(c)	-	0.6	-	-	-
34	Personal income tax – tightening eligibility for the dependency tax offsets(c)	-	0.3	-	-	-
371	Responsible Economic Management – Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit – streamlining administration(b)	-	1.6	-	-	-
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>						
112	Tackling Climate Change – Emissions Trading Scheme – design and implementation(b)	..	0.2	..	-	-
Portfolio total		0.3	26.4	0.4	0.3	0.1
VETERANS' AFFAIRS						
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>						
297	Australian Defence Force – recognition of the service of the Australian Training Support Team in the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor(b)	-	-	-	-	-
293	Income Support Supplement – extend eligibility(b)	0.1	-	-	-	-
30	Means-testing of government support – expanded definitions of income to include net losses from investments(c)	-	0.1	-	-	-

Table 9: Capital measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	VETERANS' AFFAIRS (continued)					
87	Removal of differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children – law reform(b)	-	0.2	-	-	-
	Responsible Economic Management					
339	– Access Card(b)	-2.9	..	-	-	-
381	– Commonwealth Seniors Health Card – adjusted taxable income test(b)	-	0.2	-	-	-
382	– Concession Cards – retention while overseas(b)	-	0.1	-	-	-
393	– Fraud and Compliance – Commonwealth Seniors Health Card compliance reviews(b)	..	0.2	-	-	-
409	– Partner Service Pension – align partner and veteran age eligibility(b)	0.1	-	-	-	-
410	– Partner Service Pension – cease payment to married partners who are separated but not divorced(b)	-	0.1	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-2.6	0.9	-	-	-
	Depreciation expense	-9.1	16.3	10.5	7.4	7.1
	Total capital measures(d)	-97.7	136.3	77.1	7.3	14.0

* 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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(a) This statement reports all measures since the 2007-08 MYEFO. All financial impacts are changes since the 2007 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook. A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in capital, no sign before an estimate indicates increased capital.

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

(c) Details of these measures can be found under Part 1: Revenue measures.

(d) Measures may not add due to rounding.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Ministerial Residences and Diplomatic Missions — Protective Security

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	1.3	0.4	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	0.1	..	..	..	..

The Government will provide \$1.9 million over five years to install and upgrade security systems at Ministers' residences and Diplomatic and Consular Missions.

National Security — Attorney-General's Department secure communications

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.5 million over four years from 2008-09 to upgrade secure communication and information sharing facilities for the Attorney-General's Department. The measure includes \$5.4 million in capital funding for hardware, software and physical security upgrades.

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

FINANCE AND DEREGULATION

ANZAC Park West — additional funding

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	6.3	27.4	0.1	-

The Government will provide \$33.8 million over three years for the fit-out of the ANZAC Park West building and the completion of external and base building works. This building will be leased to an Australian Government agency or agencies on completion.

This is part of the Government's plan to make better use of existing Commonwealth accommodation assets.

ComSuper — administration of changed superannuation arrangements

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Comsuper	2.2	-	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Comsuper</i>	0.2	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$2.4 million to enable ComSuper to complete tasks required to implement changes to the Australian Government superannuation schemes that commenced on 1 July 2007. The funding relates to tasks required to be completed for defined benefit schemes following the finalisation of the relevant regulations.

Funding of \$6.0 million for *Better Super* was initially provided to ComSuper in the 2006-07 Additional Estimates.

HEALTH AND AGEING

National Medical Stockpile — replenishment

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	124.7	41.2	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	-	0.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$166.5 million over two years to replace expiring National Medical Stockpile pharmaceuticals and pandemic vaccines. This will include purchasing pharmaceuticals that would be available to assist in responding to a possible influenza pandemic or a chemical, biological or radiological incident. The Government will continue to examine the make-up of the Stockpile, based on current and future threats and consider funding for 2010-11 and beyond following the examination.

The National Medical Stockpile was created in 2002 as a strategic reserve of medications and medical equipment to respond to potential mass casualty emergencies or health disasters.

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Systems for People — additional funding

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	24.0	-	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$37.1 million to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to develop and maintain IT systems delivered by the *Systems for People* program.

The program was initiated in 2006 as a four year effort to address significant limitations in the Department's information systems identified by the Palmer and Comrie Reports. The program aims to improve the client focus of the Department's IT systems, enhance decision making and records management, and improve services to clients.