

Part 2: Expense Measures

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		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY				
	<i>Biosecurity Australia</i>				
61	Import risk analysis – improving quarantine processes	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8
	<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>				
56	Adelaide Showground redevelopment – contribution	-	-	-	-
	<i>Agriculture – Advancing Australia</i>				
56	– Advancing Agricultural Industries	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
57	– FarmBis	-2.0	9.5	9.3	9.4
57	– FarmHelp	20.9	24.8	24.2	22.5
58	– International Agricultural Cooperation	0.5	2.3	2.4	2.4
58	– Rural Financial Counselling Service	0.2	14.3	14.6	14.9
209	Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – continuation of negotiations	0.4	0.4	-	-
210	Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	0.4	0.4	-	-
58	Australian Wool Innovation	-	-	-	-
146	Climate change – Global Initiative on Forests and Climate Drought assistance	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
59	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers	100.0	87.1	-	-
59	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small businesses	16.2	13.5	-	-
60	– interim income support for primary producers	11.1	-	-	-
60	– interim income support for small businesses	1.7	-	-	-
61	Global Integration – Food Innovation Grants – extension	13.1	13.4	13.7	14.0
61	Import risk analysis – improving quarantine processes	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3
62	Murray-Darling Basin – Additional Rural Financial Counsellors	1.0	-	-	-
	<i>National Food Industry Strategy</i>				
62	– Australian Food Industry Council	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0
63	– International Food Standards Initiative	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
63	– Technical Market Access	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9
63	National Landcare Programme – continuation	-	36.6	37.4	38.1
64	Red Imported Fire Ant – continuation of funding for eradication	7.0	3.3	-	-
	<i>Wheat Export Authority</i>				
64	Wheat Export Authority – additional funding	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	184.2	224.5	120.3	120.3

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	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S				
	<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>				
	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians				
165	– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.0
162	– Indigenous liaison pilot programme for the Family Court of Western Australia	0.2	0.2	0.3	-
209	Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – continuation of negotiations	0.2	0.2	-	-
210	Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	0.4	0.5	-	-
79	COAG – harmonise and rationalise the law on personal property securities	4.8	19.3	29.8	30.2
	Cole Inquiry				
80	– implementation of recommendations	-	-	-	-
80	– possible criminal offences	1.1	1.1	-	-
85	Combating trafficking in persons – extension and expansion	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
87	Firearms import permit administration and policy development – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
87	Helping separated parents and their children	1.0	8.3	12.8	12.3
88	Judges' pension scheme – funding of superannuation surcharge	0.5	-	-	-
89	Legal aid services – support for legislative changes and regional initiatives	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0
91	Overseas Deployment Law Unit – establishment	-	-	-	-
	Strengthening National Security				
68	– continuation of funding for the national crisis management Watch Office	-	-	-	-
69	– continuation of funding for the National Security Hotline	-	-	-	-
69	– expanding the counter-terrorism exercise programme	1.2	1.9	1.9	1.9
69	– public information campaign	10.0	10.0	-	-
	<i>Australian Crime Commission</i>				
77	Australian Crime Commission – additional funding to target money laundering and fraud	-	-	-	-
	Combating illicit drugs				
83	– improved intelligence and analysis	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0
84	– National Illicit Drug Strategy – enhanced technical capacity	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
86	Covert intelligence – enhanced management of criminal intelligence	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0
86	Domestic security industry – investigation of organised crime	4.2	4.3	-	-
	<i>Australian Customs Service</i>				
162	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians – illegal foreign fishing – Indigenous rangers trial	-	-	-	-

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	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)				
77	Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve – law enforcement and environmental management	8.5	7.5	7.6	7.6
210	Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	0.2	0.4	-	-
	Combating illicit drugs				
81	– additional training for border security personnel	-	-	-	-
82	– enhanced role in Oceania	-	-	-	-
84	– upgraded detection equipment	0.5	0.2	..	..
13	Excise and excise-equivalent customs duty – enhancing and streamlining eligibility for refunds, remissions and drawbacks(b)	0.2	0.4	0.4	-
327	International traveller assessment and clearance – system modernisation(c)	2.8	3.5	-	-
89	Maritime security – Australian Maritime Identification System	17.7	18.7	18.5	17.9
91	Papua New Guinea – improving border security capability	4.0	1.7	1.2	0.9
91	Passenger facilitation survey	1.5	-	-	-
308	Standard Business Reporting	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Federal Police</i>				
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77	– accommodation scoping study	3.3	-	-	-
78	– contribution to Afghanistan	-	-	-	-
78	– contribution to East Timor	12.3	11.1	13.1	-
327	– future operational systems(c)	1.6	3.9	5.0	6.3
80	Cole Inquiry – possible criminal offences	5.5	3.7	-	-
	Combating illicit drugs				
82	– enhanced Australian Federal Police investigative capacity	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5
83	– expansion of the Australian Federal Police international liaison officer network	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.3
84	– National Illicit Drug Strategy – enhanced technical capacity	-	-	-	-
85	Combating trafficking in persons – extension and expansion	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.2
88	Intellectual property crime – investigation and prosecution	2.7	4.9	-	-
	National Illicit Drug Strategy				
89	– Australian Federal Police communications network	-	-	-	-
90	– Australian Federal Police law enforcement cooperation programme	-	-	-	-
90	– Australian Federal Police overseas liaison network	-	-	-	-
92	Strategy to prevent people smuggling – increased human source capacity for the Australian Federal Police	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
70	Strengthening National Security – aviation security accommodation	8.5	0.8	1.8	1.1
93	Sudan – providing an Australian Federal Police contribution for the United Nations Mission in Sudan	1.1	1.0	0.4	-

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	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)				
	<i>Australian Institute of Criminology</i>				
81	Combating illicit drugs – Drug Use Monitoring in Australia	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
85	Combating trafficking in persons – extension and expansion	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
	<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>				
70	Strengthening National Security – improving state office accommodation	3.0	7.2	6.1	6.2
	<i>Family Court of Australia</i>				
86	Federal Magistrates Court of Australia – additional magistrates for family law	-1.3	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
87	Helping separated parents and their children	3.2	1.8	1.0	1.0
90	Newcastle courts – strategic assessment of accommodation needs	0.2	-	-	-
	<i>Federal Magistrates Court of Australia</i>				
86	Federal Magistrates Court of Australia – additional magistrates for family law	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
	<i>Federal Magistrates Court of Australia</i>				
87	Helping separated parents and their children	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7
	<i>Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission</i>				
93	Workplace Relations Reform – additional resourcing for the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
	<i>Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia</i>				
88	Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia – maintaining service standards	2.8	2.8	-	-
92	Proceeds of crime legislation – additional prosecutions	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
	<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>				
284	COAG – National trade measurement – establishment	-	-	0.2	0.5
80	Cole Inquiry – possible criminal offences	0.9	1.3	-	-
85	Combating trafficking in persons – extension and expansion	0.9	1.9	2.7	2.7
264	Fraud and compliance – identity fraud – continuation of improved and increased investigations	-	-	-	-
88	Intellectual property crime – investigation and prosecution	1.5	2.6	-	-
92	Proceeds of crime legislation – additional prosecutions	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
	Portfolio total	134.9	148.1	130.3	116.6
	COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS				
	<i>Australia Council</i>				
94	Australia Council – continuation of base funding	-	-	-	-
99	Major performing arts – additional funding	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.1
102	Small to medium performing arts companies – additional funding	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0
	<i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i>				
96	Australian Broadcasting Corporation – Regional and Local Programming initiative – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
98	Digital radio – national and community broadcasters	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

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	COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS (continued)				
	<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>				
96	Australian Communications and Media Authority – additional funding	2.8	1.5	1.1	0.7
	<i>Australian Film Commission</i>				
101	Screen media support package	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Film, Television and Radio School</i>				
101	Screen media support package	-	3.0	3.1	3.1
	<i>Australian Screen Authority</i>				
101	Screen media support package	-	11.0	1.2	-3.5
	<i>Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority</i>				
97	Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority – additional funding for investigations	2.2	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>				
98	Healthy Active Australia – continuation and extension of funding for the Active After-school Communities programme	20.8	41.6	41.6	20.4
	<i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>				
94	2007 World Police and Fire Games – contribution	-	-	-	-
163	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians – extension of the Return of Indigenous Cultural Property Programme	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
94	Adelaide Oval – redevelopment	5.0	10.0	10.0	-
209	Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – continuation of negotiations	0.3	0.3	-	-
210	Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	0.2	0.2	-	-
95	Australian Ballet School – facilities redevelopment	4.6	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Broadband Guarantee</i>				
95	– additional funding for Broadband Connect	20.0	-	-	-
95	– establishment of broadband blackspot programme	93.5	-	-	-
97	Bundanon Trust – continuation and extension of funding	-	-	-	-
98	Digital radio – national and community broadcasters	0.1	6.1	2.1	2.1
99	National Institute of Dramatic Art – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
100	National Portrait Gallery – additional operational funding	-	6.2	6.7	6.8
100	National Sports Museum – additional funding	4.0	6.0	-	-
101	Screen media support package	-	-	-	-
102	Sydney Cricket Ground – upgrade	15.0	10.0	-	-
103	Visual Arts and Craft Strategy – extension	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.4
	<i>Film Australia Limited</i>				
101	Screen media support package	-	-	-	-
	<i>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</i>				
98	Digital radio – national and community broadcasters	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
	Portfolio total	186.6	114.1	84.0	48.2

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	CROSS PORTFOLIO				
	<i>Various Agencies</i>				
	Strengthening National Security				
71	– implementing the <i>Anti-Terrorism Act (No. 2) 2005</i>	9.6	8.1	7.9	7.9
71	– reducing national e-security risk	12.9	15.0	15.9	18.7
200	Superannuation – reforming the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme	-	32.8	71.2	75.3
	Portfolio total	22.5	56.0	95.0	102.0
	DEFENCE				
	<i>Defence Materiel Organisation</i>				
107	Defence industry policy	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Defence</i>				
104	Afghanistan – Australian Defence Force deployments	447.9	191.8	30.9	-
104	Air combat capability – acquisition of Super Hornets	621.0	984.7	1260.1	1046.1
105	Australian Defence Force retention and recruitment – further initiatives	46.5	165.8	179.2	193.9
106	C-17 heavy airlift – personnel and operating funding	-	73.8	111.9	132.7
106	Coastal surveillance – continuation	12.6	12.8	13.0	13.3
106	Defence housing – supplementation for competitive neutrality policy	-	-	-	-
107	East Timor – continued funding to help restore peace and stability	107.7	27.1	-	-
107	Iraq – continued funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities	301.7	59.7	28.1	-
108	Jezzine Barracks – gift to the Townsville City Council	20.5	-	-	-
108	Logistics – additional funding	107.9	291.3	236.2	243.3
109	Operations CATALYST and SLIPPER – acquisition of equipment	-	-	-	-
109	Special Operations Command – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
109	Special Purpose Aircraft facilities at Canberra International Airport – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
	Strengthening National Security				
71	– enhanced protective security	33.1	33.5	34.0	34.8
72	– improved Defence intelligence capability	9.6	13.7	28.0	31.6
	Portfolio total	1708.4	1854.1	1921.3	1695.6
	EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING				
	<i>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</i>				
163	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians – digitisation of Indigenous cultural resources	-	3.3	3.4	3.5
	<i>Australian Institute of Marine Science</i>				
125	Australian Institute of Marine Science – additional funding	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
125	– move to quadrennial funding agreement and continuation of funding	-	-	-	-

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	EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING (continued)				
	<i>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</i>				
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126	– additional funding for the Open Pool Australian Light-water reactor	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
126	– move to quadrennial funding agreement and continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
	<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>				
127	Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder radio-telescope – design, development and building	6.0	8.1	5.8	4.3
	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation				
128	– additional funding for the Australian Animal Health Laboratory	2.5	3.3	4.3	6.7
129	– move to quadrennial funding agreement and continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation National Research Flagships				
129	– Climate Adaptation and Energy	15.2	22.6	25.8	39.6
130	– new manufacturing and minerals industry development	10.4	12.7	22.4	25.3
130	Healthy Active Australia – promoting healthy living	0.8	1.2	..	..
72	Strengthening National Security – priority counter-terrorism research	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>				
273	457 visas – ongoing management of caseload	0.8	0.4	-	-
	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians				
165	– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
1665	– COAG Work Skills Vouchers	4.0	4.8	6.3	6.3
166	– expanding employment pathways for Indigenous young people	8.5	7.9	8.1	8.4
167	– Indigenous employment services	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.1
164	– opportunities for education	13.8	16.5	26.0	28.1
209	Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – continuation of negotiations	0.2	0.2	-	-
210	Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	0.1	0.1	-	-
127	Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder radio-telescope – design, development and building	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.1
	COAG				
184	– a new national approach to early childhood education and regulation	0.2	0.3	-	-
127	– development of national standards for teaching literacy and numeracy	1.3	-	-	-
128	– literacy and numeracy leadership standards for principals	0.6	-	-	-

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	EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING (continued)				
227	Combating illicit drugs – strengthening drug prevention education	-	-	-	-
230	Dental school – Charles Sturt University	-	1.1	2.2	3.3
	Drought assistance				
59	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers	2.9	2.2	-	-
59	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small businesses	0.7	0.5	-	-
270	Efficiencies in service delivery agencies	-2.2	-2.3	-2.4	-2.6
	Fraud and compliance				
261	– compliance reviews – continuation of expanded data matching	-	-	-	-
262	– consolidation and expansion of risk profile reviews for student payments	1.3	-0.5	-1.8	-
264	– identity fraud – continuation of improved and increased investigations	-	-	-	-
266	– residency eligibility validation system for payments and concessions	-	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
267	– transfer of death registration information	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-
131	Higher Education Information Management System – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
	Humanitarian settlement initiatives				
189	– extending the Crisis Payment to newly arrived humanitarian entrants on arrival in Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
131	– increased per capita funding for English as a Second Language	28.4	31.4	33.1	34.9
132	Investing In Our Schools Programme – continuation	190.1	5.8	-	-
135	Job Capacity Assessment – reinforcing the role	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
132	Learned Academies – support of operations	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
238	Medical research facilities – grants for development and expansion	-	-	-	-
	Migration Programme				
278	– 4,000 additional family stream places for 2006-07	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.4
279	– 8,800 place increase for 2007-08	4.3	10.0	16.5	21.6
133	Museum of Economic Botany – refurbishment	-	-	-	-
133	National Disability Coordination Officer Programme	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.1
	Realising Our Potential				
118	– additional Commonwealth Learning Scholarships	11.6	22.3	26.6	30.9
122	– additional support for regional and remote schools	15.4	32.2	35.2	38.3
116	– allowing more responsive universities	51.3	56.6	57.1	58.2
123	– Australian Government Summer Schools for Teachers	30.0	24.8	23.2	23.6
121	– Australian Technical Colleges	1.1	19.8	27.4	17.1
124	– core curricula standards	4.4	8.6	-	0.1
117	– Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.8
119	– extending income support to Masters students	5.5	11.2	12.5	14.1
118	– extending Rent Assistance to Austudy recipients	13.2	24.0	24.5	25.1

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EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING (continued)					
Realising Our Potential					
122	– fast-track apprenticeships	6.4	11.8	17.3	23.0
119	– fee assistance for Australian Apprentices	47.8	52.2	52.9	53.6
120	– FEE-HELP for Diploma and Advanced Diploma VET courses	4.3	3.4	3.5	3.4
114	– Higher Education Endowment Fund	-	304.0	304.0	304.0
123	– improving the practical component of teacher education	18.8	19.2	19.4	19.6
115	– increasing university funding	156.8	143.2	133.6	126.0
121	– national literacy and numeracy vouchers	70.9	120.9	131.4	134.1
125	– national student aptitude test for tertiary admission	4.9	4.8	4.8	-
124	– national teacher training and registration standards	2.7	2.2	-	-
117	– reducing red tape for universities	0.6	0.3	-	-
122	– rewarding schools for improving literacy and numeracy outcomes	2.2	17.0	16.9	17.0
119	– support for young Australian Apprentices in skill-shortage trades	69.3	87.1	90.7	95.4
135	Workplace English Language and Literacy Programme – continuation	-	-	-	-
143	Youth Allowance – participation requirements for payment eligibility	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Portfolio total		848.2	1135.1	1170.5	1202.4
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
273	457 visas – ongoing management of caseload	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
165	– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	-7.5	-8.8	-9.1	-9.4
167	– Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) programme – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
168	– compliance and eligibility checks for Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) programme participants	-0.5	-17.7	-18.3	-19.2
169	– enhancing opportunities for employment and participation in remote communities	5.8	5.2	5.4	3.6
171	– improving accountability and increasing returns from Indigenous assets	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.5
167	– Indigenous employment services	-5.5	-18.8	-20.7	-20.6
311	Above General Rate component of Disability Pension – increases to the Special and Intermediate Rates	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
135	Centrelink Financial Information Service – improved advice on compensation payments	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.6
270	Efficiencies in service delivery agencies	-13.3	-14.0	-14.7	-15.4
Fraud and compliance					
261	– compliance reviews – continuation of expanded data matching	-	-	-	-

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	EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)				
	Fraud and compliance				
263	– Disability Support Pension – continuation of enhanced reviews	-	-	-	-
264	– identity fraud – continuation of improved and increased investigations	-	-	-	-
265	– improved reporting of changes in income of people receiving Centrelink payments	-4.2	-16.0	-16.5	-
265	– Parenting Payments – continuation of enhanced profiling capacity	-	-	-	-
266	– residency eligibility validation system for payments and concessions	0.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
267	– transfer of death registration information	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-
268	– verification of earnings to improve the accuracy of payments	2.4	-1.8	-3.9	-
268	– Youth Allowance – continuation of restructured reviews of job seekers	-	-	-	-
187	Funeral bonds means test exemption – increased threshold	..	..	..	..
189	Humanitarian settlement initiatives – extending the Crisis Payment to newly arrived humanitarian entrants on arrival in Australia	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
135	Job Capacity Assessment – reinforcing the role	1.3	0.4	..	-0.7
	Labour assistance package				
136	– expansion of the South Australian automotive workers labour adjustment fund	0.8	0.6	-	-
136	– ACL Bearings	0.1	..	-	-
137	– supplementary funding for the South Australian labour adjustment package	0.5	0.3	0.2	-
	Migration Programme				
278	– 4,000 additional family stream places for 2006-07	0.1	..	13.2	11.5
279	– 8,800 place increase for 2007-08	0.2	0.3	12.8	35.8
137	Mobility Allowance – expanding eligibility criteria	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.9
138	Parenting Payment – expanded access to supplementary concessions	1.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
138	Personal Support Programme – additional places	2.8	4.4	4.2	4.4
139	Relocation assistance for job seekers – expanded pilot	0.5	-	-	-
193	Seniors bonus payment	-	-	-	-
139	Skills surveys – expansion	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
	Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Disability Employment Network				
139	– additional places	10.2	10.5	9.3	9.9
140	– eligibility for adult prisoners with a disability	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1
	Work for the Dole				
141	– increasing the use of training credits	2.4	2.5	3.0	3.5
141	– standardising early access to training credits	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4

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	EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)				
142	Workers' compensation – management of asbestos and other dust diseases	-	-	-	-
142	Workplace Relations Reform – continuation of the WorkChoices Employer Advisor Programme	10.1	-	-	-
143	Youth Allowance – participation requirements for payment eligibility	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
	<i>Office of Workplace Services</i>				
273	457 visas – ongoing management of caseload	4.0	3.4	1.8	1.8
143	Workplace Relations Reform – reinforcing the regional network of the Office of Workplace Services	12.2	8.0	1.2	-
	Portfolio total	32.1	-34.4	-25.8	12.4
	ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES				
	<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>				
152	National Plan for Water Security – improving water information	23.7	39.2	46.2	51.3
156	World-class weather forecasting – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of the Environment and Water Resources</i>				
165	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians – building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	7.6	9.9	15.0	15.1
144	Australian Biological Resources Study	-	-	-	-
	Climate change				
144	– Australian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation	17.1	22.0	23.0	27.5
145	– coal mine methane reduction	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.2
145	– expansion of Photovoltaic Rebate Programme	6.0	11.0	11.0	11.1
146	– Global Initiative on Forests and Climate	3.5	4.5	5.8	4.6
147	– phase out of inefficient light bulbs	-	-	-	-
147	– small business and household action initiative	-	-	-	-
148	Community Water Grants – extension	16.3	52.2	79.7	49.0
148	Distinctively Australian – continuation of funding	-0.3	-1.4	-2.4	-2.5
149	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> – enhanced administration	17.4	17.6	17.7	17.9
149	Environment Protection Policy – continuation of funding	9.8	9.9	9.1	9.2
149	Environmental Stewardship Programme	5.0	10.0	15.0	20.0
151	Mawson's Huts in Antarctica – conservation	-	-	-	-
	National Plan for Water Security				
151	– addressing over-allocation in the Murray-Darling Basin	27.0	85.9	423.8	495.8
153	– modernising irrigation in Australia	52.3	154.0	452.2	861.4
154	– northern Australia and the Great Artesian Basin	2.5	2.5	16.0	16.0
154	– reforming the Murray-Darling Basin Commission	59.5	56.6	57.4	56.9
155	Natural Heritage Trust Phase Three	-	395.0	395.0	395.0
155	Scouts Australia 100 year anniversary – water saving infrastructure	5.9	5.9	-	-
156	Shipping support for Australia's Antarctic Programme	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.2

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	ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES (continued)				
156	St Mary's Cathedral – conservation and completion appeal	-	-	-	-
157	Yellow Crazy Ants on Christmas Island – expansion of control efforts	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0
	<i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</i>				
144	Climate change – Australian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.9
	Great Barrier Reef				
150	– additional funding for field management	4.4	3.5	3.3	3.3
150	– continuation of water quality monitoring programme	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	266.3	886.8	1576.0	2039.8
	FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS				
	<i>Aboriginal Hostels Limited</i>				
	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians				
172	– accommodation support for education and health	0.7	1.3	2.4	3.3
164	– opportunities for education	-	-	1.2	1.2
	<i>Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>				
	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians				
165	– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	4.7	4.2	3.8	3.8
174	– Centrelink access sites – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
171	– continuation of Indigenous social and economic research	-	-	-	-
175	– continuation of the Cape York Digital Network	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
169	– enhancing opportunities for employment and participation in remote communities	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2
169	– expansion of playgroups for Indigenous families	2.3	3.4	4.0	4.1
174	– foundations for Indigenous welfare reform	-	-	-	-
170	– improved access to child care and early childhood services	1.8	7.8	6.4	7.5
175	– Indigenous housing and infrastructure reforms	8.8	94.5	86.5	103.8
170	– Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children – continuation	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
164	– opportunities for education	3.1	12.4	19.6	5.5
311	Above General Rate component of Disability Pension – increases to the Special and Intermediate Rates	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
176	Anniversary of Bali and London bombings and Bali trials – travel assistance to families	-	-	-	-
176	Assets test exemption for exceptional circumstances	*	*	*	*
177	Assistance to Families at Risk of Overpayment – additional resourcing	3.4	0.1	-	-
177	Assurance of Support simplification package	5.6	2.5	2.5	2.5
178	Australian Early Development Index – funding for Stage 2	1.4	1.1	1.2	-

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	FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (continued)				
178	Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth – additional resourcing	2.1	2.2	-	-
179	Baby Bonus – introducing birth registration as a condition	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
179	Bushfire assistance – ex-gratia payments to victims of the bushfires in Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia	0.1	-	-	-
180	Carer bonus	3.9	-	-	-
180	Carer ex-gratia payment	6.5	-	-	-
269	Centrelink rural call centres – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
181	Child care – integrated quality assurance system	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3
181	Child Care Benefit – increased rates	142.6	136.5	132.8	135.7
182	Child care in regional and remote Australia – additional resourcing	8.6	10.2	12.0	13.0
182	Child care Inclusion Support Subsidy – additional funding	14.9	15.3	15.8	16.3
183	Child Care Tax Rebate – conversion to a direct payment	514.6	558.5	610.7	662.9
184	COAG – a new national approach to early childhood education and regulation	0.6	0.4	-	-
85	Combating trafficking in persons – extension and expansion	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
184	Commonwealth State and Territory Disability Agreement – negotiation of new agreement with the States and Territories	153.7	156.4	159.2	162.1
185	Cyclones George and Jacob – assistance	0.1	-	-	-
186	Disability business services – continuation of case-based funding model	-	-	-	-
186	East Timor 2006 – medical evacuees	-	-	-	-
270	Efficiencies in service delivery agencies	-9.5	-9.9	-10.4	-11.0
187	Financial responsibilities of parenthood – development of an education resource	0.5	-	-	-
	Fraud and compliance				
260	– Age Pension – additional assessments of the value of real estate assets	-7.2	-56.8	-66.8	-
261	– Age Pension – data exchange with the United Kingdom	-5.7	-8.7	-5.4	-
261	– compliance reviews – continuation of expanded data matching	-	-	-	-
262	– consistent assessment of Family Tax Benefit	-36.5	5.0	4.7	-
264	– identity fraud – continuation of improved and increased investigations	-	-	-	-
266	– preventing carer payment debt	-3.6	-12.1	-12.1	-12.4
266	– residency eligibility validation system for payments and concessions	-10.3	-4.9	-10.2	-10.4
267	– rolling random sample survey programme – continuation and expansion	4.5	4.3	4.3	-
267	– transfer of death registration information	-5.6	-6.6	-6.8	-
268	– verification of earnings to improve the accuracy of payments	-

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	FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (continued)				
187	Funeral bonds means test exemption – increased threshold	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.7
188	Health Care Card for ex-Carer Allowance (child) students aged 16-25 years	1.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
87	Helping separated parents and their children	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.7
188	Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia survey (HILDA) – extension of data collection	0.3	3.7	7.5	9.3
189	Humanitarian settlement initiatives – extending the Crisis Payment to newly arrived humanitarian entrants on arrival in Australia	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.3
189	Influenza pandemic – managing the social and community impacts	4.9	1.3	1.0	0.8
190	Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance – additional resourcing	16.4	0.2	-1.1	-0.1
190	Men and Family Relationships Services and Family Relationships Education – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
	Migration Programme				
278	– 4,000 additional family stream places for 2006-07	4.1	4.8	4.9	5.0
279	– 8,800 place increase for 2007-08	5.7	16.9	28.9	41.4
191	Multiple Birth Allowance – extension of eligibility	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.7
191	National Disability Advocacy Programme – enhancements	2.8	3.3	2.9	3.3
191	Pension Bonus Scheme – enhancements	9.0	11.6	12.1	12.5
192	Reconnect – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
192	Respite Support for Carers of Young People with Severe and Profound Disabilities – continuation and expansion of funding	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
193	Seniors bonus payment	11.3	-	-	-
193	Social Security Agreement between Australia and Germany – supplementary agreement	-	-	-	-
194	Social Security Agreement between Australia and Korea – establishment	-	-	-	-
194	Volunteer Small Equipment Grants – expansion	13.9	13.8	14.0	14.2
	Portfolio total	887.9	984.7	1037.7	1186.0
	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION				
	<i>Commonwealth Grants Commission</i>				
198	Commonwealth Grants Commission – re-appointment of Commissioner	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	<i>Commonwealth Superannuation Administration</i>				
196	Australian Government Superannuation – strengthening information technology capacity	0.3	-1.6	2.2	0.4
197	Civilian and Military Superannuation Schemes – providing more equitable arrangements for certain pensioners and scheme members	0.4	0.1	-	-
198	ComSuper Simplified Superannuation	0.9	-	-	-
200	Superannuation – reforming the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme	2.1	2.1	-	-

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		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (continued)				
	<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>				
195	Asset sales function – continuation of resourcing	1.3	-	-	-
209	Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – continuation of negotiations	0.3	0.3	-	-
210	Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	0.2	0.2	-	-
195	Australian Government Online Service Point – establishment	8.0	8.4	4.9	4.8
196	Australian Government's unfunded liability to universities' superannuation arrangements – scoping study	2.6	-	-	-
197	Civilian and Military Superannuation Schemes – providing more equitable arrangements for certain pensioners and scheme members	*	*	*	*
197	Comcover – discontinuation of the reinsurance programme	-22.9	-23.1	-23.1	-23.3
331	Darwin Commonwealth Law Courts building – stage 1 land acquisition and scoping study(c)	1.5	-	-	-
198	Fort Scratchley – additional resourcing for restoration	4.0	-	-	-
260	Fraud and compliance – a more strategic approach to addressing fraud and non-compliance	0.5	-	-	-
	Members of Parliament staff				
199	– additional resources	16.4	17.0	17.4	16.7
199	– enhanced security arrangements	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
199	– occupational health and safety and employee assistance services	1.1	1.2	1.6	2.2
200	Programme reviews – enhanced framework	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0
308	Standard Business Reporting	-	-	-	-
200	Superannuation – reforming the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme	-3.2	-36.8	-76.0	-84.2
	Portfolio total	18.7	-26.9	-67.7	-78.1
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE				
	<i>AusAID</i>				
146	Climate change – Global Initiative on Forests and Climate Increasing overseas aid	27.3	33.2	43.6	42.6
208	– Aid White Paper – continuation of programme development and realignment	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.8
208	– anti-corruption for development activities	16.7	-	-	-
207	– Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development – supplementary administration costs	11.0	11.0	10.0	9.0
206	– Australian emergency and humanitarian response capacity – enhancement	21.3	23.0	24.0	25.0
205	– Australian response to emerging country and regional priorities – enhancement	100.9	96.2	95.6	90.0
206	– climate change, global health and multilateral initiatives – building and supporting effective partnerships	86.9	-	-	-
204	– delivering better education	43.2	62.6	186.3	248.2
205	– delivering better health	55.2	78.5	172.0	225.1

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	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (continued)				
	Increasing overseas aid				
204	– emergency and humanitarian relief – contributions	-	-	-	-
207	– governance and leadership programme	16.6	24.4	-	-
205	– infrastructure for growth initiative	85.1	119.0	142.3	159.4
206	– performance incentives	41.3	74.3	-	-
	<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>				
212	Strategy to prevent people smuggling – enhanced intelligence collection	1.5	2.4	2.4	2.5
	<i>Australian Trade Commission</i>				
211	Global Integration – export facilitators for the United States market – extension	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>				
208	Australia on the World Stage – enhancement	2.6	4.0	6.8	6.9
209	Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – continuation of negotiations	4.1	4.1	-	-
210	Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	-	-	-	-
146	Climate change – Global Initiative on Forests and Climate	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
80	Cole Inquiry – implementation of recommendations	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.0
211	Consular emergency services – reallocation of funding	-	-	-	-
212	International Relations Grants Programme – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
212	Shanghai World Expo 2010 – planning and design	1.5	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	522.1	539.6	690.0	815.9
	HEALTH AND AGEING				
	<i>Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency</i>				
223	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
250	Radiation in health care – safer and better use	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.6
73	Strengthening National Security – enhancing Australia's approach to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
	<i>Cancer Australia</i>				
234	Gynaecological cancer centre – establishment	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>				
	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians				
165	– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	2.9	2.0	1.8	1.8
173	– continuing the National Illicit Drug Strategy – Indigenous Communities Initiative	0.7	4.6	4.6	4.7
174	– establishing quality health standards	5.2	7.5	10.8	13.4
172	– family centred primary health care	6.3	8.9	11.6	11.4
173	– Health @ Home Plus	3.9	8.8	11.2	13.4

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)				
	Aged care				
213	– demonstration sites for day respite in residential aged care facilities	7.9	11.0	11.0	11.2
213	– enhancing access to aged care services for culturally and linguistically diverse communities	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1
214	– equity of access for nursing home residents	-	-	-	-
214	– improved health services for residents of aged care homes	20.1	21.4	21.9	22.6
215	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – additional support for community-based respite care	2.6	5.2	7.9	10.7
215	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – additional support for services for people in remote and very remote areas and with special needs	8.6	8.5	9.9	13.3
216	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – assistive technology in community care	2.5	6.0	6.6	6.3
216	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – better regulating aged care providers	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
217	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – community care workforce development	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.2
218	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – ensuring quality in community care	4.7	4.8	6.1	9.3
218	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – increased capital funding for residential care	104.9	98.5	139.8	149.0
219	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – increased support for Assistance for Care and Housing for the Aged	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.6
220	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – introduction of the Aged Care Funding Instrument	15.8	103.7	114.9	100.1
220	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – more community care packages	17.3	53.5	92.2	135.0
221	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – paying full subsidy to former State and Territory Government aged care places	4.8	5.0	5.5	6.3
221	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – simplified income-tested care fees	8.2	22.3	22.6	22.4
222	– services in the Indian Ocean Territories	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
222	Antivenom production in Australia – continued manufacturing	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
223	Australian Primary Care Collaboratives – continue and increase funding	0.2	4.2	4.1	4.2
	Breast cancer				
224	– continuation of funding for National Breast Cancer Centre	-	-	-	-
224	– support for women in rural and remote areas – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
224	Breast cancer treatment – continuation of funding for the Herceptin® programme	-	-	-	-
225	Breastfeeding – education and support	3.1	3.5	1.0	1.0
225	Chronic and complex conditions – supporting patient care	43.4	68.3	73.1	78.2

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)				
226	COAG – reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes	1.9	22.4	36.0	42.4
	Combating illicit drugs				
226	– more effective treatment for methamphetamine abuse	11.5	11.4	-	-
227	– strengthening drug prevention education	2.2	-	-	-
228	– strengthening the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Programme	13.7	21.6	21.9	22.3
228	Community Pharmacy Agreement – implementation of programmes	7.5	4.4	4.1	4.8
229	Continence Aids Assistance Scheme – expansion	5.2	8.5	12.0	15.8
230	Mosquito control operations in Northern Australia	-	-	-	-
230	Dental school – Charles Sturt University	54.2	2.9	1.3	0.1
231	Dental training – expanding rural placements	7.3	3.2	1.0	1.1
231	Dental treatment – enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic and complex conditions	36.8	93.9	104.1	140.8
232	Divisions of General Practice – continuation of funding Drought assistance	-	-	-	-
59	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers	0.7	0.6	-	-
59	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small businesses	0.2	0.2	-	-
186	East Timor 2006 – medical evacuees	-	-	-	-
232	Enhanced Divisional Quality Use of Medicines programme – discontinuation	-1.6	-2.4	-2.9	-3.5
	Fraud and compliance				
261	– compliance reviews – continuation of expanded data matching	-	-	-	-
264	– identity fraud – continuation of improved and increased investigations	-	-	-	-
233	General practice vocational training – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
234	Gynaecological cancer centre – establishment	-	-	-	-
188	Health Care Card for ex-Carer Allowance (child) students aged 16-25 years	3.0	4.2	4.4	4.6
	Healthy Active Australia				
235	– funding for a national nutrition and physical activity survey	2.6	2.9	2.8	2.3
235	– grants for physical activity projects in the community	4.5	3.4	2.3	1.5
130	– promoting healthy living	0.6	0.4	-	-
236	Hearing Services Programme – improving hearing outcomes	12.9	17.8	19.0	20.9
236	Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Initiative – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
237	Humanitarian settlement initiatives – Programme of Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma – additional funding	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1
237	Life Saving Drugs Programme – funding for Aldurazyme® (Iaronidase-rch)	3.0	4.2	4.5	4.8
238	Magnetic Resonance Imaging – improved access	3.2	4.2	5.4	5.0

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)				
238	Medical research facilities – grants for development and expansion	-	-	-	-
239	Medicare Benefit Schedule – better access to after hours GP services	0.1	16.1	24.9	26.0
240	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and revised listings	16.1	19.9	23.8	28.2
240	Mental Health – increased mental health services for drought-affected communities	-	-	-	-
	Migration Programme				
278	– 4,000 additional family stream places for 2006-07	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8
279	– 8,800 place increase for 2007-08	6.8	15.2	23.9	33.2
241	Multidisciplinary case conferencing – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
	National Immunisation Programme				
242	– implementation of the National Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme	50.3	18.4	4.2	3.4
243	– Q fever vaccine	7.5	1.7	4.0	2.8
243	– rotavirus vaccine	23.3	32.4	32.2	32.3
244	National Joint Replacement Registry – increased data collection	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme				
244	– community campaign to promote the benefits of generic medicines	15.2	2.4	2.4	-
244	– extension to the listings of Ezetrol® (ezetimibe) and Vytorin® (ezetimibe and simvastatin)	11.9	17.7	22.0	26.0
245	– extension to the listings of Fosamax® Once Weekly, Alendro® Once Weekly and Fosamax® Plus (alendronate)	36.6	45.6	51.3	56.3
246	– listing of Strattera® (atomoxetine)	17.0	25.6	29.3	29.3
247	– minor new listings	13.2	17.1	19.5	21.1
248	– prescribing rights for optometrists	1.2	2.1	3.0	3.7
248	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme reform – software support	4.9	5.0	4.4	3.6
249	Private Health Insurance Ombudsman – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
250	Royal Flying Doctor Service – additional funding	47.2	42.8	37.7	28.9
251	Rural Clinical Schools Programme – funding for the University of Wollongong	2.9	3.9	4.4	5.1
251	Rural Retention Programme – continued and increased funding	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.7
252	Rural Women's GP Service – expand services for women	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.3
252	Safety and Quality in Health Care – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
253	Sexually transmitted infections – establishment of National Prevention Programme	2.1	3.5	2.2	2.0
253	Sharing Health Care Initiative – continuation of funding	-1.8	0.6	0.5	-0.6
254	Skin cancer awareness campaign – continuation of funding	5.7	5.8	-	-

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)				
73	Strengthening National Security – enhancing Australia's approach to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security	1.5	1.4	1.0	0.9
254	Visiting Optometrists Scheme – increase funding	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.4
254	Voluntary annual health assessments for older Australians – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
317	War Widows Pension – longer backdating period	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	<i>Food Standards Australia New Zealand</i>				
233	Food Standards Australia New Zealand – continue and increase funding	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1
	<i>National Health and Medical Research Council</i>				
234	Health and medical research – streamlining human research ethics reviews	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8
	<i>Professional Services Review</i>				
249	Professional Services Review – continuation of funding	-1.4	-1.9	-1.7	-1.9
	Portfolio total	723.7	959.0	1094.9	1212.3
	HUMAN SERVICES				
	<i>Centrelink</i>				
269	Centrelink – drought assistance buses	4.5	4.3	-	-
270	Efficiencies in service delivery agencies	1.5	-13.3	-13.5	-13.6
266	Fraud and compliance – residency eligibility validation system for payments and concessions	20.6	20.6	8.1	5.6
271	Murray-Darling Basin – additional servicing support for farmers	5.4	4.6	-	-
	<i>Department of Human Services</i>				
167	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians – Indigenous employment services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
270	Efficiencies in service delivery agencies	-	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7
260	Fraud and compliance – a more strategic approach to addressing fraud and non-compliance	0.5	-	-	-
270	Human Services – additional funding	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
135	Job Capacity Assessment – reinforcing the role	0.1	-	-	-
272	Murray-Darling Basin – providing drought support information to farmers	1.0	1.0	-	-
	<i>Medicare Australia</i>				
173	A Better Future for Indigenous Australians – Health @ Home Plus	0.1	-	..	..
224	Breast cancer treatment – continuation of funding for the Herceptin® programme	-	-	-	-
226	COAG – reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
228	Community Pharmacy Agreement – implementation of programmes	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
231	Dental treatment – enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic and complex conditions	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2006-07 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	HUMAN SERVICES (continued)				
270	Efficiencies in service delivery agencies	-	-6.7	-6.8	-6.8
236	Hearing Services Programme – improving hearing outcomes	0.1	..	..	..
238	Magnetic Resonance Imaging – improved access	..	..	..	..
239	Medicare Benefit Schedule – better access to after hours GP services	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
240	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and revised listings	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
271	Medicare Easyclaim access points – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
314	Medications management Migration Programme	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.9
278	– 4,000 additional family stream places for 2006-07	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
279	– 8,800 place increase for 2007-08	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5
241	Multidisciplinary case conferencing – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
	National Immunisation Programme				
244	– implementation of the National Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme	1.2	0.6	-	-
243	– rotavirus vaccine	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme				
244	– extension to the listings of Ezetrol® (ezetimibe) and Vytorin® (ezetimibe and simvastatin)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
245	– extension to the listings of Fosamax® Once Weekly, Alendro® Once Weekly and Fosamax® Plus (alendronate)	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7
246	– listing of Strattera® (atomoxetine)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
247	– minor new listings	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
248	– prescribing rights for optometrists	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2
251	Rural Retention Programme – continued and increased funding	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
254	Voluntary annual health assessments for older Australians – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
317	War Widows Pension – longer backdating period	..	..	..	..
	Portfolio total	45.1	18.2	-4.6	-6.5
	IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP				
	<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>				
273	457 visas – ongoing management of caseload	22.8	15.0	12.4	12.2
209	Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – continuation of negotiations	0.1	0.2	-	-
210	Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	0.1	0.1	-	-
274	Case management and community care pilot – continuation and extension	5.6	-	-	-
274	Citizenship Test	38.8	23.9	20.0	20.2
85	Combating trafficking in persons – extension and expansion	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
275	Detention health review – increasing health care for people in detention	4.4	3.7	3.7	3.8

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2006-07 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP (continued)				
	Humanitarian settlement initiatives				
276	– changes to the Special Humanitarian Programme Proposer System	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.1
276	– complex case support services	2.0	10.9	11.1	11.2
277	– connecting to Australia	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
277	– increased in-kind support	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
277	– sustainable regional settlement	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3
	Migration Programme				
278	– 4,000 additional family stream places for 2006-07	2.9	1.4	-	-
279	– 8,800 place increase for 2007-08	4.5	8.9	11.0	11.2
279	– enhanced integrity of partner visa processing	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2
280	Parliament of the World's Religions 2009 – contribution	-	-	-	-
280	Prospective illegal immigrants – improved arrangements in transit countries	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
280	Review of student visa two-stage permission to work – implementation	0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0
	Strategy to prevent people smuggling				
281	– additional airline liaison officers	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1
281	– assistance for management and care of irregular immigrants in Indonesia	7.7	-	-	-
282	– stabilising displaced populations	2.0	-	-	-
282	Unauthorised boat arrivals – continuation of Nauru Offshore Processing Centre	-	-	-	-
282	World Youth Day 2008 – support	2.6	0.5	-	-
	Portfolio total	107.8	76.5	70.0	70.7
	INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES				
	<i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i>				
283	Australian Tourism Development Programme – extension and enhancement	5.0	13.3	8.3	8.3
283	Beaconsfield Miners' Support Fund – contribution	-	-	-	-
284	Carbon capture and storage – implementation	-	-	-	-
284	COAG – National trade measurement – establishment	1.1	1.6	2.3	21.4
	Global Integration				
285	– Australian Business Number and business names registration system	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.1
286	– Australian Industry Productivity Centres	25.8	35.5	35.6	36.1
286	– Commercial Ready Plus	4.4	8.4	9.6	9.7
287	– extending the Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business programme	2.6	11.7	-	-
287	– Global Opportunities	15.5	24.8	24.7	25.1
288	– Intermediary Access programme	1.1	3.6	4.5	5.8
289	– National Nanotechnology Strategy	3.7	4.8	5.7	5.7
289	Ministerial Council on Energy policy initiatives – implementation	5.6	3.7	2.4	0.4
290	Scottsdale Industry and Community Development Fund – establishment	8.1	2.0	-	-
290	Wind turbine industry – assistance	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2006-07 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m
	INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES (continued)				
	<i>Geoscience Australia</i>				
284	Carbon capture and storage – implementation	-	-	-	-
	<i>IP Australia</i>				
209	Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – continuation of negotiations	0.3	0.3	-	-
210	Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	0.1	0.1	-	-
285	Global Integration – Australian Business Number and business names registration system	..	..	0.1	0.1
	Portfolio total	74.4	110.5	94.0	112.6
	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET				
	<i>Australian National Audit Office</i>				
291	Auditing standards – meeting new requirements	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5
	<i>Australian Public Service Commission</i>				
291	Australian Public Service – Registered Training Organisation accreditation	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
292	Information technology infrastructure and outsourcing capability – investment	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
	<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>				
291	APEC 2007 – additional funding	15.5	-	-	-
80	Cole Inquiry – possible criminal offences	0.1	..	-	-
	<i>Strengthening National Security</i>				
74	– enhanced research support for counter-terrorism	2.9	5.0	5.1	5.2
73	– enhancing Australia's approach to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security	0.8	0.8	-	-
293	Task Group on Emissions Trading	-	-	-	-
	<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>				
292	Migration legislation – two year detention reviews	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1
	Portfolio total	23.3	9.8	9.2	9.3
	TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES				
	<i>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</i>				
294	Air transport safety risk mitigation – enhance capability	2.1	3.5	3.5	3.6
298	Aviation industry – drug and alcohol testing	2.0	3.0	3.0	-
	<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>				
294	Airservices Australia – payment scheme for en route charges	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
295	Asbestos – accelerated removal from the Indian Ocean Territories	nfp	nfp	-	-
	<i>AusLink 2</i>				
295	– Black Spot Programme	-	45.0	60.0	60.0
295	– National Network Programme	100.0	300.0	1498.3	1691.6
296	– Roads to Recovery Programme – continuation of funding	-	-	350.0	350.0
296	– Strategic Regional Programme	-	-	20.0	25.0
297	AusLink Strategic Regional programme – supplementary funding	25.0	100.0	125.0	-

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2006-07 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES (continued)				
297	Australian Maritime College – transfer to the University of Tasmania	61.4	-	-	-
297	Australian Red Cross Bushfire Appeals – donations	-	-	-	-
298	Australian Transport Safety Bureau – rail investigation, marine safety reporting and aviation safety functions – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
298	Bushfire Mitigation Programme – continuation	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
299	Christmas Island precipitator tower – demolition	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
299	National aerial firefighting assistance – increase capability	10.0	10.2	10.4	10.6
299	Regional and remote airstrips improvement	1.5	5.5	7.5	7.5
300	South Australian local councils – continuation of supplementary funding for roads	13.5	14.0	14.5	15.0
	Strengthening National Security				
74	– accredited air cargo agent scheme	5.6	3.7	3.1	3.4
75	– checked baggage screening	8.3	5.7	0.3	0.3
75	– enhanced aviation security audit and compliance	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.2
76	– international aviation security liaison	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.6
300	Transport safety assistance to Indonesia	7.7	8.1	8.1	-
300	Upgrade of the Launceston levee system – contribution	13.0	-	-	-
301	Women's representation in decision making	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.1
	<i>National Capital Authority</i>				
333	Griffin Legacy infrastructure(c)	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4
	Portfolio total	270.3	519.5	2124.7	2188.5
	TREASURY				
	<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>				
308	Standard Business Reporting	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>				
302	Australia Post – continuation of funding for competition regulation	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>				
	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority				
302	– strengthened capabilities and continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
303	– sustaining capabilities in prudential regulation	6.8	6.0	5.7	5.5
	<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>				
303	Australian Securities and Investments Commission – information technology security and risk mitigation phase 2 and application development	19.6	23.6	15.1	2.2
80	Cole Inquiry – possible criminal offences	1.0	1.0	-	-
285	Global Integration – Australian Business Number and business names registration system	0.1	0.1	..	..
	<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>				
273	457 visas – ongoing management of caseload	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
183	Child Care Tax Rebate – conversion to a direct payment	0.6	-1.1	-	-
304	Debt collection enhancement – reducing taxation debt and outstanding superannuation guarantee charge payments	44.5	46.4	46.1	42.8

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Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m
	TREASURY (continued)				
305	Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme	-	-	-	-
262	Fraud and compliance – consistent assessment of Family Tax Benefit	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-
285	Global Integration – Australian Business Number and business names registration system	4.0	7.2	6.7	6.5
16	Increasing the GST registration turnover threshold(b)	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0
306	New Business Intensive Assistance Programme	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
306	Pre-filing of tax returns for individuals with simple affairs	20.0	-	-	-
101	Screen media support package	65.0	75.0	90.0	90.0
307	Simplified Superannuation – additional funding for implementation	40.5	38.0	-	-
308	Standard Business Reporting	-	-	-	-
	Superannuation				
308	– additional Government co-contribution	-	-	-	-
23	– taxation of lump sum superannuation death benefit payments to non-dependants of defence personnel and police(b)	0.8	0.3	-	-
	<i>Department of the Treasury</i>				
209	Australia-China Free Trade Agreement – continuation of negotiations	0.3	0.3	-	-
210	Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations	0.2	0.2	-	-
306	Financial Reporting Council – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
308	Standard Business Reporting	-	-	-	-
309	Suspending GST compensation	-18.2	-19.1	-20.1	-21.1
309	Treasury – additional resourcing	6.6	6.7	6.8	7.0
310	Understanding Money – building Australia's financial literacy	6.0	-	-	-
	<i>Productivity Commission</i>				
304	COAG – performance benchmarking for Australian business regulation	2.4	3.1	3.2	3.2
	<i>Royal Australian Mint</i>				
334	Royal Australian Mint – internal security and upgrade of associated systems(c)	1.1	0.3	-	-
	Portfolio total	209.3	196.1	161.6	145.8
	VETERANS' AFFAIRS				
	<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>				
311	Above General Rate component of Disability Pension – increases to the Special and Intermediate Rates	38.7	40.4	41.4	42.2
	Aged care				
214	– equity of access for nursing home residents	-	-	-	-
214	– improved health services for residents of aged care homes	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.0
218	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – increased capital funding for residential care	18.6	17.6	25.1	26.7

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2006-07 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m
	VETERANS' AFFAIRS (continued)				
	Aged care				
220	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – introduction of the Aged Care Funding Instrument	2.5	18.3	20.4	17.9
221	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – paying full subsidy to former State and Territory Government aged care places	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1
221	– Securing the future of aged care for Australians – simplified income-tested care fees	1.5	3.9	4.0	3.9
311	Aircraft maintenance personnel – expansion of Better Health Programme	-	-	-	-
312	Australian Interpretive Centre on the Western Front, France – preliminary design phase	2.4	0.4	-	-
225	Chronic and complex conditions – supporting patient care	4.5	7.8	7.8	8.2
226	COAG – reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes	-	..	0.1	0.1
312	Commemoration and war graves maintenance – additional funding	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	Commemorative activities				
313	– construction of an ANZAC memorial in New Zealand	1.4	2.4	1.1	..
313	– continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
313	– overseas memorials	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
314	Community Care Grants Programme – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
314	Ex-Prisoners of War (Europe) – one-off payment to former Prisoners of War or surviving widows	16.0	-	-	-
	Fraud and compliance				
261	– Age Pension – data exchange with the United Kingdom	-0.6	-1.1	-0.6	-
263	– enhanced compliance for Special Rate Pension payments	-7.3	-6.6	-4.9	-
264	– expansion of veterans' income support payment reviews	-1.4	-3.6	-5.6	-
267	– transfer of death registration information	..	-0.1	-0.1	-
187	Funeral bonds means test exemption – increased threshold	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
239	Medicare Benefit Schedule – better access to after hours GP services	-	1.0	1.7	1.7
240	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and revised listings	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
314	Medications management	-1.0	-7.4	-9.5	-11.4
241	Multidisciplinary case conferencing – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
191	Pension Bonus Scheme – enhancements	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme				
245	– extension to the listings of Fosamax® Once Weekly, Alendro® Once Weekly and Fosamax® Plus (alendronate)	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4
247	– minor new listings	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1
248	– prescribing rights for optometrists	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
315	Respite care for veterans – fee increase for in-home care	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.6
193	Seniors bonus payment	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2006-07 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	VETERANS' AFFAIRS (continued)				
315	Veteran community – supporting carers and volunteers	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.3
316	Veterans – increase in funeral benefits	10.1	9.9	10.1	9.8
316	Veterans' care – better hospital discharge planning	-3.4	-7.1	-7.2	-7.4
254	Voluntary annual health assessments for older Australians – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
317	War Widows Pension – longer backdating period	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
	Portfolio total	98.5	93.1	101.3	109.5
	Decisions taken but not yet announced	-19.2	18.9	12.7	10.7
	Depreciation expense	29.7	65.6	73.0	76.1
	Total impact of expense measures(d)	6374.8	7948.9	10468.4	11190.1

* 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) 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 1: Revenue measures.

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

(d) Measures may not add due to rounding.

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Adelaide Showground redevelopment — contribution

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

The Government will provide \$35.0 million in 2006-07 as a one-off grant to the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of South Australia to replace Centennial Hall at the Adelaide Showground. The hall has not been used for public events since 2005 due to safety concerns. The replacement of the hall is part of a broader \$180 million redevelopment of the Adelaide Showground. The new hall will be used for events, trade shows and exhibitions.

Further information can be found in the press release of 2 May 2007 issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration.

Agriculture — Advancing Australia — Advancing Agricultural Industries

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

The Government will provide \$35.0 million over four years to extend activities under the Advancing Agricultural Industries programme, formerly the Industry Partnerships programme, to allow more industries facing structural change to access government assistance. This initiative will involve industry and government working together in the rural sector to identify and manage emerging risks and to share information on future challenges, market opportunities, training and leadership needs.

Agriculture — Advancing Australia — FarmBis

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-2.0	9.5	9.3	9.4

The Government will provide \$26.3 million over four years (including savings of \$2.0 million in 2007-08) to continue the Farm Business Management programme (FarmBis). The programme helps primary producers manage risks and make productive and profitable changes to their farm businesses. FarmBis provides subsidies for eligible primary producers to obtain training in areas such as business and leadership skills, marketing and natural resource management.

FarmBis will move from a state-based to a nationally-based delivery model to improve the consistency of training delivered, with an initial saving in 2007-08.

Agriculture — Advancing Australia — FarmHelp

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	20.9	24.8	24.2	22.5

The Government will provide \$92.3 million over four years to continue the FarmHelp programme. The programme assists eligible primary producers experiencing financial hardship by providing income support for up to one year, financial assistance to obtain professional advice and training, and re-establishment grants. The measure includes additional funding for professional advice and training, and higher re-establishment grants to assist unviable farmers exit the industry.

This funding includes \$10.9 million over four years for Centrelink to administer elements of the FarmHelp programme.

Agriculture — Advancing Australia — International Agricultural Cooperation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.5	2.3	2.4	2.4

The Government will provide \$7.7 million over four years to continue the International Agricultural Cooperation programme. This funding will promote rural exports by building upon existing activities, including the development of international investment linkages and the exchange of trade missions with key developing country trading partners. It will also support the implementation of new bilateral frameworks to facilitate contact with potential international customers, and enhance the provision of technical assistance to key trading partners.

Agriculture — Advancing Australia — Rural Financial Counselling Service

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.2	14.3	14.6	14.9

The Government will provide \$44.1 million over four years to continue the Rural Financial Counselling Service Programme. Rural financial counsellors provide an information and referral service to farm families who are in financial difficulty and help them make better decisions about their future business directions.

Australian Wool Innovation

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

The Government will provide \$15.0 million in 2006-07 to Australian Wool Innovation Limited to purchase key wool assets from Australian Wool Services Limited, including The Woolmark Company, wool product technologies and a range of wool marketing and development businesses. By ensuring that the Woolmark logo remains Australian owned, the funding will help Australia's wool industry focus on improving its competitive position in the international arena. It will help provide a sustainable footing for the future of wool promotion and marketing.

Further information can be found in the press release of 18 April 2007 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Drought assistance — Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	100.0	87.1	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	2.9	2.2	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	0.7	0.6	-	-
Total	103.6	90.0	..	-

The Government will provide \$229.3 million over three years (including \$35.7 million in 2006-07) to continue support for primary producers in regions that have been declared eligible for Exceptional Circumstances assistance. This assistance takes overall expected Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers to \$631.6 million in 2007-08 and 2008-09.

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

Drought assistance — Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small businesses

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	16.2	13.5	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.7	0.5	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	0.2	0.2	-	-
Total	17.0	14.2	-	-

The Government will provide \$37.4 million over three years (including \$6.1 million in 2006-07) to continue support for farm-dependent small businesses deriving at least 70 per cent of their income from farmers in regions that have been declared eligible for Exceptional Circumstances assistance. This assistance takes overall expected Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small businesses to \$147.5 million in 2007-08 and 2008-09.

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The small business assistance comprises interest rate subsidies and income support to assist viable farm-dependent businesses and dependent families who are adversely affected by the prolonged drought. Eligible recipients will also be provided with a health care concession card and access to Youth Allowance for their children. This assistance has also been extended from businesses with up to 20 employees to those farm-dependent businesses with up to 100 employees.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 26 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Drought assistance — interim income support for primary producers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	11.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$43.3 million over two years (including \$32.2 million in 2006-07) to support primary producers in regions that have been declared eligible for interim income support.

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

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

Drought assistance — interim income support for small businesses

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.5 million over two years (including \$2.9 million in 2006-07) to support farm-dependent small businesses deriving at least 70 per cent of their income from farmers in regions that have been declared eligible for interim income support.

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

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

Global Integration — Food Innovation Grants — extension

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	13.1	13.4	13.7	14.0

The Government will provide \$54.2 million over four years to continue the Food Innovation Grants programme. The programme provides matching grants to eligible Australian food businesses to undertake and commercialise research and development that improves their competitiveness and performance. The Food Innovation Grants programme was established in July 2002 as part of the National Food Industry Strategy.

See also the related expense measures titled *Global Integration* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources, and Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolios, and the related revenue measure *Global Integration – extension of the premium 175 per cent research and development tax concession to subsidiaries of multinational enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

Further information can be found in the statement of 1 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Import risk analysis — improving quarantine processes

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Biosecurity Australia	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3
Total	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2

The Government will provide \$12.7 million over four years to implement an improved import risk analysis process to support Australia's quarantine interests. The new process will facilitate greater public and scientific scrutiny, improve transparency and introduce regulated timeframes for the assessment of import requests.

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Under the improved arrangements, the role of the Eminent Scientists Group will be strengthened to ensure new and possibly conflicting scientific evidence is given adequate consideration when reviewing the conclusions of draft import risk analysis reports.

Further information can be found in the press release of 18 October 2006 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Murray-Darling Basin — Additional Rural Financial Counsellors

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

The Government will provide \$1.0 million in 2007-08 to enhance the Rural Financial Counselling Service programme, which assists rural communities to employ financial counsellors. This funding is to employ five additional counsellors, who will provide farmers with increased access to financial counselling services in those areas reliant on irrigation in the Murray-Darling Basin.

See also the related expense measures titled *Murray-Darling Basin* in the Human Services portfolio.

National Food Industry Strategy — Australian Food Industry Council

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years to continue to fund the Australian Food Industry Council.

The Australian Food Industry Council (previously the National Food Industry Council) is an industry-government forum that advises the food industry and the Government on impediments and opportunities for growth. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will provide the secretariat for the Australian Food Industry Council.

The National Food Industry Council was established in July 2002 to oversee the development of the food industry and the implementation of the National Food Industry Strategy.

National Food Industry Strategy — International Food Standards Initiative

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over four years to continue the International Food Standards Initiative programme to promote food exports and improve the Australian processed food sector's international competitiveness.

The International Food Standards Initiative programme supports the provision of scientific and technical advice and industry input into processes for setting international food standards. It also provides support for Australia's international negotiations on food and agriculture trade. The International Food Standards Initiative programme was established in July 2002 as a part of the National Food Industry Strategy.

National Food Industry Strategy — Technical Market Access

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over four years to continue the Technical Market Access Programme under the National Food Industry Strategy. The programme helps Australia engage with key trading partners on technical market access. This new funding will ensure that overseas food and agriculture counsellor positions in Australia's embassies in Beijing, Seoul and Tokyo are maintained. It will also support specialist positions to assist in the development and pursuit of technical market access cases on behalf of Australian exporters.

The programme, which began in 1996 as part of the Supermarket to Asia initiative, has been funded under the National Food Industry Strategy since July 2002.

National Landcare Programme — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	36.6	37.4	38.1

The Government will provide \$112.1 million over three years from 2008-09 to continue the National Landcare Programme. The programme builds the awareness, skills and capacity of landholders and local communities to adopt improved natural resource management practices.

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Funding of \$35.8 million in 2007-08 has already been included in the forward estimates.

Red Imported Fire Ant — continuation of funding for eradication

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	7.0	3.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.3 million over two years towards the cost of eradicating red imported fire ants in Queensland. This funding is in addition to the \$86.0 million already provided over the six years from 2001-02 to 2006-07.

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

Wheat Export Authority — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Wheat Export Authority	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide a grant of \$1.0 million in 2006-07 to the Wheat Export Authority to partly offset a reduction in levy collections from wheat exports. Exports of wheat have been significantly reduced due to the drought.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Strengthening National Security

National security remains a key priority for the Government. The Government will provide an additional \$702.0 million (including \$245.2 million in capital funding) over four years to strengthen Australia's national security capabilities and address enduring and emerging threats. A further \$5.3 million is included in 2011-12.

The *Strengthening National Security* package adds to initiatives announced across the previous five budgets. In total, the Government has committed an additional \$10.4 billion to national security measures over the 10 years to 2010-11.

Strengthening National Security provides \$106.5 million over four years to Defence for high priority intelligence needs. Intelligence functions will be further supported by the provision of \$78.8 million over four years to provide additional secure facilities for intelligence agencies, and further funding to continue the national security public information campaign of \$20.0 million for a further two years.

An e-security national agenda will be implemented to secure Australia's online environment and the critical infrastructure it supports, such as energy infrastructure, telecommunications and government systems. Funding of \$73.6 million over four years will be provided to a range of agencies.

Aviation security will be further enhanced by a number of measures including the introduction of a new accreditation scheme for air cargo agents, measures to enhance international liaison on aviation security and the extension of checked baggage screening to regional airports serviced by regular passenger transport jet aircraft. These initiatives will cost \$57.2 million over four years.

Other major initiatives include improved police accommodation at airports (at a cost of \$151.4 million over four years) and arrangements to protect personnel, infrastructure and other Defence assets at Defence bases (\$135.4 million over four years).

Table 3: Strengthening National Security

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– continuation of funding for the national crisis management Watch Office	-	-	-	-	-
– continuation of funding for the National Security Hotline	-	-	-	-	-
– expanding the counter-terrorism exercise programme	1.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	6.9
– public information campaign	10.0	10.0	-	-	20.0
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– aviation security accommodation	8.5	0.8	1.8	1.1	12.1
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– improving state office accommodation	3.0	7.2	6.1	6.2	22.4
Sub Total	22.7	19.8	9.7	9.2	61.5
CROSS PORTFOLIO					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– implementing the <i>Anti-Terrorism Act (No. 2) 2005</i>	9.6	8.1	7.9	7.9	33.6
– reducing national e-security risk	12.9	15.0	15.9	18.7	62.6
Sub Total	22.5	23.2	23.9	26.6	96.1
DEFENCE					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– enhanced protective security	33.1	33.5	34.0	34.8	135.4
– improved Defence intelligence capability	9.6	13.7	28.0	31.6	82.9
Sub Total	42.7	47.2	62.0	66.4	218.3
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING					
<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– priority counter-terrorism research	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
HEALTH AND AGEING					
<i>Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– enhancing Australia's approach to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	4.0
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– enhancing Australia's approach to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security	1.5	1.4	1.0	0.9	4.8
Sub Total	2.6	2.5	2.0	1.8	8.8

Table 3: Strengthening National Security (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)					
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– enhancing Australia's approach to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security	0.8	0.8	-	-	1.5
– enhanced research support for counter-terrorism	2.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	18.3
Sub Total	3.6	5.8	5.1	5.2	19.8
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES					
<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– accredited air cargo agent scheme	5.6	3.7	3.1	3.4	15.8
– checked baggage screening	8.3	5.7	0.3	0.3	14.7
– enhanced aviation security audit and compliance	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.2	16.8
– international aviation security liaison	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.6	5.0
Sub Total	19.0	14.8	8.9	9.6	52.3
Total Expense measures	113.0	113.3	111.6	118.8	456.8
CAPITAL MEASURES					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– expanding the counter-terrorism exercise programme	0.3	0.4	-	-	0.7
– continuation of the Australian Secure Network	-	1.5	1.5	-	3.0
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– aviation security accommodation	37.9	86.7	14.6	-	139.3
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– improving state office accommodation	56.3	-	-	-	56.3
Sub Total	94.6	88.6	16.1	-	199.4
CROSS PORTFOLIO					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– implementing the <i>Anti-Terrorism Act (No. 2) 2005</i>	2.2	-	-	-	2.2
– reducing national e-security risk	6.7	2.5	0.7	1.1	11.0
Sub Total	8.8	2.5	0.7	1.1	13.2
DEFENCE					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– improved Defence intelligence capability	8.3	13.2	1.9	0.2	23.6
Sub Total	8.3	13.2	1.9	0.2	23.6

Table 3: Strengthening National Security (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CAPITAL MEASURES (continued)					
HEALTH AND AGEING					
<i>Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– enhancing Australia's approach to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security	0.7	-	-	-	0.7
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– enhancing Australia's approach to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security	0.4	1.6	1.0	0.5	3.5
Sub Total	1.1	1.6	1.0	0.5	4.1
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES					
<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>					
Strengthening National Security					
– accredited air cargo agent scheme	2.8	-	-	-	2.8
– checked baggage screening	0.7	-	-	-	0.7
– enhanced aviation security audit and compliance	1.4	-	-	-	1.4
Sub Total	4.9	-	-	-	4.9
Total Capital measures	117.7	105.9	19.7	1.8	245.2
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE					
<i>Total expense measures</i>	113.0	113.3	111.6	118.8	456.8
<i>Total capital measures</i>	117.7	105.9	19.7	1.8	245.2
Total expenditure	230.8	219.2	131.4	120.6	702.0
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Net additional expenditure	230.8	219.2	131.4	120.6	702.0

Strengthening National Security — continuation of funding for the national crisis management Watch Office

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

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over four years to continue the operation of the national crisis management Watch Office. This is a continuously operating security facility that provides a whole-of-government coordination point for matters of national security (including those related to terrorism), politically motivated violence, and protective security.

This continues an initiative announced in the 2003-04 Budget and involves funding of \$1.4 million per annum over four years from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Strengthening National Security — continuation of funding for the National Security Hotline

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

The Government will provide \$19.0 million over four years to continue the operation of the National Security Hotline. The hotline will continue to provide a single point of contact for members of the public to report suspicious or illegal activity that may relate to national security.

This continues an initiative first included in the 2003-04 Budget and involves funding of \$4.7 million in each of 2007-08 and 2008-09, and \$4.8 million in each of 2009-10 and 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Strengthening National Security — expanding the counter-terrorism exercise programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Attorney-General's Department	1.2	1.9	1.9	1.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	0.3	0.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$24.6 million over four years (\$5.6 million in 2007-08, \$6.5 million in 2008-09, \$6.2 million in 2009-10 and \$6.3 million in 2010-11) to continue and expand the annual counter-terrorism exercise programme undertaken by the National Counter-Terrorism Committee. This will help to ensure Australia is better prepared to respond to terrorist incidents.

This measure includes capital funding of \$0.7 million in 2007-08 and 2008-09 for office fit-out and IT functions.

Provision of \$17.0 million has already been included in the forward estimates.

Strengthening National Security — public information campaign

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Attorney-General's Department	10.0	10.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over two years to maintain public awareness of national security issues and the National Security Hotline. The campaign will be conducted through national advertising in the television, press, radio and outdoor media.

Strengthening National Security — aviation security accommodation

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Federal Police	37.9	86.7	14.6	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>1.1</i>

The Government will provide \$151.4 million over four years (including \$12.1 million in expense funding over four years) to fit-out purpose-built office, operational and training facilities to accommodate all elements of the Unified Policing Model at airports. Leasing and operating costs have not been finalised and will be provided for separately.

The Unified Policing Model consists of Counter-Terrorism First Response teams, Airport Police Commanders, Protective Security Liaison Officers, Joint Airport Investigation Teams, Joint Airport Intelligence Groups, and Airport Uniformed Police.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the Wheeler Report into airport security and policing arrangements.

Strengthening National Security — improving state office accommodation

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	56.3	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>6.2</i>

The Government will provide \$78.8 million over four years to complete improvements to Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) state office accommodation. This measure builds on funding announced in the 2006-07 Budget and responds to the review of ASIO resourcing undertaken by Mr Allan Taylor in 2005.

This measure includes expense funding of \$22.4 million over four years for associated running costs.

Strengthening National Security — implementing the *Anti-Terrorism Act (No. 2) 2005*

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Various Agencies	9.6	8.1	7.9	7.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Various Agencies</i>	2.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$35.7 million over four years (including \$2.2 million in capital funding) to enable agencies within the Attorney-General's portfolio to complete implementation of the arrangements under the *Anti-Terrorism Act (No. 2) 2005* (the Act).

The Act was passed by Parliament in December 2005 and allows for control orders and preventative detention, and strengthened arrangements to combat the financing of terrorism.

This measure builds on the 2006-07 Budget measure, *National Security – implementing the Anti-Terrorism Act (No. 2) 2005*, which provided funding of \$10.5 million in 2006-07 for the commencement of implementation of the arrangements under the Act.

Strengthening National Security — reducing national e-security risk

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Various Agencies	12.9	15.0	15.9	18.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Various Agencies</i>	6.7	2.5	0.7	1.1

The Government will provide \$73.6 million over four years to help reduce the e-security risk to Australia's national critical infrastructure and to the Australian Government's information and communications technology, and to help develop users' trust and confidence in the online environment.

This measure includes \$11.0 million in capital funding for fit-out and equipment.

Strengthening National Security — enhanced protective security

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	33.1	33.5	34.0	34.8

The Government will provide \$135.4 million over four years to maintain current protective security arrangements for Defence infrastructure, personnel and assets at Defence bases and establishments.

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This measure continues funding announced in the 2005-06 Budget measure *Providing for Australia's Security – enhanced protective security*.

Strengthening National Security — improved Defence intelligence capability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	9.6	13.7	28.0	31.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Defence</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>0.2</i>

The Government will provide \$106.5 million over four years for an improved capability to meet high priority Defence intelligence requirements. This measure includes \$23.6 million in capital funding for infrastructure and equipment costs.

Strengthening National Security — priority counter-terrorism research

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$24.0 million over four years to develop new technologies that will assist Australia to enhance its preparedness in the event of a major national security incident and to establish the capacity to maintain business continuity for the nation.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

Strengthening National Security — enhancing Australia's approach to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	1.5	1.4	1.0	0.9
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.8	0.8	-	-
Total	3.4	3.2	2.0	1.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Total	1.1	1.6	1.0	0.5

The Government will provide \$14.5 million over four years for the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Security Strategy. The CBRN Security Strategy has been developed in response to the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) Review of Hazardous Materials. The Strategy provides a framework to strengthen and enhance Australia's national counter-terrorism arrangements for CBRN security.

The initiative includes funding of \$8.3 million over four years for the Department of Health and Ageing to manage the security risks posed by security-sensitive biological agents, and \$4.7 million over four years to the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency to develop a national system of reporting security incidents and a national register for high activity radiological sources. A national regulatory scheme, including the development of standards and guidelines, will minimise the risk that such material can be used for the purposes of terrorism.

The funding includes \$1.5 million over two years for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to provide secretariat support to the National Counter-Terrorism Committee's CBRN Security Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee will be responsible for the national coordination of the CBRN Security Strategy and the recommendations of the COAG Review of Hazardous Materials.

This measure includes \$4.1 million over four years in capital costs for a secure IT communication system and database.

This measure forms part of a package of counter-terrorism measures adopted by COAG on 13 April 2007. Further information can be found in the Communiqué, available from www.coag.gov.au.

Strengthening National Security — enhanced research support for counter-terrorism

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	2.9	5.0	5.1	5.2

The Government will provide \$23.6 million over five years (including \$5.3 million in 2011-12) to enhance research support for counter-terrorism.

Funding available for grants under the Research Support for Counter-Terrorism National Grant Programme will be increased to \$3.5 million per annum. Additional funding of \$1.4 million a year will support Australia's international collaborative efforts, including current research programme obligations with the United States of America.

The funding will also support the administration costs of the programme.

Strengthening National Security — accredited air cargo agent scheme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	5.6	3.7	3.1	3.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>	2.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$18.6 million over four years to introduce an industry accreditation scheme that increases security assurance for land transportation of cargo within the air cargo supply chain through identification and training of participants beyond the airport environs.

This measure includes capital funding of \$2.8 million in 2007-08 for office fit-out and to develop a database capable of securely maintaining participant information and compliance records for the scheme.

Strengthening National Security — checked baggage screening

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	8.3	5.7	0.3	0.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.4 million over four years to assist the introduction of checked baggage screening at 26 regional airports that are serviced by regular passenger transport jet aircraft. This measure extends checked baggage screening requirements to all Australian airports that receive regular passenger transport jet aircraft.

The funding will provide explosive trace detection equipment to the 26 airports, and fully or partially fund x-ray screening equipment at 18 airports (depending upon the number of passenger movements at the airport). This measure includes \$0.7 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for office fit-out.

Strengthening National Security — enhanced aviation security audit and compliance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>	1.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$21.0 million over four years to enhance aviation security, particularly audit and compliance activities undertaken by transport security officers in relation to airlines, airports and the general aviation sector. This measure includes \$1.4 million in capital funding for office fit-out.

This measure continues funding announced in the 2003-04 Budget measures *A Safer Australia – enhanced screening at Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands airports* and *A Safer Australia – aviation security information management system*. Provision of \$2.8 million over four years has already been included in the forward estimates.

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Strengthening National Security — international aviation security liaison

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.6

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over four years to enhance the ability of the Australian Government to monitor and influence the international aviation security agenda.

The funding will provide for two transport security officers to be posted to the United States to engage directly with United States aviation security authorities and liaise with the International Civil Aviation Organization on aviation security matters. The posted officers will also engage with other transport security authorities in Canada, the United Kingdom and the European Union.

Strengthening National Security — continuation of the Australian Secure Network

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Attorney-General's Department	-	1.5	1.5	-

The Government will provide \$21.2 million over four years to continue and improve the operation of the Australian Secure Network.

This funding will ensure the continued provision of secure communications infrastructure, messaging and voice capabilities for a diverse range of state, territory and Australian Government agencies.

This measure includes funding of \$4.4 million in 2007-08, \$6.0 million in 2008-09, \$6.1 million in 2009-10 and \$4.7 million in 2010-11. Funding of \$18.2 million has previously been included in the forward estimates and the balance of \$3.0 million over two years from 2008-09 will be provided as additional capital funding to the Attorney-General's Department.

Other measures in the Attorney-General's portfolio**Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve — law enforcement and environmental management**

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Customs Service	8.5	7.5	7.6	7.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Customs Service	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$31.7 million over four years (including \$0.5 million in capital funding in 2007-08) for the Australian Customs Service to wet lease a charter vessel and acquire two high-speed response craft. These vessels will provide an operational platform and accommodation for law enforcement and environmental management officers engaged in the protection of the Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve. The charter vessel will replace the Australian Customs Vessel that has been on permanent station at the Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve since 2000.

Australian Crime Commission — additional funding to target money laundering and fraud

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Crime Commission	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$30.8 million over four years to target crime involving money laundering and fraud against the Commonwealth. This measure will enable the Government to continue its enhanced capacity to detect and deter organised crime through financial transactions, and recover the proceeds of those crimes.

This continues an initiative included in the 2003-04 Budget, and involves funding of \$7.7 million per annum until 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Australian Federal Police — accommodation scoping study

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Federal Police	3.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.3 million in 2007-08 to the Australian Federal Police for a scoping study into consolidating accommodation for its training and specialist operational facilities in Canberra. The scoping study will include the establishment of a new International Deployment Group facility, and the relocation of the Australian Federal Police's training college and tactical training facilities.

Australian Federal Police — contribution to Afghanistan

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

The Government will provide \$5.4 million over three years (including \$1.9 million in 2006-07) for the deployment of four Australian Federal Police officers to Afghanistan to provide counter-narcotics training and advice to the Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan and the Afghan National Police.

This funding includes mission-based expenses only. Funding for salaries, training and other general expenses was included in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07* measure *Australian Federal Police – International Deployments*.

The cost of this measure in 2006-07 will be met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID. This measure involves funding of \$2.6 million in 2007-08 and \$0.9 million in 2008-09, provision for which has already been included in the forward estimates.

Further information can be found in the press release of 31 January 2007 issued by the Minister for Justice and Customs.

Australian Federal Police — contribution to East Timor

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Federal Police	12.3	11.1	13.1	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$67.1 million over four years (including \$30.7 million in 2006-07) for an Australian Federal Police-led deployment of civilian police personnel in support of the National Police Service of Timor-Leste to restore law and order in East Timor. This includes a contribution of police personnel from December 2006 to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste.

The measure includes \$0.4 million in capital funding in 2006-07 for communications and IT equipment for the deployed personnel.

This funding includes mission-based expenses only. Funding for salaries, training and other general expenses was included in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07* measure *Australian Federal Police – International Deployments*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 26 August 2006 issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

COAG — harmonise and rationalise the law on personal property securities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Attorney-General's Department	4.8	19.3	29.8	30.2
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	-	4.2	29.0	29.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	17.5	9.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$113.3 million over five years (including \$2.1 million in 2006-07) to harmonise personal property securities law and establish an online national register of personal property securities. The reform will provide a credible system to assist those who wish to register or check security interests over most types of personal property (which may include, for example, boats, vehicles and other valuable consumer goods).

This measure includes \$27.0 million in capital funding for office fit-out and IT infrastructure to establish the register.

The Government's cost recovery principles will be applied to the register. Consequently, the measure will be offset by approximately \$62.9 million over three years in revenue collected from the users of the register, particularly insurance companies, banks and other credit providers. A small policy unit within the Attorney-General's Department will provide advice to Government and will not be cost-recovered.

Further information on this measure can be found in the Communiqué from the 13 April 2007 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting and the COAG National Reform Agenda Regulatory Reform Plan, which are available from www.coag.gov.au.

Cole Inquiry — implementation of recommendations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.0
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-
Total	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$4.6 million over four years to address a number of recommendations of the *Report of the Inquiry into certain Australian companies in relation to the UN Oil-for-Food Programme*. The funding will enable the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to incorporate United Nations' and bilateral sanction regimes into Australian law, administer and coordinate their implementation and contribute to whole-of-government efforts to monitor and ensure compliance with Australian law on sanctions.

This measure includes \$0.4 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for office fit-out and to enable the development and implementation of customised software.

Cole Inquiry — possible criminal offences

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Federal Police	5.5	3.7	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	1.1	1.1	-	-
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	1.0	1.0	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	0.9	1.3	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	0.1	..	-	-
Total	8.6	7.1	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$20.7 million over three years (including \$4.6 million in 2006-07) to investigate and prosecute possible criminal offences following the completion of the Cole Inquiry into the United Nations Oil-For-Food Programme.

This measure includes \$0.5 million in capital funding for IT and communications equipment and accommodation fit-out.

In 2006-07, \$2.8 million of the cost of this measure is being met from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Federal Police, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Attorney-General's Department.

Combating illicit drugs — additional training for border security personnel

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

The Government will provide \$0.8 million over four years for training of border security personnel to enhance the detection and analysis of the precursor chemicals that are used in the manufacture of illicit drugs. Training will be provided to Customs officers who are required to undertake detection and sampling of precursor chemicals and to officers from the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service and the Australian Federal Police.

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

This measure forms part of the Government's commitment to further combat illicit drugs, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government's broader National Illicit Drug Strategy. See also the related expense measures titled *Combating illicit drugs* in the Health and Ageing and Attorney-General's portfolios.

This measure is in addition to the measures announced by the Prime Minister on 22 April 2007.

Combating illicit drugs — Drug Use Monitoring in Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Institute of Criminology	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide \$1.9 million over four years for the Australian Institute of Criminology to continue data gathering and analysis on the relationship between illicit drugs and crime. The institute will coordinate the analysis of urine samples and responses to questionnaires from police detainees at the Darwin and Footscray Watch Houses, as part of the Drug Use Monitoring in Australia project. These sites were previously funded on an annual basis through Proceeds of Crime funding.

This measure forms part of the Government's commitment to further combat illicit drugs, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government's broader National Illicit Drug Strategy. See also the related expense measures titled *Combating illicit drugs* in the Health and Ageing and Attorney-General's portfolios.

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Further information can be found in the press release of 22 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Combating illicit drugs — enhanced Australian Federal Police investigative capacity

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Federal Police	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$5.9 million over four years (including \$0.1 million in capital funding over two years from 2007-08) to enhance the capacity of the Australian Federal Police to investigate offences involving amphetamine-type substances, including methamphetamines.

The Australian Federal Police will establish an investigation team based in Sydney with the capacity to undertake deployment to other states and overseas, if required.

This measure forms part of the Government's commitment to further combat illicit drug use, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government's broader National Illicit Drug Strategy. See also the related expense measures titled *Combating illicit drugs* in the Attorney-General's and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Combating illicit drugs — enhanced role in Oceania

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

The Government will provide \$0.7 million over four years to enhance drug detection and prevention in the Oceania region. Customs will cooperate with border agencies in the region to build capacity to detect and prevent the diversion of precursor chemicals used in the manufacture of illicit drugs.

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

This measure forms part of the Government's commitment to further combat illicit drugs, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government's broader National Illicit Drug Strategy. See also the related expense measures titled *Combating illicit drugs* in the Attorney-General's and Health and Ageing portfolios.

This measure is in addition to the measures announced by the Prime Minister on 22 April 2007.

Combating illicit drugs — expansion of the Australian Federal Police international liaison officer network

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Federal Police	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.5 million over four years (including \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2007-08) to deploy one Australian Federal Police (AFP) officer to Laos and to supplement the existing AFP post in China. The officers will liaise on criminal intelligence collection and multilateral investigations into the importation and manufacture of amphetamine-type substances, including methamphetamines.

This measure forms part of the Government’s commitment to further combat illicit drug use, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government’s broader National Illicit Drug Strategy. See also the related expense measures titled *Combating illicit drugs* in the Attorney-General’s and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Combating illicit drugs — improved intelligence and analysis

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Crime Commission	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Crime Commission</i>	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over four years (including \$0.2 million in capital funding in 2007-08) to increase the Australian Crime Commission’s capability to produce tactical and strategic intelligence, investigate the development of new illicit drugs, and analyse drug use trends, production methods for these drugs and the harms generated.

This measure forms part of the Government’s commitment to further combat illicit drugs, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government’s broader National Illicit Drug Strategy. See also the related expense measures titled *Combating illicit drugs* in the Attorney-General’s and Health and Ageing portfolios.

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Further information can be found in the press release of 22 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Combating illicit drugs — National Illicit Drug Strategy — enhanced technical capacity

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Crime Commission	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Australian Federal Police	-	-	-	-
Total	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1

The Government will provide \$16.2 million over four years to continue and expand the Australian Crime Commission programme that supports the investigation of illicit drug trafficking and other major crimes.

This measure includes funding of \$12.0 million over four years, consisting of \$2.0 million per annum from 2007-08 for the Australian Crime Commission and \$1.0 million per annum from 2007-08 for the Australian Federal Police. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

The new funding in this measure forms part of the Government's commitment to further combat illicit drugs, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government's broader National Illicit Drug Strategy. See also the related expense measures *Combating illicit drugs* in the Attorney-General's and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Combating illicit drugs — upgraded detection equipment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Customs Service	0.5	0.2	..	..
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Customs Service	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over four years to improve the ability of the Australian Customs Service to detect methamphetamines, other synthetic drugs and their precursor chemicals.

This measure includes \$0.5 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for additional infra-red spectrometers and portable fume hoods to be used when drawing samples from commercial-sized chemical shipments at container examination facilities and secondary container examination locations.

This measure forms part of the Government's commitment to further combat illicit drugs, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government's broader National Illicit Drugs Strategy. See also the related expense measures titled *Combating illicit drugs* in the Attorney-General's and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Combating trafficking in persons — extension and expansion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Federal Police	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.2
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	0.9	1.9	2.7	2.7
Australian Institute of Criminology	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Attorney-General's Department	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Total	6.0	6.1	7.0	7.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$26.3 million over four years to extend and expand the Government's strategy to combat people trafficking. This funding will enable the relevant agencies to expand their investigations and prosecutions into emerging areas of exploitation and is in addition to ongoing funding of \$12.0 million already included in the forward estimates.

This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding for office fit-out.

This funding is in addition to the measure *Combating trafficking in persons – whole of government strategy* announced in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2003-04*.

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Covert intelligence — enhanced management of criminal intelligence

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Crime Commission	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$4.3 million over four years to enhance the management and sharing of criminal intelligence, including by developing additional functionality in the Australian Criminal Intelligence Database.

Domestic security industry — investigation of organised crime

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Crime Commission	4.2	4.3	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Crime Commission	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.7 million over two years for the Australian Crime Commission to gather intelligence and investigate organised crime's involvement in, and exploitation of, the private domestic security industry.

This measure includes capital funding of \$0.3 million in 2007-08 for IT and surveillance equipment.

Federal Magistrates Court of Australia — additional magistrates for family law

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Federal Magistrates Court of Australia	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Family Court of Australia	-1.3	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.1 million over five years (including \$0.7 million in 2006-07) to appoint four additional magistrates to deal with increased family law workloads in the Federal Magistrates Court.

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

Firearms import permit administration and policy development — continuation of funding

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

The Government will provide \$4.8 million over four years for the Attorney-General's Department to meet the ongoing costs of administering firearms import permits and providing firearms policy advice.

This measure extends the 2003-04 Budget measure *Firearms policy development – continuation of funding* and involves funding of \$1.2 million per annum over four years from 2007-08.

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

Helping separated parents and their children

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Family Court of Australia	3.2	1.8	1.0	1.0
Federal Magistrates Court of Australia	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7
Attorney-General's Department	1.0	8.3	12.8	12.3
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.7
Total	7.2	13.7	17.4	16.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Federal Magistrates Court of Australia</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Family Court of Australia</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Total	0.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$55.6 million over four years to develop two new counselling services to be jointly delivered by the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Attorney-General's Department and the Family Court of Australia. This measure will also enable the appointment of one judge and four magistrates to the federal judiciary to manage increased workloads due to the proposed referral to the Commonwealth of jurisdiction over de facto property matters.

This measure includes \$0.6 million in capital funding for property fit-out and IT.

This funding is in addition to the \$465 million committed to a new family law system, including the Family Relationship Centres, in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 Budgets.

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia — maintaining service standards

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	2.8	2.8	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.6 million over two years to maintain service standards related to personal insolvency matters. This measure will allow Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia to continue to deliver services in the personal insolvency system, such as the processing of debt agreement proposals, to a standard that will provide confidence and a degree of certainty to participants.

Intellectual property crime — investigation and prosecution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Federal Police	2.7	4.9	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	1.5	2.6	-	-
Total	4.2	7.5	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Federal Police	0.7	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.4 million over two years to the Australian Federal Police and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to investigate and prosecute serious intellectual property crime.

The funding will allow the Australian Federal Police to target major importers and sellers of intellectual property infringing products. It will also allow the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to prosecute additional cases arising from the expanded enforcement effort.

This measure includes \$0.7 million in capital funding over two years for accommodation fit-out, IT requirements and police equipment.

Judges' pension scheme — funding of superannuation surcharge

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

The Government will provide \$0.5 million in 2007-08 to meet the superannuation surcharge debt of federal judges which arises under the *Superannuation Contributions Tax (Assessment and Collection) Act 1997*. This measure will ensure that relevant federal judges meet their superannuation obligations through a reduced pension benefit, instead of a lump sum payment when they retire.

Legal aid services — support for legislative changes and regional initiatives

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Attorney-General's Department	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0

The Government will provide \$19.7 million over four years to supplement its commitment to legal aid via the Commonwealth Criminal Law — Expensive Cases Fund. This funding will also be used to support recent changes to child support arrangements and to help ensure that national security measures and criminal trials can proceed without delays.

Further, the measure will aim to improve access to legal aid services in regional and remote communities by encouraging the employment of young lawyers.

Maritime security — Australian Maritime Identification System

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Customs Service	17.7	18.7	18.5	17.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.1</i>

The Government will provide \$79.5 million over four years (including \$6.6 million in capital funding) to develop, implement and operate the new Australian Maritime Identification System (AMIS). When completed, AMIS will consolidate maritime data currently collected by several agencies to help form a coordinated picture of activity in Australia's maritime region. The capital funding is for fit-out and equipment.

This measure builds on the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07* measure *Maritime Security — Australian Maritime Identification System*.

National Illicit Drug Strategy — Australian Federal Police communications network

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

The Government will provide \$5.2 million over four years to continue the connection of Australian Federal Police overseas posts to the national computer system, AFPNet.

This continues an initiative included in the 2003-04 Budget and involves funding of \$1.3 million per annum over four years from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

National Illicit Drug Strategy — Australian Federal Police law enforcement cooperation programme

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

The Government will provide \$8.8 million over four years to continue efforts aimed at the offshore disruption of transnational criminal threats. The programme facilitates cooperation with overseas law enforcement agencies to increase the flow of criminal intelligence. This continues an initiative included in the 2003-04 Budget.

This measure involves funding of \$2.2 million per annum from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

National Illicit Drug Strategy — Australian Federal Police overseas liaison network

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

The Government will provide \$6.0 million over four years to continue to support Australia's drug law enforcement intelligence, and enhance participation in joint investigations with overseas law enforcement agencies to disrupt the supply of illicit drugs reaching Australia.

This measure continues an initiative included in the 2003-04 Budget and involves funding of \$1.5 million per annum over four years from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Newcastle courts — strategic assessment of accommodation needs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Family Court of Australia	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2007-08 for a strategic assessment of the long-term accommodation requirements of federal courts in the Newcastle region.

Overseas Deployment Law Unit — establishment

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

The Government will provide \$0.9 million over three years for the Attorney-General's Department to establish an Overseas Deployment Law Unit. This will increase the Department's capacity to conduct legal work for military and civilian overseas deployments.

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

Papua New Guinea — improving border security capability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Customs Service	4.0	1.7	1.2	0.9

The Government will provide \$7.8 million over four years to help improve the border security capability of Papua New Guinea (PNG) Customs with particular emphasis on preventing people smuggling and improving the capacity of PNG Customs to collect revenue. This will involve supplying border security equipment, including boats, x-ray machines, and ionscans; upgrading existing infrastructure, including an IT upgrade to the Automated System for Customs Data; and support for the use of this equipment. The funding will also provide for an independent audit to help quantify forgone revenue.

This measure builds on the 2004-05 Budget measure, *Papua New Guinea deployment*, which provided funding to assist PNG in the areas of policing, law, justice, economic reform and border management under the Enhanced Cooperation Programme.

Passenger facilitation survey

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Customs Service	1.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million in 2007-08 for the Australian Customs Service to undertake a survey which will provide performance and facilitation information needed to develop airport performance measures and international traveller facilitation standards.

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The survey will be undertaken in peak and non-peak periods, with data being collected for all stages of travellers' movements through the international airport terminal, including the check-in process, outwards and inwards clearance, and baggage collection. The survey will also measure the impact that commercial retail outlets have on the movement of international travellers through the terminal.

Proceeds of crime legislation — additional prosecutions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6

The Government will provide \$21.3 million over four years to continue and expand the number of prosecutions made by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*, and for the control and realisation of seized assets by the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia.

This measure includes \$15.0 million over four years for which provision has already been made in the forward estimates. This consists of funding for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions of \$3.0 million in each of 2007-08 and 2008-09, and \$3.1 million in each of 2009-10 and 2010-11, and \$0.7 million per annum from 2007-08 to 2010-11 for the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia.

Strategy to prevent people smuggling — increased human source capacity for the Australian Federal Police

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Federal Police	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Federal Police	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.7 million over four years to increase offshore intelligence collection on people smuggling through the creation of a new Australian Federal Police team dedicated to managing human sources of intelligence.

This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding for the purchase of communications equipment and accommodation fit-out.

See also the related expense measures titled *Strategy to prevent people smuggling* in the Immigration and Citizenship, and Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolios.

Sudan — providing an Australian Federal Police contribution for the United Nations Mission in Sudan

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Federal Police	1.1	1.0	0.4	-

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over three years to contribute 10 Australian Federal Police officers to the United Nations Mission in Sudan.

The personnel will be deployed in advisory, mentoring and training roles to support the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement that was signed on 9 January 2005 to end the North-South civil war.

This measure includes funding for mission-based expenses only. Funding for salaries, training and other general expenses was included in the measure *Australian Federal Police – International Deployments* in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07*.

Workplace Relations Reform — additional resourcing for the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission</i>	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.3 million over four years to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission to meet the additional workload anticipated to arise from changes to the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*.

This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding for office fit-out.

This funding is in addition to \$1.8 million provided in the 2006-07 Budget measure *Workplace Relations Reform – additional resourcing for the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission*.

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

2007 World Police and Fire Games — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$0.7 million in 2006-07 to contribute to the 2007 World Police and Fire Games in Adelaide. This measure will provide financial assistance to the organising committee for the staging of the Games.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

Adelaide Oval — redevelopment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	5.0	10.0	10.0	-

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over three years from 2007-08 towards the redevelopment of the western grandstand at Adelaide Oval.

This funding is conditional on the South Australian Government increasing its existing \$16.0 million commitment to match the Australian Government contribution.

Further information can be found in the press release of 26 January 2007 issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration.

Australia Council — continuation of base funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australia Council	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$418.5 million to the Australia Council through a triennial funding agreement for the period 2007-08 to 2009-10.

This measure involves funding of \$138.3 million in 2007-08, \$140.0 million in 2008-09 and \$140.2 million in 2009-10. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Further information can be found in the press release of 16 January 2007 issued by the Minister for the Arts and Sport.

Australian Ballet School — facilities redevelopment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	4.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.6 million in 2007-08 to the Australian Ballet School, including \$2.9 million to address occupational health and safety issues in its current facility, and \$1.7 million to undertake a detailed business plan and functional design for possible construction of expanded facilities.

Australian Broadband Guarantee — additional funding for Broadband Connect

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	20.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$20.0 million in 2007-08 to the Broadband Connect programme. This will allow for a smooth transition to the Australian Broadband Guarantee programme which commenced in April 2007.

Australian Broadband Guarantee — establishment of broadband blackspot programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	93.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$30.1 million in 2006-07 and \$112.4 million in 2007-08 to provide subsidised internet access for Australians currently unable to gain a metropolitan-comparable level of broadband service at their principal place of residence or small business.

This measure includes the reallocation of \$26.9 million in 2006-07 and \$18.9 million in 2007-08 from the Metropolitan Broadband Connect programme.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation — Regional and Local Programming initiative — continuation of funding

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

The Government will provide \$19.1 million in 2008-09 to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) to continue base funding for the Regional and Local Programming initiative. This will align the funding of this initiative with the ABC's overall triennial funding arrangements.

The initiative provides funding for regional and local programming in a range of content categories across radio, television and internet platforms.

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

Australian Communications and Media Authority — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Communications and Media Authority	2.8	1.5	1.1	0.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>	7.2	3.1	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>	-	1.0	1.4	1.4

The Government will provide \$16.3 million over four years to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) for:

- the costs of an increased regulatory role and workload;
- the continuation of funding and cost recovery arrangements to protect consumers from unexpected high bills from premium telephone services and to prevent children from accessing harmful mobile and online content;
- the continuation of funding to monitor the availability and performance of regional telecommunications services;
- the protection of submarine telecommunications cables; and
- an expanded unsolicited electronic messaging (spam) regulatory regime.

The savings to be achieved over four years from the merger of the Australian Broadcasting Authority and the Australian Communications Authority into ACMA – \$5.5 million – will also be directed towards these proposals.

The measure includes capital funding of \$10.3 million over two years for the replacement of ACMA's primary IT business systems.

The cost of this measure will be partly offset by increased revenue of \$3.7 million for ACMA from 2008-09 to 2010-11 from its cost recovery function.

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority — additional funding for investigations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority	2.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.5 million over two years (including \$2.2 million in 2006-07) to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA). This will allow ASADA to better investigate doping in sport and, where appropriate, undertake the preparation and prosecution of cases that come before tribunals.

Bundanon Trust — continuation and extension of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.6 million over four years to the Bundanon Trust, which manages the Bundanon and Riversdale properties on the New South Wales south coast. The properties were gifted to the nation by Arthur and Yvonne Boyd. The funding will be administered by the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts through the Cultural Development Programme.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates, including \$0.7 million over four years to enhance the Bundanon Trust's collection management and marketing, and to meet additional operating expenses.

Further information can be found in the press release of 17 January 2007 issued by the Minister for the Arts and Sport.

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Digital radio — national and community broadcasters

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	0.1	6.1	2.1	2.1
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total	0.1	6.1	2.1	2.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide funding for national and community radio broadcasters to commence digital radio broadcasting in the six state capital cities by 1 January 2009.

Provision for a capital injection for equipment for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service digital radio systems, and for funds to cover distribution of the signal to transmission towers and transmission services, will be included in the Contingency Reserve pending finalisation of related tender processes.

The Government will also provide \$10.5 million over four years to the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts to facilitate broadcasting by 40 wide-coverage community stations, including capital and ongoing costs for participation in commercial radio transmission multi-channels.

Healthy Active Australia — continuation and extension of funding for the Active After-school Communities programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Sports Commission	20.8	41.6	41.6	20.4

The Government will provide \$124.4 million over four years to continue and expand the Active After-school Communities programme, which delivers a national, structured physical activity programme to primary school-aged children.

See also the related expense measures titled *Healthy Active Australia* in the Health and Ageing, and Education, Science and Training portfolios.

Major performing arts — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australia Council	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.1

The Government will provide additional funding of \$24.1 million over four years to major performing arts companies, in a further response to a review of the funding model established by the Major Performing Arts Inquiry in 2000.

The additional funds will assist major performing arts companies to improve their financial sustainability.

Matching funding from state and territory governments will be sought.

National Institute of Dramatic Art — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.8 million over four years to the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) through the Cultural Development Programme administered by the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts. The funding will enable NIDA to continue to meet ongoing operational costs associated with its Stage II facilities, which were opened in late 2001.

This measure involves funding of \$1.2 million per annum for four years from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Further information can be found in the press release of 18 January 2007 issued by the Minister for the Arts and Sport.

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National Portrait Gallery — additional operational funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	-	6.2	6.7	6.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>	-	1.1	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$21.2 million over four years to the National Portrait Gallery to allow it to enter into contracts and agreements so that the new gallery building will be fully operational when opened.

This includes capital of \$1.5 million to purchase the specialised fit-out required to house portraits and other similar works of art.

See also the related capital measure titled *National Portrait Gallery – additional construction funding* in the Finance and Administration portfolio.

National Sports Museum — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	4.0	6.0	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$10.0 million in 2006-07 for the second stage of the National Sports Museum, including the construction of the Museum entrance and interactive installations at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The funding will be expensed over the subsequent two years as project milestones are completed, with a fiscal impact of \$4.0 million in 2007-08 and \$6.0 million in 2008-09.

The Government provided \$15.0 million in 2005-06 towards the initial establishment of the National Sports Museum.

Screen media support package

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Taxation Office	65.0	75.0	90.0	90.0
Australian Screen Authority	-	11.0	1.2	-3.5
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	-	3.0	3.1	3.1
Australian Film Commission	-	-	-	-
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	-	-	-	-
Film Australia Limited	-	-	-	-
Total	65.0	89.0	94.2	89.6
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>22.0</i>

The Government will provide \$282.9 million over four years to introduce a package of measures to reform and strengthen the Australian screen media industry.

The main element of the package is a new producer tax rebate, by which Australian producers will be eligible for a 40 per cent refundable rebate on feature films and a 20 per cent refundable rebate on other media productions, including television series, documentaries, and mini-series. To be eligible for the rebate, productions will be required to meet criteria, including creative control by Australians, and minimum qualifying expenditure thresholds depending on the type of production. The rebate will apply to expenditure incurred on eligible productions from 1 July 2007.

The producer tax rebate will also include a component for international producers, incorporating the previous refundable film tax offset (RFTO). This will provide a 15.0 per cent rebate for eligible expenditure, compared to the RFTO's current 12.5 per cent. Eligibility for international producers will be extended beyond the criteria for the RFTO to include post, digital and visual effects production in Australia, where the film itself is not made in Australia and qualifying expenditure exceeds \$5.0 million. These enhancements will apply to films for which production commences after 1 July 2007.

The current investor tax incentives available through Division 10BA and Division 10B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* will be phased out, with no new applications to be accepted after 30 June 2007. This will increase estimated taxation revenue by \$55.0 million over three years from 2008-09. The Film Licensed Investment Company scheme will not be renewed beyond its current expiry date of 30 June 2007.

The Government will also provide \$9.2 million over three years from 2008-09 to the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) for the Screen Business Skills Centre and for new multi-platform courses.

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The Australian Film Commission (AFC), Film Finance Corporation Australia (FFC) and Film Australia Limited (FAL) will be merged into a new, single agency - the Australian Screen Authority (ASA), scheduled to commence operations from 1 July 2008.

The new agency will be responsible for administering most Government support to the screen media industry, achieving a more strategic approach to film funding in Australia, removing overlaps in functions and providing administrative efficiencies.

The Government will provide funding directly to the new ASA, comprising the current estimated funding for the AFC, FFC and FAL, and additional funding of \$8.7 million over three years from 2008-09. Funding of \$6.2 million over three years from 2008-09 will be re-allocated from the existing AFC to the AFTRS with the transfer of the research and statistics function. Any efficiencies from the merger will be used by the ASA for increased support for the industry.

The additional Government funding for the ASA and the AFTRS from 2008-09 has been included in the contingency reserve. The funding will be appropriated to the ASA and AFTRS from 2008-09, once the ASA has been established by legislation. In the meantime, the expenses for the Department of Communications Information Technology and the Arts, AFC and FAL have been maintained in their respective estimates.

Small to medium performing arts companies — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australia Council	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0

The Government will provide \$19.5 million over four years to strengthen the small to medium performing arts sector. The increased funding will contribute to the ongoing viability of 60 small to medium performing arts organisations located in cities and regional communities throughout Australia, enabling them to increase activity levels and continue to develop new work productions.

Sydney Cricket Ground — upgrade

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	15.0	10.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over two years from 2007-08 towards the construction of a new grandstand at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

This funding is conditional on the New South Wales Government matching the Australian Government contribution.

Further information can be found in the press release of 4 January 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Visual Arts and Craft Strategy — extension

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.4

The Government will provide \$24.7 million over four years to extend funding for the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy, first funded in response to the 2002 Report of the Contemporary Visual Arts and Craft Inquiry.

This funding will be used to provide grants to individuals and organisations to improve the overall performance of the contemporary visual arts and craft sector.

Matching funding will be sought from state and territory governments.

DEFENCE

Afghanistan — Australian Defence Force deployments

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	447.9	191.8	30.9	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-9.0	-5.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$703.0 million over four years (including \$32.4 million in 2006-07) to increase Australia's military contribution to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Afghanistan.

Funding will be provided to increase the Australian Defence Force presence in the areas of special forces, air radar capability, associated logistics, intelligence and heavy airlift support. In addition, the forces involved in protecting the Reconstruction Task Force personnel will continue in operation.

This measure is expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$15.3 million (including \$1.3 million in 2006-07) as otherwise taxable income received by ADF members is not taxed while they are on eligible duty.

Further information can be found in the press release of 10 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Air combat capability — acquisition of Super Hornets

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	621.0	984.7	1260.1	1046.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Defence</i>	-	6.0	26.6	26.0

The Government will provide \$6.6 billion over 13 years (including \$2.6 billion over nine years from 2011-12) to acquire 24 F/A-18F Super Hornet aircraft, weapons and associated support, and to provide for personnel and operating costs to support the capability in service.

Acquisition of the Super Hornet aircraft will help secure Australia's air combat capability edge by introducing enhanced sensors, weapons and networking capabilities. It will ensure there is no gap in air combat capabilities with the withdrawal of the F-111 aircraft in 2010.

This measure includes \$58.6 million in capital funding for related infrastructure.

Further information can be found in the press release of 6 March 2007 issued by the Minister for Defence.

Australian Defence Force retention and recruitment — further initiatives

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	46.5	165.8	179.2	193.9

To improve the retention and recruitment of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel, the Government will provide \$2.1 billion over 10 years (including \$1.5 billion over six years from 2011-12). This funding will increase the number of people who join and remain in the military by:

- enhancing financial assistance for home ownership, through a more attractive subsidy for interest payments, the value of which increases with the length of service (\$863.8 million);
- reforming the 'other ranks' pay scales by introducing restructuring similar to that already implemented for officers (\$585.4 million);
- increasing funding for marketing and branding activities (\$227.8 million);
- introducing a new transition service to help manage the separation process of those personnel considering leaving the Services, and providing independent financial advice for personnel to better enable them to make informed decisions (\$124.6 million);
- expanding the number of cadets and cadet units and improving their experience through a youth development programme conducted in a military environment (\$100.0 million);
- building on the existing Royal Australian Navy Sea Change programme by enhancing fleet support for ships whilst in port and improving remuneration for personnel on submarines (\$86.5 million);
- identifying potential students for direct entry into ADF technical trade training and sponsoring younger students to commence technical trade training before ADF entry (\$71.0 million); and
- delivering professional development opportunities to ADF medical officers, comparable to those in the civilian health workforce (\$12.1 million).

This measure builds on funding provided as part of the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07* measure *Australian Defence Force retention and recruitment – new initiatives*.

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C-17 heavy airlift — personnel and operating funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	-	73.8	111.9	132.7

The Government will provide \$1.4 billion over ten years (including \$1.0 billion over six years from 2011-12) for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to maintain and operate four C-17 heavy airlift aircraft to significantly enhance ADF airlift capability.

The cost of this measure will be partially offset by \$103.7 million (in the years 2007-08 to 2009-10) in savings from personnel and operating costs from Defence Capability Plan projects.

This measure is in addition to the funding of the acquisition cost of the C-17 aircraft in the 2006-07 Budget.

Coastal surveillance — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	12.6	12.8	13.0	13.3

The Government will provide \$51.6 million over four years for costs associated with coastal surveillance activities under Operation RESOLUTE that protect Australia's national interests in the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone and adjacent areas.

Defence housing — supplementation for competitive neutrality policy

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

The Government will provide \$357.3 million over four years for the Department of Defence to meet increased costs payable to Defence Housing Australia (DHA). This follows from the application of the Government's competitive neutrality policy to DHA in 2000-01.

As DHA is a government business enterprise operating within the general government sector and the funding is expected to be returned to the Commonwealth through increased dividends and tax-equivalent payments, there is no net effect on the budget.

Defence industry policy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Defence Materiel Organisation	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$97.0 million over four years to enhance the cost-effective delivery of equipment and support to the Australian Defence Force. This will include higher levels of support for research and development by Australian defence companies, defence industry exports, and a broadening of the Skilling Australia's Defence Industry programme.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 1 March 2007 issued by the Minister for Defence.

East Timor — continued funding to help restore peace and stability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	107.7	27.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$134.8 million over two years for the net additional costs of the Australian Defence Force's continuing contribution to restoring peace and stability in East Timor under Operation ASTUTE.

Iraq — continued funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	301.7	59.7	28.1	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-23.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$389.4 million over three years to continue the Australian Defence Force's contribution to stabilisation efforts in Iraq as part of Operation CATALYST, including an additional 70 military personnel to be involved in logistics training for the Iraqi Army.

This measure is expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$23.0 million as otherwise taxable income received by Australian Defence Force members is not taxed while they are on eligible duty.

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Further information can be found in the press release of 20 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Defence.

Jezzine Barracks — gift to the Townsville City Council

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	20.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide up to \$24.5 million in 2007-08 in association with its proposed gift of the majority of the historic Jezzine Barracks and Kissing Point site to Townsville City Council for community use and heritage protection. Up to \$20.0 million will be contributed, subject to matching commitments from the Queensland Government and Townsville City Council, to a community trust that will oversee the development of the site. An amount of \$0.5 million will be provided for the costs associated with the establishment of the trust. A further \$4.0 million, required to subdivide and prepare the site, will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

Further information can be found in the press release of 1 August 2006 issued by the Prime Minister.

Logistics — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Defence	107.9	291.3	236.2	243.3

The Government will provide \$4.0 billion over ten years (including \$2.2 billion over six years from 2011-12) to address logistics funding requirements across 18 high priority Defence platforms. This measure will alleviate a range of equipment obsolescence and inventory shortfall issues and enable enhanced maintenance, refits, and upgrades of equipment across the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The new funding will augment logistics and support funding for a range of platforms and equipment, including:

- Collins class submarines;
- ANZAC class frigates;
- Hercules transport aircraft;
- Hawk Lead-in Fighter training aircraft;
- Army B-class vehicles; and

- Army Black Hawk helicopters.

This measure is in addition to previous logistics funding provided as part of the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2006-07 Budgets. Provision for funding of \$2.2 billion has already been included in the forward estimates.

Operations CATALYST and SLIPPER — acquisition of equipment

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

The Government provided \$49.7 million in 2006-07 for the acquisition of equipment such as remote surveillance and protected accommodation to enhance the security of Australian Defence Force deployments to Iraq under Operation CATALYST and Afghanistan under Operation SLIPPER.

Special Operations Command — continuation of funding

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

The Government will provide \$211.2 million over four years to continue the Special Operations Command in the Australian Defence Force. The Special Operations Command further increases Australia's ability to use non-conventional war-fighting to respond to terrorism by providing for an additional 334 combat and associated support personnel to supplement Australia's existing special forces.

This measure involves funding of \$51.2 million in 2007-08, \$52.3 million in 2008-09, \$53.3 million in 2009-10 and \$54.4 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Special Purpose Aircraft facilities at Canberra International Airport — continuation of funding

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

The Government will provide \$32.6 million over four years to continue funding for Special Purpose Aircraft maintenance and support facilities at Canberra International Airport. The funding covers lease costs associated with the facility, which supports a jet service for VIPs.

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This measure involves funding of \$7.9 million in 2007-08, \$8.1 million in 2008-09, \$8.2 million in 2009-10 and \$8.4 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

Realising Our Potential

With the right policy settings, Australia's education system will deliver the workforce that Australia needs for future prosperity. It will be an education system that is responsive to the needs of students and employers. A high quality and responsive education system is vital to increasing skills which, in turn, boost workforce participation and productivity – the key components of an economy's productive capacity. It will also improve the capacity of individuals to participate in and add value to our society.

This budget includes a \$3.5 billion investment in Australia's education system to improve the quality of education and education outcomes through the *Realising Our Potential* package. This comprehensive package covers the higher education, vocational education and training, and schools sectors.

In the higher education sector, *Realising Our Potential* builds on the success of *Backing Australia's Future* with an additional \$1.7 billion investment over four years. It will give students more opportunity to choose the university education that is right for them. It will allow universities to respond more readily to student choices and employer demands, by giving them more flexibility to change course mixes, student numbers, and specialisations. It will reduce regulation and encourage further diversity and quality improvements in the sector.

Through a significant increase in funding, *Realising Our Potential* will ensure universities are resourced appropriately to provide the quality of education that Australians demand. This increase in funding will assist universities to make the adjustments that are required to promote flexibility and diversity.

To underpin these changes, the Government will establish a new, perpetual Higher Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) with an initial investment of \$5 billion funded from the 2006-07 surplus. This significant investment will broadly double the existing financial investments and endowments accumulated in the university sector. The HEEF will be invested to earn income which will be distributed to individual institutions for capital works and research facilities on an annual basis.

The HEEF will be structured so that it can receive philanthropic donations from the private sector and, if asked, manage individual institutions' endowments. The HEEF will encourage philanthropic support for universities from individuals and the corporate sector.

It is intended that capital contributions will be made to the HEEF from future budget surpluses to grow, over time, a Fund which will finance the building of first class institutions in the Australian higher education sector.

Realising Our Potential also builds on the Australian Government's strong support of skills creation in the vocational education and training (VET) sector through a range of initiatives worth \$638 million over four years. It will invest \$549 million in paying an additional \$1000 per annum to a young person doing the first or second year of an apprenticeship in an area of skill shortage. It will provide a \$500 voucher to first and second year apprentices in skill-shortage trade to assist with the cost of course fees. Further initiatives will promote flexibility and diversity by encouraging greater links between the VET sector and universities. Choice for students will also be enhanced by the establishment of three new Australian Technical Colleges and fast tracking apprenticeships to recognise competency, not time-serving.

This substantial investment in the higher education and VET sectors will have a better pay-off if students leave the school system with the best education they can receive.

Every parent is entitled to expect that their child will receive a high quality education and develop the core skills necessary to be able to realise their potential, no matter which school they attend. The Australian Government's aim through the *Realising Our Potential* package is to ensure a high quality school system for Australia where parents can choose between publicly or privately provided education.

From 2009 Australian Government funding in the next schools funding agreement will be tied to improving quality. In addition, the Government will provide an additional \$843 million over four years to improve quality, consistency, teaching and educational attainment in Australian schools. A key initiative will be the provision of tuition vouchers direct to parents to assist students falling behind in literacy and numeracy at a cost of \$457 million over four years. These reforms will promote workforce participation and greater productivity over the lifetimes of students by ensuring that they do not fall behind and adversely affect their long-term employment prospects.

Table 4: Realising Our Potential

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
REVENUE MEASURES					
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING					
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>					
Realising Our Potential					
– increasing university funding	-	0.2	0.8	1.7	2.8
– allowing more responsive universities	1.3	2.9	3.6	4.2	12.0
– FEE-HELP for Diploma and Advanced Diploma VET courses	1.8	6.8	15.1	25.3	49.0
Sub-total	3.1	10.0	19.5	31.2	63.8
Total Revenue measures	3.1	10.0	19.5	31.2	63.8
EXPENSE MEASURES					
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING					
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>					
Realising Our Potential - Higher Education					
– Higher Education Endowment Fund	-	304.0	304.0	304.0	912.0
– increasing university funding	156.8	143.2	133.6	126.0	559.6
– allowing more responsive universities	51.3	56.6	57.1	58.2	223.2
– Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.8	66.8
– reducing red tape for universities	0.6	0.3	-	-	0.9
– additional Commonwealth Learning Scholarships	11.6	22.3	26.6	30.9	91.4
– extending Rent Assistance to Austudy recipients	13.2	24.0	24.5	25.1	86.9
– extending income support to Masters students	5.5	11.2	12.5	14.1	43.3
Realising Our Potential - VET					
– support for young Australian Apprentices in skill-shortage trades	69.3	87.1	90.7	95.4	342.5
– fee assistance for Australian Apprentices	47.8	52.2	52.9	53.6	206.4
– fast-track apprenticeships	6.4	11.8	17.3	23.0	58.5
– FEE-HELP for Diploma and Advanced Diploma VET courses	4.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	14.5
– Australian Technical Colleges	1.1	19.8	27.4	17.1	65.4
Realising Our Potential - Schools					
– national literacy and numeracy vouchers	70.9	120.9	131.4	134.1	457.4
– additional support for regional and remote schools	15.4	32.2	35.2	38.3	121.1
– rewarding schools for improving literacy and numeracy outcomes	2.2	17.0	16.9	17.0	53.2
– improving the practical component of teacher education	18.8	19.2	19.4	19.6	77.0
– Australian Government Summer Schools for Teachers	30.0	24.8	23.2	23.6	101.7
– national teacher training and registration standards	2.7	2.2	-	-	5.0
– core curricula standards	4.4	8.6	-	0.1	13.0
– national student aptitude test for tertiary admission	4.9	4.8	4.8	-	14.5
Sub-total	533.9	982.5	997.9	1000.1	3514.4
Total Expense measures	533.9	982.5	997.9	1000.1	3514.4

Table 4: Realising Our Potential (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CAPITAL MEASURES					
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING					
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>					
Realising Our Potential					
– increasing university funding	-	-	-	-	-
– allowing more responsive universities	-	-	-	-	-
– FEE-HELP for Diploma and Advanced Diploma VET courses	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital measures	-	-	-	-	-
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE					
<i>Total expense measures</i>	533.9	982.5	997.9	1000.1	3514.4
<i>Total capital measures</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	533.9	982.5	997.9	1000.1	3514.4
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	3.1	10.0	19.5	31.2	63.8
Net additional expenditure	530.8	972.5	978.4	968.9	3450.6

Realising Our Potential — Higher Education Endowment Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	304.0	304.0	304.0

The Government will establish a new, perpetual Higher Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) with an initial investment of \$5 billion funded from the 2006-07 surplus. This significant investment will broadly double the existing financial investments and endowments accumulated in the university sector. The HEEF will be invested to earn income which will be distributed by the Minister for Education, Science and Training, after receiving advice from a panel of experts, to individual institutions for capital works and research facilities on an annual basis.

The HEEF will be structured so that it can receive philanthropic donations from the private sector and, if asked, manage individual institutions' endowments. The HEEF will encourage philanthropic support for universities from individuals and the corporate sector. Donations to the HEEF by members of the public will be tax deductible.

The Future Fund Board of Guardians will be responsible for managing and investing the capital component of the HEEF.

It is intended that capital contributions will be made to the HEEF from future budget surpluses to grow, over time, a Fund which will finance the building of first class institutions in the Australian higher education sector.

Realising Our Potential — increasing university funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	156.8	143.2	133.6	126.0
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>	-	0.2	0.8	1.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$559.6 million over four years to simplify university funding structures and to better target national skills priorities.

From 1 January 2008 the Government will reduce the number of clusters funded under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS) from 12 to 7, allowing universities more flexibility to allocate places across different disciplines and respond to student and employer demand.

The Government will increase CGS funding to the disciplines of Mathematics, Statistics, Allied Health, Engineering, Science, Surveying, Clinical Psychology, Education, Nursing, Social Studies, Behavioural Science, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.

CGS funding for Accounting, Administration, Economics and Commerce will be adjusted downwards to match the Commonwealth contribution for Law reflecting the commercial nature of these courses. At the same time, Accounting, Administration, Economics and Commerce will also move into the same HECS-HELP band as Law, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science. This will increase the maximum HECS-HELP contribution that students in Accounting, Administration, Economics and Commerce may make.

Amounts lent under the Higher Education Loans Programme (HELP) are treated as financial assets and therefore do not impact on the fiscal balance. Payments by students of the indexation and loan fee components of their HELP loan are treated as interest revenue. The additional public debt interest incurred by the Commonwealth in financing the loans is separately accounted for in the Budget papers.

See also the related measure *Realising Our Potential – improving the practical component of teacher education* in the Education, Science and Training portfolio.

Realising Our Potential — allowing more responsive universities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	51.3	56.6	57.1	58.2
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of Education, Science and Training	1.3	2.9	3.6	4.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-

In order to ensure universities can respond appropriately to demands from students and the labour market in determining their course mix and place numbers, the Government will provide \$223.2 million over four years to relax the caps placed currently on university places.

The new arrangements will provide universities with full additional funding for over-enrolments of up to five per cent (up from the current one per cent). Further, the current penalties which may apply for universities which over-enrol by more than five per cent will be abolished.

The new arrangements will continue to guarantee that there will be no Commonwealth Grants Scheme (CGS) funding reduction for universities which under-enrol by up to one per cent. Funding will automatically reduce for unfilled places beyond the first one per cent. However, a new minimum funding guarantee will mean that there will be no CGS funding reductions for under-enrolments beyond five per cent.

Universities will be able to seek agreement from the Minister for Education, Science and Training for Masters by Coursework qualifications to be funded under the CGS, where they are an entry requirement to a profession or are part of a restructure of existing course requirements. Students in these courses will also become eligible for income support under the related expense measure *Realising Our Potential – extending income support to Masters students* in the Education, Science and Training portfolio.

CGS funding agreements with universities will move to a three-year basis from 1 January 2009. Institutions that are able to finalise a three-year agreement during 2007 will be able to take advantage of the new agreements from 1 January 2008.

The new agreements will reduce administrative costs, provide greater scope for universities to plan ahead and contain improved requirements for university governance, financial accountability, quality and data reporting.

By 1 January 2008 the Government will remove all caps on the proportion of domestic full-fee paying places. Students obtaining a domestic full-fee place will continue to be eligible to receive a FEE-HELP loan as per current arrangements. Although FEE-HELP students only currently make up three per cent of domestic enrolments, this will allow the creation of niche, world's best courses in particular disciplines and institutions. The Government will continue to require providers to deliver a specified number of Commonwealth-supported places in agreed disciplines such as nursing and medicine.

Amounts loaned under the Higher Education Loans Programme (HELP) are treated as financial assets and therefore do not impact on the fiscal balance. Payments by students of the indexation and loan fee components of their HELP loan are treated as interest revenue. The additional public debt interest incurred by the Government in financing the loans is separately accounted for in the Budget papers.

Realising Our Potential — Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.8

The Government will provide \$208.6 million over four years to promote structural reform by universities to support greater specialisation, diversity and responsiveness to local labour market needs. Priority will be given to regional and smaller metropolitan universities.

Funding for this measure includes \$30.0 million in each of the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 from the Learning and Teaching Performance Fund and \$7.6 million in 2007-08, \$4.4 million in 2008-09, \$4.9 million in 2009-10 and \$4.9 million in 2010-11 from the Collaboration and Structural Reform Fund which has already been included in the forward estimates.

Realising Our Potential — reducing red tape for universities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.6	0.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.9 million to work with the States and Territories to streamline regulatory and legislative requirements and reduce the reporting burden for universities. The Australian Government will ask the States and Territories to refer regulatory powers over the financial management of universities where this would avoid duplication and reduce red tape. Specifically, there would be only one layer of financial auditing and the associated reporting requirements imposed on universities.

Realising Our Potential — additional Commonwealth Learning Scholarships

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	11.6	22.3	26.6	30.9

From 1 January 2008, the Government will provide \$91.4 million over four years to increase the number of Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (CLS) which the Government will provide to students from around 8,500 to 12,000 each year. Around 2,000 of these new scholarships will be extended to students from disadvantaged backgrounds for study towards Associate Degrees. Under this measure students will be offered scholarships at the same time as they are offered a place. Scholarships will be issued by the Australian Government, and will be offered to students prior to or at the same time as offers of places are made by universities.

Realising Our Potential — extending Rent Assistance to Austudy recipients

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	13.2	24.0	24.5	25.1

The Government will provide \$86.9 million over four years to extend eligibility for Rent Assistance to Austudy recipients. This will bring Austudy recipients in line with recipients of Youth Allowance and Newstart Allowance, who are currently eligible for up to \$104.00 per fortnight in Rent Assistance, and support access to higher education by mature aged students.

This measure will commence from 1 January 2008 and will assist around 11,000 students aged 25 and over.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.7 million in 2007-08 and \$0.3 million per annum over the following three years.

Realising Our Potential — extending income support to Masters students

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	5.5	11.2	12.5	14.1

The Government will provide \$43.3 million over four years to extend eligibility for Youth Allowance and Austudy to students undertaking approved Commonwealth-funded Masters by Coursework courses that are an entry requirement to a profession or are part of a restructure of existing course requirements. This will provide comparable treatment to students in these courses as is provided to undergraduates. The maximum rates of Youth Allowance and Austudy are currently \$456.00 per fortnight.

This measure will commence from 1 January 2008. It includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.4 million in 2007-08, \$0.5 million in 2008-09, \$0.6 million in 2009-10 and \$0.6 million in 2010-11.

See also the related expense measure titled *Realising Our Potential – allowing more responsive universities* in the Education, Science and Training portfolio.

Realising Our Potential — support for young Australian Apprentices in skill-shortage trades

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	69.3	87.1	90.7	95.4

The Government will provide \$342.5 million over four years, for first and second year Australian Apprentices under 30 years of age in skill-shortage trades to receive a tax exempt payment of \$1,000 per annum as a wage top-up. This will be paid in six-monthly instalments of \$500 and will assist these Australian Apprentices to complete the first two years of their training.

This measure will benefit around 228,000 apprentices over four years.

Realising Our Potential — fee assistance for Australian Apprentices

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	47.8	52.2	52.9	53.6

The Government will provide \$206.4 million over four years to first and second year Australian Apprentices in skill shortage trades to assist them with the cost of course fees which are part of their apprenticeship training.

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Assistance to these apprentices will be provided through a voucher worth up to \$500 per year to reimburse costs of course fees at a Registered Training Organisation such as a TAFE.

This measure will benefit around 252,000 apprentices over four years.

Realising Our Potential — FEE-HELP for Diploma and Advanced Diploma VET courses

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	4.3	3.4	3.5	3.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>	1.8	6.8	15.1	25.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will extend FEE-HELP to full-fee paying students in Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses that are accredited as Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications, where significant credit towards a university degree is guaranteed and agreement with States and Territories is reached on mechanisms to ensure TAFE fees do not increase as a consequence.

This measure will promote Diploma and Advanced Diploma pathways to higher education. FEE-HELP is already available where courses are accredited as higher education courses, but not if accredited as a VET course. As a result, students undertaking very similar courses are currently treated differently.

Amounts loaned under the Higher Education Loans Programme (HELP) are treated as financial assets and therefore do not impact on the fiscal balance. Payments by students of the indexation and loan fee components of their HELP loan are treated as interest revenue. The additional public debt interest incurred by the Government in financing the loans is separately accounted for in the budget papers.

Realising Our Potential — fast-track apprenticeships

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	6.4	11.8	17.3	23.0

The Government will provide \$58.5 million over four years to Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) to partner with industry and local employers to develop and implement fast-track apprenticeships with competency-based progression, so that apprentices can be trained more quickly and enter the workforce more quickly.

RTOs will be able to apply for up to \$50,000 to work with industry partners to develop innovative on-the-job and off-the-job training that focuses on the acquisition of skills and competencies, rather than time served, with appropriate safeguards.

Realising Our Potential — Australian Technical Colleges

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	1.1	19.8	27.4	17.1

The Government will provide \$83.6 million over five years (including \$18.2 million in 2011-12) for the establishment and operation of a further three Australian Technical Colleges in the Brisbane, Sydney and Perth areas. This will take the total number of colleges to 28, accommodating up to 8,400 Year 11 and 12 students undertaking school-based New Apprenticeships, and academic, IT and business courses. Five colleges commenced in 2006 and a further 20 colleges will be in operation by the start of 2008. The three additional colleges established under this measure will be in operation by the start of 2009.

The Government has already provided \$469.8 million over seven years in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05* and \$117.4 million over four years in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07* for the establishment and operation of 25 Australian Technical Colleges.

Realising Our Potential — national literacy and numeracy vouchers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	70.9	120.9	131.4	134.1

The Government will provide \$457.4 million over four years to build on the current Reading Assistance Voucher Programme to assist all children not meeting literacy or numeracy benchmarks with the cost of out-of-school tuition.

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From 1 January 2008, the programme will provide a \$700 tutorial voucher per child to parents whose children do not achieve current literacy or numeracy benchmarks in Years 3, 5 and 7. Following the agreement of the States and Territories to adopt national testing in 2008 that will also cover Year 9, vouchers will also be extended to eligible students in Year 9 from 1 January 2009.

Tutors will be required to utilise a range of teaching methods reflecting contemporary evidence, such as the findings of the National Inquiry into the Teaching of Literacy, in developing their approach to individual learning needs. The performance of tutors will be monitored under the programme.

Realising Our Potential — additional support for regional and remote schools

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	15.4	32.2	35.2	38.3

The Government will provide \$121.1 million over four years to fund a regional/remote loading in addition to current funding delivered to non-government schools. State and Territory governments will be required to provide an equivalent increase in resourcing for regional/remote government schools in the 2009-12 schools funding agreement.

This measure reflects the higher cost of delivering schooling in regional and remote Australia and will help to improve learning opportunities and outcomes for children in regional and remote schools. The loading will be calculated using the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA) classification, with schools in 'Moderately Accessible', 'Remote' and 'Very Remote' areas receiving an additional 5, 10 and 20 per cent of their socio-economic status funding entitlement respectively.

Additional funding will be available from 1 January 2008.

Realising Our Potential — rewarding schools for improving literacy and numeracy outcomes

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	2.2	17.0	16.9	17.0

The Government will provide \$53.2 million over four years to encourage schools to lift the literacy and numeracy performance of their students. Following the introduction of national literacy and numeracy tests in 2008, public and private schools that can demonstrate improvements in literacy and numeracy outcomes will be eligible to apply for rewards of up to \$50,000 per annum.

This will reward excellence in teaching and recognise those schools who make demonstrable improvements in standards.

Schools can apply directly to the Department of Education, Science and Training and awards will be determined by the Minister for Education, Science and Training, taking into account advice from an independent assessment panel. Around 300 schools per year are expected to benefit from this measure from the end of 2008.

Realising Our Potential — improving the practical component of teacher education

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	18.8	19.2	19.4	19.6

The Government will provide \$77.0 million over four years to improve the practical component of teacher education to ensure all teacher-education students are provided with sufficient high quality practical experience in schools before entering the teaching profession.

From 1 January 2008, this measure will provide an additional \$450 per full-time equivalent student place to universities that deliver a minimum of 120 days of practical experience for each student over a three or four-year degree and a minimum of 60 days practical experience for one or two-year courses.

Realising Our Potential — Australian Government Summer Schools for Teachers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	30.0	24.8	23.2	23.6

The Government will provide \$101.7 million over four years to fund the establishment and ongoing operation of Australian Government Summer Schools for Teachers to improve teacher quality. The Schools will provide up to 1,000 teachers per annum with professional development in one of five disciplines: Literacy and Numeracy; Australian History; Maths; Science; and English.

The Government will fund the full cost of teachers participating in the 10-day residential programme, including travel and accommodation expenses. The Government will also reward each teacher with a \$5,000 bonus on completion of the course.

Teachers will be recommended for participation by their school and selected by the Australian Government. The first Summer School will be in January 2008.

Realising Our Potential — national teacher training and registration standards

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	2.7	2.2	-	-

The Government will work with state and territory education authorities, representatives of the teaching profession and other stakeholders to develop national teacher training and registration standards. This will provide improvements to teacher education and more consistent, high-quality teaching across Australia. This measure includes \$5.0 million to allow the Department of Education, Science and Training to work with stakeholders to agree on the national standards.

The adoption of the agreed national teacher training and registration standards will be a condition of Australian Government funding under the next schools funding agreement.

Realising Our Potential — core curricula standards

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	4.4	8.6	-	0.1

The Government will provide \$13.0 million over two years to work with the States and Territories to develop core curricula standards in English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Australian History for Years 11 and 12, and English, Maths, Science and Australian History for Year 10, to assist in raising standards in schools. This advances the recent commitment made by governments at the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) to develop nationally-consistent curricula for English, Maths and Science. Further information can be found in the MCEETYA Information Statement of 13 April 2007.

Adopting the resulting standards, as well as externally-moderated assessment for Year 12 exit certificates and common descriptions of levels of attainment, will be conditions of funding in the 2009-12 schools funding agreement with the States and Territories.

See also the related expense measures titled *COAG – development of national standards for teaching literacy and numeracy* and *COAG – literacy and numeracy leadership standards for principals*.

Realising Our Potential — national student aptitude test for tertiary admission

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	4.9	4.8	4.8	-

The Government will provide \$14.5 million over three years to trial the use of student aptitude tests by universities as a supplementary or alternative mechanism for assessing Year 12 students seeking entrance to a tertiary course. This does not seek to replace tertiary entrance scores as the primary selection tool for entrance to university. However, where appropriate, student aptitude test results could be incorporated by universities as a broader indicator of a student's ability to succeed at university.

This measure will enable around 20,000 students per year to participate in a three-year trial starting in 2008 using an existing test, such as uniTEST, currently being trialled by Monash University and the Australian National University, or the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT), used for alternative (mostly mature-age) entry to many Australian universities.

Other measures in the Education, Science and Training portfolio**Australian Institute of Marine Science — additional funding**

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Institute of Marine Science	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over four years to the Australian Institute of Marine Science to maintain existing research in north-east Australia and expand its research in north-west Australia.

This measure provides funding for research that will contribute to the sustainable use of marine resources.

Australian Institute of Marine Science — move to quadrennial funding agreement and continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Institute of Marine Science	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$106.1 million over four years to the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS). This measure involves funding of \$25.3 million in 2007-08, \$26.3 million in 2008-09, \$26.7 million in 2009-10 and \$27.8 million in 2010-11. Provision for this has already been included in the forward estimates.

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In addition, a quadrennial funding agreement will replace the previous triennial funding agreement. Quadrennial funding has been agreed to provide greater budget certainty and a more appropriate timeframe for scientific research and programme review.

Further information can be found in the press release of 9 January 2007 issued by the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation — additional funding for the Open Pool Australian Light-water reactor

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5

The Government will provide \$22.0 million over four years to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation to fund additional insurance, water, electricity and fuel expenses required for the operation of the new Open Pool Australian Light-water reactor (OPAL).

The increased operating costs reflect the increased power and capacity of OPAL when compared to the High Flux Australian Reactor it replaces.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation — move to quadrennial funding agreement and continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$507.9 million over four years to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation. This measure involves funding of \$121.4 million in 2007-08, \$133.8 million in 2008-09, \$125.9 million in 2009-10 and \$126.8 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

In addition, a quadrennial funding agreement will replace the previous triennial funding agreement. Quadrennial funding has been agreed to provide greater budget certainty and a more appropriate timeframe for scientific research and programme review.

Further information can be found in the press release of 9 January 2007 issued by the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder radio-telescope — design, development and building

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	6.0	8.1	5.8	4.3
Department of Education, Science and Training	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.1
Total	7.5	9.2	7.1	5.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	7.7	9.9	9.9

The Government will provide \$56.6 million over four years to support the design, development and building of an Australian Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Pathfinder radio-telescope in Australia. The SKA Pathfinder will be a world class radio-telescope in its own right. Further, the SKA Pathfinder will add to Australia's role in exploring scientific and technological SKA designs and support Australia's possible participation in the development of an international SKA radio-telescope facility.

This measure includes \$27.5 million in capital funding over three years to purchase plant and equipment associated with the Australian SKA Pathfinder radio-telescope.

COAG — development of national standards for teaching literacy and numeracy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	1.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide up to \$1.3 million in 2007-08 to work with the States and Territories to develop a set of nationally consistent core standards for teaching literacy and numeracy. These standards will underpin teacher pre-service education in literacy and numeracy, registration of teachers and professional learning and development in literacy and numeracy. Costs will be shared with the States and Territories, with the Commonwealth contribution identified in this measure.

This measure will help to raise standards in schools, along with literacy and numeracy leadership standards for principals and core standards for secondary school curriculum in key areas.

This measure forms part of an agreement made by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 13 April 2007. Further information can be found in the Communiqué, available from www.coag.gov.au.

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COAG — literacy and numeracy leadership standards for principals

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide up to \$0.6 million in 2007-08 to work with the States and Territories to develop a core set of skills, knowledge and attributes to enable principals to more effectively lead literacy and numeracy teaching and learning. Costs will be shared with the States and Territories, with the Commonwealth contribution identified in this measure.

This measure will help to raise standards in schools, along with development of national standards for teaching literacy and numeracy and core standards for secondary school curriculum in key areas.

This measure forms part of an agreement made by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 13 April 2007. Further information can be found in the Communiqué, available from www.coag.gov.au.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation — additional funding for the Australian Animal Health Laboratory

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	2.5	3.3	4.3	6.7

The Government will provide \$16.8 million over four years to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation to enhance the capacity of the Australian Animal Health Laboratory to respond to new and re-emerging bio-security risks to Australia.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation — move to quadrennial funding agreement and continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.6 billion over four years to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation. This measure involves funding of \$627.7 million in 2007-08, \$632.9 million in 2008-09, \$644.2 million in 2009-10 and \$653.6 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

In addition, a quadrennial funding agreement will replace the previous triennial funding agreement. Quadrennial funding has been agreed to provide greater budget certainty and a more appropriate timeframe for scientific research and programme review.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 January 2007 issued by the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation National Research Flagships — Climate Adaptation and Energy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	15.2	22.6	25.8	39.6

The Government will provide \$103.2 million over four years to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) for a new National Research Flagship on Climate Adaptation, and to extend the existing Energy Flagship.

Funding for the Climate Adaptation Flagship will improve the CSIRO's climate analysis and prediction capability, which is important for the development and implementation of the National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Funding for the extended Energy Flagship will accelerate the development of alternative transport fuels.

See also the related expense measure titled *Climate change – Australian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation* in the Environment and Water Resources portfolio.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation National Research Flagships — new manufacturing and minerals industry development

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	10.4	12.7	22.4	25.3

The Government will provide \$70.8 million over four years for the establishment of two new National Research Flagships within the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

As part of Global Integration, funding of \$36.2 million will be provided to a new Niche Manufacturing Flagship to support export-oriented niche manufacturing industries in targeting specific science, technology and service-based platforms, particularly those involving the use of nanotechnology. See also the related expense measures titled *Global Integration* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources; Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolios; and the related revenue measure titled *Global Integration – extension of the premium 175 per cent research and development tax concession to subsidiaries of multinational enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

Funding of \$34.6 million will be provided to a new Minerals Down Under Flagship to build new tools that support the discovery and sustainable development of major new deposits, and the introduction of improved processing technologies in Australia's mineral industries.

Further information can be found in the statement of 1 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Healthy Active Australia — promoting healthy living

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	0.8	1.2	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	0.6	0.4	-	-
Total	1.4	1.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over two years to develop a wellbeing plan for children. The plan will contain easy-to-access information and practical suggestions for parents to promote healthy eating and physical activities in children.

This funding includes \$2.0 million for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation to produce the plan for publication, drawing on its research and knowledge on nutrition and food science.

This funding also includes \$1.0 million for the Department of Health and Ageing to review and update the core food groups, the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating, and Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents.

See also the related expense measures titled *Healthy Active Australia* in the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts and the Health and Ageing portfolios.

Higher Education Information Management System — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$22.0 million over four years from 2007-08 for ongoing maintenance, support and development of the Higher Education Information Management System. The system assists the administration of the Higher Education Loans Programme and facilitates the transfer of financial and statistical data between higher education institutions and the Government.

This measure involves funding of \$5.4 million in 2007-08, \$5.5 million in 2008-09, \$5.5 million in 2009-10 and \$5.6 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure includes \$9.1 million in capital funding over four years from 2007-08 to upgrade an IT system.

Humanitarian settlement initiatives — increased per capita funding for English as a Second Language

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	28.4	31.4	33.1	34.9

The Government will provide \$127.8 million over four years to double the existing per capita rate of funding paid to state and territory governments and non-government education bodies for eligible humanitarian entrants under the English as a Second Language — New Arrivals Programme. The new per capita rate of \$10,554 will support 12 months of intensive English language support for newly arrived humanitarian entrants in Australian schools.

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Additional Australian Government administration costs of \$1.1 million over four years to implement this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education, Science and Training.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian settlement initiatives* in the Immigration and Citizenship; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Investing In Our Schools Programme — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	190.1	5.8	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$195.9 million over two years to undertake a fourth and final funding round of the Investing in Our Schools Programme. This final funding round will particularly target those schools which have not yet received a grant under the programme.

This measure involves funding for government schools of \$127.0 million and funding for non-government schools of \$54.0 million. Funding of \$14.9 million will be provided to the Department of Education, Science and Training to administer the programme.

This measure extends arrangements announced as part of the 2004 election commitment titled *Investing in Our Schools: a billion dollar investment in our School Infrastructure* and is included in the *Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 February 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Learned Academies — support of operations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over four years to support the operations of the nation's Learned Academies, comprising the Australian Academy of the Humanities, Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, Australian Academy of Science, Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and their umbrella organisation, the National Academies Forum.

The cost of this measure will be partially offset by \$1.0 million per annum provided from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education, Science and Training.

Museum of Economic Botany — refurbishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.1 million in 2006-07 to conserve and restore the Museum of Economic Botany in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. This will support the Museum’s role as a centre for public scientific exhibitions and a resource for science teaching and learning. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Further information can be found in the press release of 2 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration.

National Disability Coordination Officer Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.1

The Government will provide \$18.3 million over four years to implement the National Disability Coordination Officer Programme. This measure will combine and enhance two existing programmes, the Disability Coordination Officer Programme and the Regional Disability Liaison Officer Programme. The National Disability Coordination Programme will commence on 1 July 2007, and will build on the Government’s commitment to assist people with a disability to access post-school education and training.

This measure involves current funding of \$2.3 million in 2007-08, \$2.4 million in 2008-09, \$2.4 million in 2009-10 and \$2.5 million in 2010-11. Provision for the current funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

The additional cost of this measure will be partially offset from savings within the expense measure *Fraud and Compliance – consolidation and expansion of risk profile reviews for student payments* in the Human Services portfolio.

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Workplace English Language and Literacy Programme — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$66.7 million over four years to continue the Workplace English Language and Literacy Programme. The programme provides funding to organisations to train workers in English language, literacy and numeracy skills.

This measure involves funding of \$16.2 million in 2007-08, \$16.5 million in 2008-09, \$16.8 million in 2009-10 and \$17.2 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

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Centrelink Financial Information Service — improved advice on compensation payments

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.6

The Government will provide \$2.6 million over four years to improve the financial advice given to Centrelink customers who receive a compensation payment with an economic loss component and are precluded from receiving income support for a period of time. The financial advice will assist people to better manage their compensation payments over the time of their preclusion period.

This funding will be provided to Centrelink for the delivery of the financial advice.

Job Capacity Assessment — reinforcing the role

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	1.3	0.4	..	-0.7
Department of Human Services	0.1	-	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	1.5	0.5	0.1	-0.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.5 million over four years (including \$0.4 million in capital) to clarify and reinforce the role of Job Capacity Assessment providers in assessing work capacity and informing the decision to grant income support entitlements. The *Social Security Act 1991* will be amended to ensure that decisions made by the Social Security Appeals Tribunal or the Administrative Appeals Tribunal take into account evidence of work capacity. This will create a more consistent approach between the decision to grant income support and the review of these decisions.

Funding will provide for changes required to IT systems, legal advice associated with the required legislative amendments and staff to implement this measure. This funding will be partially offset by an expected reduction in administered payments of \$1.6 million over four years, with a net cost of \$1.9 million.

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This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.6 million in 2007-08, \$0.2 million in 2008-09, \$0.3 million in 2009-10 and \$0.4 million in 2010-11.

Labour assistance package — expansion of the South Australian automotive workers labour adjustment fund

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.8	0.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over three years (including \$0.2 million in 2006-07) to continue the measure *South Australian automotive workers – labour adjustment fund* included in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2005-06* and extend the fund's coverage to new General Motors Holden redundancies announced on 5 March 2007.

The labour assistance package provides retrenched workers with immediate and full access to Job Network services, enhanced access to the Job Seeker Account, relocation assistance and self-employment assistance under the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme.

Further information can be found in the press release of 5 March 2007 issued by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

Labour assistance package — ACL Bearings

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.1	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million over three years (including \$56,000 in 2006-07) to assist employees of ACL Bearings in Launceston, Tasmania, affected by a restructuring of its workforce.

The labour assistance package provides retrenched workers with immediate access to Job Network services to assist them in finding work, with eligibility for Intensive Support job search training. The Job Seeker Account for each of these workers will be supplemented by \$1,000 to assist Job Network members to pay for training, clothing and equipment for work or job interviews and to assist workers to relocate for new jobs.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 March 2007 issued by the Minister for Workforce Participation.

Labour assistance package — supplementary funding for the South Australian labour adjustment package

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.5	0.3	0.2	-

The Government will provide an additional \$2.3 million over four years (including \$1.4 million in 2006-07) as supplementary funding for the measure *Labour market and structural adjustment assistance – South Australia assistance package* included in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*. This funding will ensure support for workers being retrenched from Mitsubishi Motors Australia's South Australian manufacturing operations.

The labour adjustment package provides retrenched workers with immediate access to Job Network services and other assistance to help them find new jobs. Assistance will include wage subsidies, relocation assistance and self-employment assistance under the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme.

Mobility Allowance — expanding eligibility criteria

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.9

The Government will expand the eligibility criteria for Mobility Allowance, which provides assistance with travel costs for people whose disability means they cannot use public transport, at an estimated cost of \$11.1 million over four years.

Currently, Mobility Allowance is paid at a standard rate of \$74.30 per fortnight or at a higher rate of \$104.00 per fortnight for people with part-time participation requirements undertaking an eligible activity. This measure will expand the number of people eligible for the higher rate of payment by extending eligibility to Parenting Payment recipients and Supported Wage System workers (those who have reduced productivity related to their disability).

Participation in Vocational Rehabilitation Services to find employment will also be added as an eligible activity for receipt of the Mobility Allowance payment.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.9 million in 2007-08 and \$0.2 million per annum over the following three years.

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Parenting Payment — expanded access to supplementary concessions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	1.6	0.6	0.7	0.7

The Government will expand access to a number of supplementary concessions for Parenting Payment recipients at an estimated cost of \$3.7 million over four years.

Currently, Parenting Payment (Single) recipients assessed with a partial work capacity due to disability have access to the Pensioner Concession Card and associated allowances. This access will be extended to Parenting Payment (Partnered) recipients, with a partial work capacity due to disability, from 1 January 2008.

In addition, all Parenting Payment recipients assessed with a partial work capacity due to disability will have access to the Pensioner Concession Card for 52 weeks after they earn sufficient income to move off income support.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.5 million in 2007-08, \$0.2 million in 2008-09, \$0.2 million in 2009-10 and \$0.2 million in 2010-11.

Personal Support Programme — additional places

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	2.8	4.4	4.2	4.4

The Government will provide \$15.8 million over four years to expand the Personal Support Programme (PSP) by 2,000 places. The PSP provides individualised assistance for the unemployed who face multiple non-vocational barriers to participation such as homelessness, drug and alcohol problems, psychological disorders, or domestic violence. The PSP acts as a bridge between short-term crisis assistance and employment-related assistance.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.2 million in 2007-08 and \$0.2 million in 2008-09 to manage referrals.

Relocation assistance for job seekers — expanded pilot

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

The Government will provide \$0.5 million in 2007-08 to continue for a further year the current relocation assistance for job seekers pilot operated by Job Network.

The pilot will be expanded to relocate up to 80 job seekers from Coffs Harbour, Nowra and two other locations with high unemployment to areas of high labour demand. The pilot currently operates in Coffs Harbour and Nowra. Assistance up to a maximum of \$5,000 per eligible job seeker will be available to assist with expenses associated with relocating to take up employment.

Skills surveys — expansion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5

The Government will provide \$6.0 million over four years to expand skills surveys to provide labour market data covering new industries and specific regional locations. Information from these surveys is used by employers, industry associations and all levels of government to identify possible areas of skills shortages. The expansion of skills surveys will complement the existing skills surveys that are based on occupations at the national level.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Disability Employment Network — additional places

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	10.2	10.5	9.3	9.9

The Government will provide \$39.8 million over four years to increase the number of places available in the capped programmes of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Disability Employment Network. An additional 1,480 places will be provided in Vocational Rehabilitation Services and an additional 987 places in the Disability Employment Network each year, taking the total places available in these programmes to 24,680 and 38,987 respectively.

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Both programmes assist job seekers who have a moderate to high level of disability and require specialist assistance to find and retain employment. Services include employment preparation, job search, placement into employment and workplace modifications including specialised or adaptive equipment to accommodate an employee with a disability. The Disability Employment Network also provides an intensive level of support once a person is placed into employment including job-specific training for the worker, co-workers and supervisors.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Disability Employment Network — eligibility for adult prisoners with a disability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will extend access to Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Disability Employment Network places to adult prisoners with a disability in pre-release centres who are available for work on partial or full day release, at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million over four years.

This measure will ensure that day release prisoners with a disability that limits their working capacity to 15-29 hours per week will have access to specialised disability employment services to help them find jobs. Currently, prisoners have access only to Job Network services while on day release. Approximately 150 prisoners per year are expected to benefit from this measure.

This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for an IT systems upgrade.

Work for the Dole — increasing the use of training credits

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	2.4	2.5	3.0	3.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.4 million over four years to establish a new \$500 incentive payment from 1 July 2007 for Community Work Coordinators to encourage the use of training credits by Work for the Dole participants.

Work for the Dole participants are eligible for training credits up to the value of \$800, which can be used to purchase accredited education or training to improve their employment opportunities. This measure will encourage Community Work Coordinators to identify training opportunities for Work for the Dole participants in courses relevant to their placement or in an area of skill demand.

This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for an IT systems upgrade.

Work for the Dole — standardising early access to training credits

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over four years to standardise access to Work for the Dole training credits from 1 July 2008. Training credits assist Work for the Dole participants to enrol in, and pay for, relevant accredited training courses of their choice.

Work for the Dole participants have partial access to training credits during their placement and access to the full training credit on completion. This measure will align the requirements for access to partial training credits for part-time participants to those of full-time participants. Part-time participants will now be able to access partial training credits after 150 hours of Work for the Dole participation.

This measure will provide equity of access to training credits for all Work for the Dole participants and will streamline the Work for the Dole programme's administration.

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This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2007-08 to make changes required to IT systems.

Workers' compensation — management of asbestos and other dust diseases

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

The Government will provide \$2.0 million in 2006-07 to manage specific statute-based claims for workers' compensation in relation to asbestos-related and other dust diseases.

This funding is expected to cover the settlement, legal and administration costs associated with claims assumed by the Commonwealth following the abolition of the Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee in 2005.

Workplace Relations Reform — continuation of the WorkChoices Employer Advisor Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	10.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$18.1 million over two years (including \$8.0 million in 2006-07) to continue the WorkChoices Employer Advisor Programme until 31 December 2007.

The Employer Advisor Programme developed a national network of industry-based advisors to assist and support employers and their staff on WorkChoices, including in relation to changes to the WorkChoices legislation. The extended programme utilises the specific knowledge and experience of a panel of employer and industry organisations to provide practical WorkChoices assistance tailored for employers and their staff across Australia.

Further information can be found in the press release of 21 March 2007 issued by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

Workplace Relations Reform — reinforcing the regional network of the Office of Workplace Services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Office of Workplace Services	12.2	8.0	1.2	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Office of Workplace Services	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$46.3 million over four years (including \$25.0 million in 2006-07) to support the Office of Workplace Services' (OWS) compliance and enforcement activities in regional areas and to help ensure employers and employees understand their rights and responsibilities under WorkChoices.

The OWS has 200 inspectors in 27 centres across Australia and the additional funding will reinforce the operation of the OWS regional offices.

This measure includes \$17.3 million in capital funding in 2006-07 for office fit-out associated with the expanded regional network and to develop an IT application to manage claims and infringements.

Youth Allowance — participation requirements for payment eligibility

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Department of Education, Science and Training	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Total	0.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6

The Government will ensure that Youth Allowance (other) recipients with participation requirements are paid only from the date they apply as a job seeker and commence their engagement with a provider of Australian Government employment services. This will encourage young people transferring to Youth Allowance (other) from Youth Allowance (student) to quickly link to assistance for job searching when they stop full-time study.

This measure is expected to lead to net savings of \$1.6 million over four years.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.5 million in 2007-08 and \$0.1 million per annum over the following three years.

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES

Australian Biological Resources Study

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.8 million over four years to continue the Australian Biological Resources Study. This funding will continue to expand Australia's biodiversity knowledge base, enhance retention of taxonomic expertise through research grants and scholarships, and disseminate taxonomic information, including online through the Atlas of Living Australia.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates. This funding is in addition to existing ongoing funding of around \$8.0 million over the forward estimates.

Climate change — Australian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	17.1	22.0	23.0	27.5
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.9
Total	18.6	23.8	24.9	29.3

The Government will provide \$126.0 million over five years (including \$29.4 million in 2011-12) to establish and manage the Australian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation and for associated programme funding. The work commissioned by the Centre will assist the most vulnerable sectors and regions, as well as planning bodies and local government, to understand better the possible impacts of climate change and develop effective ways to help adapt to these impacts.

The Centre will be managed by the Australian Government but will work closely with the States and Territories and related bodies to ensure a coordinated national approach, in line with the National Adaptation Framework endorsed by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).

Further information can be found in the COAG Communiqué of 13 April 2007, available from www.coag.gov.au.

See also the related expense measure titled *Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation National Research Flagships – Climate Adaptation and Energy* in the Education, Science and Training portfolio.

Climate change — coal mine methane reduction

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$18.5 million over five years to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from coal mines. This measure involves funding of \$5.9 million in 2007-08, \$5.6 million in 2008-09, and \$2.3 million in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. Grants will be provided on a competitive basis to prompt the capture and flaring of methane by those coal mines that currently vent methane into the atmosphere. Grants will also be available for the sealing of abandoned mines.

Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, with more than twenty times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide.

\$15.9 million for this programme will be funded through a reprioritisation of existing resources from the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Programme.

Climate change — expansion of Photovoltaic Rebate Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	6.0	11.0	11.0	11.1

The Government will provide \$150.0 million over five years (\$26.0 million in 2007-08 and \$31.0 million per annum from 2008-09 to 2011-12) to extend and expand the Photovoltaic Rebate Programme, which provides rebates for the installation of eligible photovoltaic systems. Under the expansion, existing household rebate rates and caps will be doubled from current levels, such that rebates of \$8 per peak watt up to \$8,000 will be available to households. Other new elements include grants of up to \$12,000 to support installations in schools and other community education buildings, and support for the photovoltaic industry to commercialise technology that will improve the affordability of household photovoltaic systems.

Provision for funding of around \$20.0 million per annum from 2007-08 to 2011-12 has already been included in the forward estimates.

Climate change — Global Initiative on Forests and Climate

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	27.3	33.2	43.6	42.6
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	3.5	4.5	5.8	4.6
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	31.3	38.3	49.9	47.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of the Environment and Water Resources</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$197.2 million over five years (including \$22.8 million in 2011-12) to launch a Global Initiative on Forests and Climate. This initiative will advance the global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect the world's forests. The funding will be used to support projects in selected developing countries, including in the South East Asia and Pacific regions, to support new forest planting, limit destruction of remaining forests, and promote sustainable forest management.

The funding for AusAID (\$164.4 million over five years, including \$17.6 million in 2011-12) will build on existing programmes and prepare for future activities in countries such as Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

This measure includes \$7.0 million in capital funding to establish a satellite receiving station in northern Australia to assist countries in the region in assessing and monitoring their forest resources.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 29 March 2007 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

See also the related expense measure titled *Increasing overseas aid – climate change, global health and multilateral initiatives – building and supporting effective partnerships* in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio, and the revenue measure titled *Carbon sink forests – establishment costs deductible* in the Treasury Portfolio.

Climate change — phase out of inefficient light bulbs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.9 million over five years (\$1.7 million in 2007-08, \$1.8 million in 2008-09, \$2.0 million in 2009-10, \$1.9 million in 2010-11 and \$0.5 million in 2011-12) to support the phase out of incandescent light bulbs. New lighting standards for light globes will be introduced from 2009-10 which will mean compact fluorescent light bulbs replacing incandescent light bulbs, with exceptions for special purpose fittings.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 February 2007 issued by the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Climate change — small business and household action initiative

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of the Environment and Water Resources</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$52.8 million over five years to increase community understanding of climate change and assist households and small businesses to reduce and offset their greenhouse gas emissions.

This measure involves funding of \$29.1 million in 2007-08, \$16.4 million in 2008-09, \$5.9 million in 2009-10, \$0.5 million in 2010-11 and \$0.4 million in 2011-12. It also includes \$0.5 million in capital funding in 2007-08 to develop an interactive intranet site to assist users to reduce their emissions.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 4 March 2007 issued by the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

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Community Water Grants — extension

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	16.3	52.2	79.7	49.0

The Government will provide \$200.7 million over six years (including \$2.4 million in 2011-12 and \$1.1 million in 2012-13) to extend the Community Water Grants Programme. Competitive grants of up to \$50,000 will be available for community organisations and schools for the installation of rainwater tanks, water meters and water saving taps and toilets.

Distinctively Australian — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	-0.3	-1.4	-2.4	-2.5

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over four years (\$5.0 million in 2007-08, \$4.0 million in 2008-09 and \$3.0 million in 2009-10 and 2010-11) to continue implementation of the heritage management framework under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, including progressing the establishment of the National Heritage List.

As provisions previously included in the forward estimates exceed the now expected costs of the Distinctively Australian programme, this measure will have a positive impact on the budget of \$6.6 million.

This funding is in addition to ongoing funding of \$38.8 million over four years provided to the Australian Heritage Council.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 — enhanced administration

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	17.4	17.6	17.7	17.9

The Government will provide \$70.6 million over four years to increase resourcing for the administration of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The funding will assist implementation of recent amendments to the Act, which will streamline its administration, encourage the use of regional plans to create more certainty about the outcomes of environmental decisions, and strengthen compliance and enforcement. It will also improve the effectiveness of listings for threatened species, ecological communities and key threats.

This funding is in addition to existing resourcing of activities under this legislation of \$28.6 million per annum, of which \$12.4 million per annum is from the Natural Heritage Trust Special Account.

Environment Protection Policy — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	9.8	9.9	9.1	9.2

The Government will provide \$38.0 million over four years to continue a range of environmental protection policy activities. These activities fulfil statutory and international obligations relating to air quality, fuel quality, oil recycling, water efficiency, ozone protection, dangerous chemicals and hazardous waste.

This measure builds on the 2003-04 Budget measure, *Environment Protection Policy*, which concludes on 30 June 2007.

Environmental Stewardship Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	5.0	10.0	15.0	20.0

The Government will provide \$50.0 million over four years for an Environmental Stewardship Programme. Private land managers will be contracted, for up to 15 years, to protect and improve assets of national environmental significance.

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Participants need to provide long-term environmental outcomes beyond their duty of care and legal responsibilities as land managers. Participants will be selected using a range of market-based mechanisms such as auctions. Up-front payments may be made where up-front capital works are required, and periodic payments will be made for ongoing activities. All payments under the programme will be taxable.

Great Barrier Reef — additional funding for field management

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	4.4	3.5	3.3	3.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	1.1	..	..	..

The Government will provide \$15.6 million over four years to increase funding for field management in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The additional funding will provide for increased enforcement and compliance activities, upgrading of the field management fleet, reef and tourism infrastructure, and resource management projects. Field management in the Park is the joint responsibility of both the Australian and Queensland governments, and the costs for these activities are shared equally.

This measure includes \$1.2 million in capital funding to restore former lighthouse stations on Low Isles and Pine Islet, and for IT systems to enhance permit management and compliance.

Great Barrier Reef — continuation of water quality monitoring programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.2 million over four years from 2007-08 to continue the water quality monitoring programme under the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Protection Plan. The Plan addresses declining water quality in waterways entering the Reef.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Natural Heritage Trust.

Mawson's Huts in Antarctica — conservation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.3 million in 2006-07 to the Mawson's Huts Foundation. This funding will be used by the Foundation to complete its conservation work on the historic huts at Cape Denison in Antarctica built by Sir Douglas Mawson in 1912 and 1913. The funding will also be used to conserve other structures and artefacts found at Cape Denison, which remain from the Australasian Antarctic expedition of 1911-14.

National Plan for Water Security — addressing over-allocation in the Murray-Darling Basin

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	27.0	85.9	423.8	495.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of the Environment and Water Resources</i>	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.1 billion over 10 years (including \$2.1 billion over six years from 2011-12) to address over-allocation in the Murray-Darling Basin by buying water entitlements and providing structural adjustment assistance to those in unviable or inefficient irrigation areas. This funding is conditional on governance arrangements for the Murray-Darling Basin being placed on a national footing.

This measure forms part of the Government's \$10 billion National Plan for Water Security.

The measure includes \$1.8 million in capital funding to upgrade IT systems (\$1.0 million in 2007-08, \$0.5 million in 2011-12 and \$0.3 million in 2014-15).

See also the related expense measures titled *National Plan for Water Security* in the Environment and Water Resources portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 January 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

National Plan for Water Security — improving water information

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Bureau of Meteorology	23.7	39.2	46.2	51.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>5.0</i>

The Government will provide \$417.2 million over 10 years (including \$235.0 million over six years from 2011-12) to the Bureau of Meteorology to improve the detail and scope of nationally available water information, which will allow the Bureau to forecast, analyse and publicly report on water resource usage.

This funding is conditional on the governance arrangements for the Murray-Darling Basin being placed on a national footing.

This measure forms part of the Government's \$10 billion National Plan for Water Security.

This component of the National Plan for Water Security has four key elements:

- assisting water data collecting agencies to modernise and extend their water information and measurement networks;
- maintaining a national database and web-based reporting system for all water information, including maintaining a national water account and managing the information collected from the metering, monitoring and accounting element of the National Plan;
- improving analysis and interpretation of national water information and forecasting services; and
- commissioning strategic investigations and purchasing data to address water information needs.

This measure includes \$24.9 million in capital funding from 2007-08 for upgrading computer infrastructure, satellite receiving stations for imagery and data, and a radar rainfall network.

See also the related expense measures titled *National Plan for Water Security* in the Environment and Water Resources portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 January 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

National Plan for Water Security — modernising irrigation in Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	52.3	154.0	452.2	861.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of the Environment and Water Resources</i>	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.9 billion over 10 years (including \$4.4 billion over six years from 2011-12) to improve water use efficiency. This funding is conditional on governance arrangements for the Murray-Darling Basin being placed on a national footing.

This measure forms part of the Government's \$10 billion National Plan for Water Security.

This component of the National Plan for Water Security has four elements:

- \$3.1 billion will be provided for improving delivery system efficiencies. This measure will, in collaboration with irrigation water providers, identify water loss 'hot spots' and undertake targeted works, such as piping, channel lining and system automation, in irrigation areas.
- \$1.6 billion will be provided to improve on-farm irrigation efficiency gains by assisting irrigators to upgrade their farm irrigation systems and providing irrigators with information tools to help them use water more efficiently.
- \$616.8 million will be provided to improve metering, monitoring and accounting of water resources by providing assistance to water providers and irrigators to upgrade bulk off-take meters and farm off-take meters so that these structures meet national standards. This measure will also introduce metering of stock and domestic water users in priority catchments as well as invest in telemetry and data systems to allow remote reading of meters and real-time data monitoring.
- \$500.3 million will be provided for practical projects to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of river operations and storages in the Murray-Darling Basin.

The measure includes \$1.8 million in capital funding to upgrade IT systems (\$1.0 million in 2007-08, \$0.5 million in 2011-12 and \$0.3 million in 2014-15).

See also the related expense measures titled *National Plan for Water Security* in the Environment and Water Resources portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 January 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

National Plan for Water Security — northern Australia and the Great Artesian Basin

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	2.5	2.5	16.0	16.0

The Government will provide \$85.1 million over seven years (including \$48.1 million over three years from 2011-12) for phase three of the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative, which caps groundwater bores and replaces bore drains with pipes.

This funding is conditional on the governance arrangements for the Murray-Darling Basin being placed on a national footing.

In addition, the Government will provide funding of \$20.0 million over five years to establish a Taskforce to examine the potential for further land and water development in northern Australia, which will be informed by a Northern Australia Land and Water Future Assessment. The cost of this component will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Government Water Fund.

This measure forms part of the Government's \$10 billion National Plan for Water Security.

See also the related expense measures titled *National Plan for Water Security* in the Environment and Water Resources portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 January 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

National Plan for Water Security — reforming the Murray-Darling Basin Commission

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	59.5	56.6	57.4	56.9

The Government will provide \$584.9 million over 10 years (including \$354.6 million over six years from 2011-12) to reform the governance arrangements of the Murray-Darling Basin Commission and reconstitute it as a Commonwealth agency reporting to a single minister.

The new Commission will have responsibility for setting a sustainable cap on the extraction of surface and ground water within the Basin, and accrediting catchment and aquifer water plans to ensure they comply with the cap.

This new funding is conditional on governance arrangements for the Murray-Darling Basin being placed on a national footing.

This measure forms part of the Government's \$10 billion National Plan for Water Security.

See also the related expense measures titled *National Plan for Water Security* in the Environment and Water Resources portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 January 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Natural Heritage Trust Phase Three

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	-	395.0	395.0	395.0

The Government will provide \$2.0 billion over five years from 2008-09 (including \$395.0 million in 2011-12 and 2012-13) to continue the Natural Heritage Trust and the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality. This funding is inclusive of interest earned on the Natural Heritage Trust Special Account.

The extended programme, which is to be known as Phase Three of the Natural Heritage Trust, will build on the Government's previous \$3.8 billion investment in the restoration and conservation of Australia's environment and natural resources at the national, regional and local levels. The Australian Government will also invite the States and Territories to continue to provide matching funding.

Scouts Australia 100 year anniversary — water saving infrastructure

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	5.9	5.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$17.7 million in 2006-07 to Scouts Australia for the purchase and installation of water tanks and related infrastructure in Scout Halls throughout Australia.

This funding will be expensed over three years as project milestones are completed and will have a fiscal impact of \$5.9 million each year from 2006-07 to 2008-09.

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The proposal celebrates the 100 year anniversary of Scouts Australia.

Further information can be found in the press release of 4 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Shipping support for Australia's Antarctic Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.2

The Government will provide \$99.1 million over four years to maintain shipping logistical support for Australia's Antarctic and sub-Antarctic stations and the conduct of marine research in the Antarctic and Southern Ocean region.

This is an expansion of funding for the current programme to provide for increased shipping charter and fuel costs, including fuel for Australia's stations.

Provision for funding of \$78.7 million has already been included in the forward estimates.

St Mary's Cathedral — conservation and completion appeal

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide a further \$1.0 million in 2006-07 to St Mary's Cathedral in Perth, Western Australia to meet increased building costs involved in the restoration and expansion of this historic building.

This funding is in addition to the \$3.0 million provided in the 2005-06 Budget towards the St Mary's Conservation and Completion Appeal.

World-class weather forecasting — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Bureau of Meteorology	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$33.7 million over four years to maintain the enhanced weather forecasting services which the Bureau of Meteorology has provided since 1996-97.

Funding will support the Bureau's climate monitoring and prediction services, enhance rural and marine weather services, improve public access to the Bureau's databases, and maintain the national rainfall observing network for drought monitoring and water resources assessments.

This measure involves funding of \$8.2 million in 2007-08, \$8.4 million in 2008-09, \$8.5 million in 2009-10, and \$8.6 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Yellow Crazy Ants on Christmas Island — expansion of control efforts

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years to expand control efforts for the Yellow Crazy Ant infestation on Christmas Island.

The programme will provide funding for research into the development of a biological control agent as a potential longer-term control measure, while continuing baiting operations to bring down the levels of the infestation.

FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians

The 2007-08 Budget provides additional funding of \$748.3 million over five years (including \$61.8 million in 2006-07) for a package of 26 measures which address the priority areas of Indigenous disadvantage identified by the Ministerial Taskforce on Indigenous Affairs in consultation with the National Indigenous Council. These measures build on significant past efforts and provide major new investments in Indigenous housing, economic development, health and education.

In particular, this year's package recognises the pressing need to address the housing situation of Indigenous Australians in remote areas, helping to build the foundation for improvements in health, education and employment outcomes.

The scale of this budget's investment acknowledges the significant levels of disadvantage faced by Indigenous people. The package has been developed with a recognition that an integrated and whole-of-government approach is required to address Indigenous disadvantage effectively. The measures have been designed to complement, rather than replace, mainstream services for Indigenous Australians.

The measures double the Government's investment announced in the 2006-07 Budget, which provided an Indigenous package of \$372.9 million. The Government's overall expenditure on Indigenous-specific services is expected to be a record \$3.5 billion in 2007-08.

Table 5: A Better Future for Indigenous Australians

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– Indigenous liaison pilot programme for the Family Court of Western Australia	0.2	0.2	0.3	-	0.7
– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	8.6
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– illegal foreign fishing – Indigenous rangers trial	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	2.8	2.2	2.3	2.0	9.3
COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS					
<i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– extension of the Return of Indigenous Cultural Property Programme	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	4.7
Sub Total	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	4.7
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING					
<i>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– digitisation of Indigenous cultural resources	-	3.3	3.4	3.5	10.2
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– opportunities for education	13.8	16.5	26.0	28.1	84.5
– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3	15.1
– COAG Work Skills Vouchers	4.0	4.8	6.3	6.3	21.4
– expanding employment pathways for Indigenous young people	8.5	7.9	8.1	8.4	32.8
– Indigenous employment services	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.1	23.4
Sub Total	36.7	42.0	53.0	55.6	187.3
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	-7.5	-8.8	-9.1	-9.4	-34.9
– Indigenous employment services	-5.5	-18.8	-20.7	-20.6	-65.6
– Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) programme – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5: A Better Future for Indigenous Australians (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)					
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– compliance and eligibility checks for Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) programme participants	-0.5	-17.7	-18.3	-19.2	-55.8
– enhancing opportunities for employment and participation in remote communities	5.8	5.2	5.4	3.6	19.9
– improving accountability and increasing returns from Indigenous assets	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.5	2.2
Sub Total	-6.8	-39.8	-42.5	-45.2	-134.2
ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES					
<i>Department of the Environment and Water Resources</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	7.6	9.9	15.0	15.1	47.6
Sub Total	7.6	9.9	15.0	15.1	47.6
FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
<i>Aboriginal Hostels Limited</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– opportunities for education	-	-	1.2	1.2	2.4
– accommodation support for education and health	0.7	1.3	2.4	3.3	7.8
<i>Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– opportunities for education	3.1	12.4	19.6	5.5	40.5
– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	4.7	4.2	3.8	3.8	16.5
– enhancing opportunities for employment and participation in remote communities	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.7
– expansion of playgroups for Indigenous families	2.3	3.4	4.0	4.1	13.8
– improved access to child care and early childhood services	1.8	7.8	6.4	7.5	23.5
– Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children – continuation	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	8.8
– continuation of Indigenous social and economic research	-	-	-	-	-
– Centrelink access sites – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-	-
– foundations for Indigenous welfare reform	-	-	-	-	-
– Indigenous housing and infrastructure reforms	8.8	94.5	86.5	103.8	293.6
– continuation of the Cape York Digital Network	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	2.2
Sub Total	24.6	126.8	127.2	132.2	410.9

Table 5: A Better Future for Indigenous Australians (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)					
HEALTH AND AGEING					
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery	2.9	2.0	1.8	1.8	8.5
– family centred primary health care	6.3	8.9	11.6	11.4	38.2
– Health @ Home Plus	3.9	8.8	11.2	13.4	37.2
– continuing the National Illicit Drug Strategy – Indigenous Communities Initiative	0.7	4.6	4.6	4.7	14.6
– establishing quality health standards	5.2	7.5	10.8	13.4	36.9
Sub Total	19.0	31.7	40.0	44.7	135.4
HUMAN SERVICES					
<i>Department of Human Services</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– Indigenous employment services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.8
<i>Medicare Australia</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– Health @ Home Plus	0.1	-	..	..	0.1
Sub Total	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0
Total Expense measures	85.8	174.5	196.6	206.1	663.0
CAPITAL MEASURES					
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– Indigenous employment services	1.7	-	-	-	1.7
– compliance and eligibility checks for Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) programme participants	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
– enhancing opportunities for employment and participation in remote communities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	2.1	-	-	-	2.1
FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
<i>Aboriginal Hostels Limited</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– accommodation support for education and health	14.1	5.3	1.9	-	21.3
<i>Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
A Better Future for Indigenous Australians					
– Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children – continuation	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
Sub Total	14.2	5.3	1.9	-	21.3
Total Capital measures	16.3	5.3	1.9	-	23.5

Table 5: A Better Future for Indigenous Australians (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CAPITAL MEASURES (continued)					
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE					
<i>Total expense measures</i>	85.8	174.5	196.6	206.1	663.0
<i>Total capital measures</i>	16.3	5.3	1.9	-	23.5
Total expenditure	102.1	179.8	198.4	206.1	686.5
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Net additional expenditure	102.1	179.8	198.4	206.1	686.5

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — Indigenous liaison pilot programme for the Family Court of Western Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Attorney-General's Department	0.2	0.2	0.3	-

The Government will provide \$0.7 million over three years to the Family Court of Western Australia to employ two Indigenous Family Liaison Officers. The officers will help Indigenous families access family law services by providing information, education and support, and the funding will help the Family Court of Western Australia tailor services to the needs of Indigenous families.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — illegal foreign fishing — Indigenous rangers trial

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

The Government provided \$0.6 million in 2006-07 for the Australian Customs Service to undertake a 12 month trial of rangers from Indigenous communities in northern Australia to carry out surveillance activities in the coastal waters of northern Australia and to report sightings of illegal foreign fishing vessels.

Part of the cost of this measure (\$0.3 million) has been met from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Customs Service.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 2 May 2007 issued by the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, the Minister for Justice and Customs and the Western Australian Minister for Regional Development, Fisheries, the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — extension of the Return of Indigenous Cultural Property Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1

The Government will provide \$4.7 million over four years for the return of Indigenous cultural property to the community of origin by extending the Return of Indigenous Cultural Property Programme. This programme enhances the existing repatriation activities being undertaken by the eight major museums in Australia.

This funding will also provide resources for the development and implementation of a framework for the repatriation of non-Australian Indigenous remains held in Australian collections.

Matching funding will be sought from state and territory governments.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — digitisation of Indigenous cultural resources

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	-	3.3	3.4	3.5

The Government will provide \$10.2 million over three years from 2008-09 to digitise the remainder of the cultural and historical resource collection held by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

The continuation of this project will enable the Institute to complete the digitisation of its collection of Indigenous film, video, recorded sound and pictorial material to ensure these resources are preserved and accessible to future generations.

Provision for funding of \$3.2 million in 2007-08 has already been included in the forward estimates.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — opportunities for education

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	13.8	16.5	26.0	28.1
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	3.1	12.4	19.6	5.5
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	-	-	1.2	1.2
Total	16.9	28.9	46.8	34.8

The Government will provide \$177.4 million over five years (including \$50.0 million in 2006-07) to support Indigenous students through the education system.

Funding of \$69.1 million over four years (2007-08 to 2010-11) will be provided to the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) to expand the Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme from 640 to 1,500 places and the Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme from 250 to 1,000 places over this period. This will enhance training and employment services, assist with accommodation and provide leadership opportunities for Indigenous young people who relocate for education and training purposes.

In addition, funding of \$65.3 million will be provided to DEST over three years (2006-07 to 2008-09) to support infrastructure works by existing non-government boarding schools in remote and regional areas. The funding for infrastructure will allow the repair and replacement of existing boarding school facilities and support new developments to accommodate more students.

The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) will establish three new boarding hostels and expand two existing boarding hostels at a cost of \$38.8 million over four years (2007-08 to 2010-11). Aboriginal Hostels Limited will operate two of the new boarding hostels at a cost of \$2.4 million over two years (2009-10 to 2010-11). Funding of \$1.7 million over three years (2008-09 to 2010-11) will be provided to extend the YouthLinx and Reconnect programmes, administered by FaCSIA, allowing assistance and support to students of the new hostels.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — building an Indigenous workforce in government service delivery

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Environment and Water Resources	7.6	9.9	15.0	15.1
Department of Education, Science and Training	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	4.7	4.2	3.8	3.8
Department of Health and Ageing	2.9	2.0	1.8	1.8
Attorney-General's Department	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.0
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-7.5	-8.8	-9.1	-9.4
Total	15.0	12.9	16.7	16.7

The Government will provide \$97.2 million over four years to convert Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) positions into normalised employment arrangements for participants who have been delivering certain services on behalf of the Australian Government or through services funded jointly by the Australian Government and state and territory governments. As a result of this measure, professional career paths for many Indigenous Australians will be developed in the areas of education, childcare, environment and heritage protection, Indigenous community policing and home and community care in urban and regional areas.

The cost of converting these CDEP positions will be offset by \$35.9 million in reduced CDEP programme funding, resulting in net expenses of \$61.3 million over four years.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — COAG Work Skills Vouchers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	4.0	4.8	6.3	6.3

The Government will provide \$21.4 million over four years to work with the Queensland, South Australian, Western Australian and Northern Territory Governments to increase the effectiveness of Work Skills Vouchers under the *Skills for the Future* package. The aim is to better address the special education needs of Indigenous adults aged 25 years or older in regional and remote communities. The funding will be used to develop courses targeted at local employment needs and, in some cases, to improve inadequate learning facilities. Funding will be matched by the participating states and territories.

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This measure forms part of an agreement made by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 13 April 2007. Further information can be found in the Communiqué, available from www.coag.gov.au.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — expanding employment pathways for Indigenous young people

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	8.5	7.9	8.1	8.4

The Government will provide \$32.8 million over four years to create greater employment pathways for Indigenous young people through an Indigenous Access Scholarship and by improving the equity of ABSTUDY.

Funding of \$27.7 million will be provided to give 1,000 disadvantaged Indigenous students per year access to a one-off payment of \$4,000 on their commencement of an undergraduate course. This will assist with the costs of attending university. These students will also have access to the existing Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship valued at \$2,120 in 2007. Furthermore, if they relocate from a rural or remote area, they will also have access to a Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship valued at \$4,240 per year for up to four years. The combination of the new and existing scholarships is intended to increase higher education participation by students from low socio-economic backgrounds.

The ABSTUDY initiative involves funding of \$3.0 million to extend the Youth Allowance independence status to ABSTUDY recipients, extend ABSTUDY Incidentals Allowance to students undertaking enabling courses and extend Crisis and Bereavement payments to ABSTUDY recipients. This is designed to better support Indigenous people who wish to pursue educational opportunities.

This measure involves funding for Centrelink of \$1.3 million in 2007-08 and \$0.3 million per annum over the following three years.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — Indigenous employment services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.1
Department of Human Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-5.5	-18.8	-20.7	-20.6
Total	0.6	-12.6	-14.3	-14.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	1.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$496.9 million over five years (including \$7.8 million in 2006-07) to further reduce welfare dependency among Indigenous Australians by replacing Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) in strong labour markets with an employment brokerage service, Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP). STEP will help Indigenous job seekers gain employment by offering services such as pre-employment preparation, supported employment, mentoring and post placement assistance.

CDEP will continue to operate in remote areas and in regional locations with weak labour markets. In these areas, a number of reforms will be introduced to help Indigenous job seekers transition from CDEP to mainstream employment. For instance, from 1 July 2007 CDEP providers will receive an incentive payment after placing people into non-CDEP employment for 26 weeks.

The cost of these services will be offset by \$527.8 million in reduced CDEP funding. This measure includes \$1.7 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for an IT system upgrade and \$10.6 million over five years (including \$2.3 million in 2006-07) for Centrelink to implement its elements of the measure.

Further information can be found in the press release of 17 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) programme — continuation of funding

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

The Government will provide \$50.7 million over four years to maintain funding for 1,000 CDEP places each year allocated to remote communities to support projects that seek to prevent and address family violence and substance misuse.

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This measure continues the measure *Community Development Employment Projects Programme – expansion of 1,000 additional places* announced as part of the 2003-04 Budget and involves funding of \$12.2 million in 2007-08, \$12.5 million in 2008-09, \$12.8 million in 2009-10 and \$13.2 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — compliance and eligibility checks for Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) programme participants

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-0.5	-17.7	-18.3	-19.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$23.2 million over five years (including \$2.4 million in 2006-07) to strengthen the compliance framework of the CDEP programme. This will involve checking the eligibility of participants through data matching with Centrelink and the Australian Taxation Office, and establishing a rolling compliance programme for all participants. The measure includes \$1.6 million in 2007-08 for Centrelink to implement its elements of the new compliance arrangements.

This measure is expected to generate CDEP savings of \$76.1 million over four years, producing a net saving of \$52.9 million (including \$1.7 million savings for Centrelink in the forward years due to more automated processing of claims and reviews).

This measure includes \$1.0 million in capital funding over two years (including \$0.5 million in 2006-07) for an IT system upgrade.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — enhancing opportunities for employment and participation in remote communities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	5.8	5.2	5.4	3.6
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2
Total	6.3	5.7	5.9	3.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$23.0 million over five years (including \$1.3 million in 2006-07) to accelerate the removal of remote area exemptions that apply to activity testing for working age income support recipients living in remote communities. Income support recipients in these communities will be required to look for work or undertake other approved activities that will enhance their employment prospects.

This measure includes \$15,000 in capital funding in 2006-07 for IT equipment.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$9.7 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in 2006-07) to help implement these arrangements.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — expansion of playgroups for Indigenous families

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	2.3	3.4	4.0	4.1

The Government will provide \$13.8 million over four years to expand playgroup services for Indigenous families.

This measure will establish six new Indigenous-specific Intensive Support Playgroups, increase funding for nine existing Intensive Support Playgroups and introduce a new model of 30 facilitated Locational Supported Playgroups. It is estimated that 6,100 children will benefit from these services. Services will be located in communities, particularly in regional and remote areas, where there is limited access to other early childhood support for Indigenous families.

These initiatives will assist in strengthening parenting skills of disadvantaged Indigenous families and in providing Indigenous children with access to age-appropriate activities.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — improved access to child care and early childhood services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	1.8	7.8	6.4	7.5

The Government will provide \$23.5 million over four years to improve access to child care and early childhood services for Indigenous Australians. This funding includes \$0.4 million over four years for Centrelink to administer new Child Care Benefit claims arising from this measure.

This measure includes establishing 20 new child care service hubs in rural and remote communities that have high Indigenous populations. These new services will develop partnerships with other early childhood services, including health and family support services such as parenting and nutrition programmes. The Government will thereby deliver an integrated early childhood service in selected rural and remote communities.

This measure will also change the funding arrangements of 25 existing child care services over a three-year period, to operate under mainstream funding arrangements for child care rather than direct budget funding. This will provide parents who use these services with access to the Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Tax Rebate.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over four years to continue the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children. This includes capital funding of \$52,000 in 2007-08 for the purchase of IT equipment.

The survey records the development of Indigenous children in selected sites over time and will collect quantitative and qualitative data on health, family roles and relationships, child care, education, service provision and community issues. The data will be used in the development of interventions targeted at improving outcomes for Indigenous children.

Provision for \$0.8 million per annum of this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — continuation of Indigenous social and economic research

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million over four years to continue research into economic and social issues relevant to Indigenous people. The research will assist the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and other Government agencies to develop sound evidence-based policies and programmes.

This measure involves funding of \$0.2 million per annum over four years from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — improving accountability and increasing returns from Indigenous assets

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.5

The Government will provide \$2.2 million over four years to develop reforms to the Indigenous Land Corporation and Indigenous community trusts aimed to ensure that more Indigenous individuals and families can benefit from improved returns from Indigenous assets. This measure includes funding to:

- develop best practice models and regulatory change for the management of Indigenous assets which will improve returns and increase transparency and accountability; and
- develop a communication strategy which will promote awareness among trustees and beneficiaries of rights and responsibilities in respect to the trusts.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — accommodation support for education and health

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	0.7	1.3	2.4	3.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Aboriginal Hostels Limited</i>	14.1	5.3	1.9	-

The Government will provide \$29.0 million over four years (including capital funding of \$21.3 million) to build and operate hostel accommodation for remote Indigenous people who relocate from their community to access education, health and aged care services.

This measure will establish a new secondary student hostel in Kununurra, Western Australia, at a cost of \$7.4 million, to provide accommodation for up to 40 Indigenous students who relocate from their homes in the Kimberley region to continue their education. This measure will also fund a 45-bed aged care nursing home in Kenwick, Western Australia, and hostel accommodation for up to 80 non-admitted renal dialysis patients to be located close to treatment services in the Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — family centred primary health care

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	6.3	8.9	11.6	11.4

The Government will provide \$38.2 million over four years to establish six regionally based multidisciplinary teams to provide family focused primary health care in rural and remote areas where access to health care for Indigenous people is limited. These teams will enhance the capacity of existing services to provide comprehensive, coordinated primary health care focusing on individual health (including chronic disease management) as well as addressing family health needs. Teams will be progressively established over four years.

This measure includes funding of \$6.1 million over four years for training and skill enhancement for managers of Indigenous services, with a focus on health service management to deliver family centred primary health care.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — Health @ Home Plus

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	3.9	8.8	11.2	13.4
Medicare Australia	0.1	-	..	..
Total	4.0	8.8	11.2	13.4

The Government will provide \$37.4 million over four years to fund child and family support through home visits for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged under nine years in targeted remote and outer regional areas. Health professionals will provide regular nurse-led home visiting services to all Indigenous children in target regions from birth until they reach two years of age. Aboriginal Health Workers will provide home visits for at-risk Indigenous children aged 2-8 years in these regions. All home visiting teams will be coordinated and supported by a small number of Professional Support Teams.

The programme aims to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for Indigenous children and their families by providing coordinated health care and assisting parents and children to access other relevant support services.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — continuing the National Illicit Drug Strategy — Indigenous Communities Initiative

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	0.7	4.6	4.6	4.7

The Government will provide \$14.6 million over four years to continue the National Illicit Drug Strategy – Indigenous Communities Initiative which provides funding for projects in Indigenous communities that aim to address drug and alcohol abuse.

This measure forms part of the Government’s commitment to further combat illicit drugs, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government’s broader National Illicit Drug Strategy.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — Centrelink access sites — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.5 million over four years to continue funding 50 Centrelink access sites. These sites help to provide Indigenous families and communities access to Centrelink's services in rural and remote Australia.

This measure involves funding to Centrelink of \$3.1 million per annum in 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10, and \$3.2 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — foundations for Indigenous welfare reform

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10 million in 2006-07 to facilitate home ownership and lay the foundations for welfare reform. An agreement between the Australian Government and the Hope Vale community will be negotiated.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — establishing quality health standards

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	5.2	7.5	10.8	13.4

The Government will provide \$36.9 million over four years to establish best practice and quality care standards across the Indigenous health sector. All Indigenous health care services will be required to meet accreditation standards by 30 June 2011.

This measure will support Indigenous health care services to achieve the same quality standards and business improvement practices as are applied in the broader health care system. It will include the management systems, clinical processes and physical infrastructure required to improve the quality and safety of health care service delivery for Indigenous Australians.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — Indigenous housing and infrastructure reforms

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	8.8	94.5	86.5	103.8

The Government will provide \$293.6 million over four years to implement reforms to the provision of housing and infrastructure for Indigenous people.

This investment is in addition to existing funding and will provide for the construction of additional new Indigenous housing and an expanded programme for repairs and maintenance of existing Indigenous housing in remote areas.

This will contribute to addressing a backlog in the provision of housing for Indigenous people and reducing overcrowding and homelessness in remote areas. This measure will also focus on promoting opportunities for home ownership and strengthening tenancy arrangements.

A Better Future for Indigenous Australians — continuation of the Cape York Digital Network

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6

The Government will provide \$2.2 million over four years to continue operating six community online access centres in the remote communities of Hopevale, Napranum, Umagico, Coen, Injinoo and Lockhart River. These centres provide access to computers and online services, as well as IT training and support to all community members.

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This measure extends the 2006-07 Budget measure titled *Strengthening Indigenous Communities – Cape York Digital Network*, which provided \$0.8 million in 2005-06 to continue provision of telecommunications services in remote Cape York Indigenous communities until June 2007. This extension follows a review of the programme in 2006-07. The review found that the network was providing a valuable service to these communities and additional funding was required to continue the operations of the community online access centres.

Other measures in the Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio

Anniversary of Bali and London bombings and Bali trials — travel assistance to families

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$0.3 million in 2006-07 in assistance to survivors and family members of the victims of the 7 July 2005 London bombings and the 1 October 2005 Bali bombings. This assistance involved the provision of travel expenses to allow these people to attend first anniversary commemorations of these events, as well as the trials relating to the Bali bombings.

Assets test exemption for exceptional circumstances

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	*	*	*	*

The Government will extend the assets test exemption period for principal home sale proceeds and the value of unfinished homes from 12 months to 24 months where there are exceptional circumstances. This measure will provide income support recipients who have not been able to purchase a new home or repair or replace a damaged home due to factors beyond their control, an extended period in which to do so without affecting their income support payments. The extended exemption period will commence on 1 July 2007.

The nature of this measure is such that a reliable estimate of its cost cannot be provided.

As an interim measure, the Government will also provide an estimated \$44,000 in ex-gratia payments in 2006-07 to income support recipients who lost their home or had their home damaged as a result of Cyclone Larry in March 2006 and were not able to rebuild or repair their home within 12 months of the cyclone.

Further information can be found in the press release of 2 January 2007 issued by the Acting Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Assistance to Families at Risk of Overpayment — additional resourcing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	3.4	0.1	-	-

The Government will extend funding for the *Assistance to Families at Risk of Overpayment* measure for one year at a cost of \$3.5 million. This will allow the completion of a review into the effectiveness of the measure.

This measure provides continued assistance to families at risk of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) overpayment. It will enable Centrelink and the Family Assistance Office to continue to help these families to estimate their income, understand the FTB system and improve awareness of their payment choices.

This measure continues arrangements announced as part of the 2005-06 Budget measure *Assistance to Families at Risk of Overpayment*.

This measure involves funding for Centrelink of \$3.4 million in 2007-08 and \$0.1 million in 2008-09.

Assurance of Support simplification package

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	5.6	2.5	2.5	2.5

The Assurance of Support (AoS) scheme involves a commitment by an assurer to the Australian Government to provide financial support to a new resident and repay certain social security payments which they receive during the AoS period. The AoS period ranges from two to ten years, depending on the visa category involved.

The Government will provide an additional \$13.1 million over four years to simplify the AoS scheme and streamline its administration.

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The simplification of the scheme includes abolishing AoS requirements for Skilled Migrant, Carer and Emergency Visa categories and streamlining programme administration.

This measure includes funding to Centrelink of \$5.2 million in 2007-08, \$2.1 million in 2008-09, \$2.0 million in 2009-10 and \$2.1 million in 2010-11.

Australian Early Development Index — funding for Stage 2

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	1.4	1.1	1.2	-

The Government will provide \$3.7 million over three years to expand the use of the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI), which measures children's development in the years prior to fulltime schooling. This measure will enable the AEDI to be re-run in the same communities in which it was conducted between 2004 and 2006. The funding will also allow the AEDI to be conducted in an additional 14 communities identified as highly disadvantaged, and will provide for the development and trial of an Indigenous AEDI as a means of assessing key aspects of Indigenous children's development.

Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth — additional resourcing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	2.1	2.2	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.2 million over two years to the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY). This funding will enable the ARACY to continue to pursue its core operations of encouraging collaboration in the development and application of research.

The ARACY is an organisation that brings together researchers, policy makers and practitioners who focus on children and young people's health and wellbeing.

Baby Bonus — introducing birth registration as a condition

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1

From 1 July 2007 eligibility for the Baby Bonus will become conditional on parents having taken steps to register the birth of their child. The Government will provide \$1.0 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in 2006-07) to implement this arrangement.

Linking eligibility for the Baby Bonus to birth registration will facilitate the collection of more accurate and timely information about births and population trends.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.5 million in 2006-07, \$0.2 million in 2007-08, \$0.1 million in 2008-09, \$96,000 in 2009-10 and \$97,000 in 2010-11.

Bushfire assistance — ex-gratia payments to victims of the bushfires in Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million (including \$1.9 million in 2006-07) for ex-gratia payments to individuals whose homes were severely damaged by the December 2006 bushfires in Tasmania and Victoria, and the February 2007 bushfires in Western Australia.

A payment of \$1,000 per eligible adult and \$400 per eligible child is available to those whose principal place of residence was destroyed or rendered uninhabitable.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.5 million in 2006-07 and \$85,000 in 2007-08.

Further information on Government assistance following the bushfires in Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia can be found in the press releases of 14 December 2006, 15 December 2006 and 22 February 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

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Carer bonus

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	3.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$394.3 million (including \$390.3 million in 2006-07) 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. Those receiving both payments on 8 May 2007 will also receive both lump sum payments.

In addition, those receiving both the Carer Allowance and either the Wife Pension or Department of Veterans' Affairs Partner Service Pension on 8 May 2007 will receive both bonus payments.

A small number of claimants who after 1 July 2007 are determined by Centrelink to be eligible for the qualifying payments as at 8 May 2007 will receive the bonus.

Carer ex-gratia payment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	6.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide one-off funding of \$6.5 million over two years (including \$10,000 in 2006-07) for ex-gratia payments to families who are not eligible for the Carer Payment but have significant caring requirements and a need for support for a child under 6 years of age diagnosed with a major disability or severe illness.

This funding includes \$1.5 million to undertake a review of Carer Payment (Child) and to establish an advisory group to assess applications for ex-gratia payments.

Child care — integrated quality assurance system

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3

The Government will provide \$10.7 million over five years (including \$1.4 million in 2006-07) to integrate separate aspects of the Child Care Quality Assurance (CCQA) system and to enable Indigenous child care and In-home Care services to participate in the system.

This measure also includes ongoing funding for quality assurance (QA) spot checks to ensure the performance of accredited child care services remains consistent with QA requirements.

The CCQA system monitors the quality of care provided by child care services and also assists them to identify areas for ongoing development.

Child Care Benefit — increased rates

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	142.6	136.5	132.8	135.7

The Government will provide \$728.5 million over five years (including \$0.6 million in 2006-07) to increase the rate of Child Care Benefit (CCB) by 10 per cent, on top of annual indexation. The increase in CCB assistance will result in reduced Child Care Tax Rebate payments of \$180.1 million over four years, as families will have lower out-of-pocket costs. As a result, the net cost of this measure is \$548.2 million over five years.

This increase in CCB will apply from 1 July 2007, making child care more affordable for families. A family on maximum rate CCB with one child in Long Day Care for 40 hours per week will receive an extra \$16.40 per week.

This measure involves funding for Centrelink of \$0.6 million in 2006-07, \$1.9 million in 2007-08, \$0.6 million in 2008-09, \$0.3 million in 2009-10 and \$19,000 in 2010-11.

See also the related expense measure titled *Child Care Tax Rebate – conversion to a direct payment* in the Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Child care in regional and remote Australia — additional resourcing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	8.6	10.2	12.0	13.0

The Government will provide an additional \$43.8 million over four years to child care services located in regional, remote and very remote communities.

This includes funding of \$15.7 million over four years to provide remote and outer regional Long Day Care services with a 20 and 30 per cent increase in operational funding support, respectively. Privately operated services in remote and regional areas with high demand will be eligible for this type of financial support for the first time. The additional funding also includes \$3.0 million to upgrade or expand existing Long Day Care facilities in regional and remote areas.

In addition, this measure will provide \$1.9 million over four years to issue grants of \$5,000 to potential new Family Day Care providers to enable them to make alterations to their homes to make them suitable for Family Day Care. The Government will also provide funding of \$5.1 million over four years for Network Support for Family Day Care services to support the new carers.

Also included is an additional \$8.0 million over four years to increase In-home Care places in remote and very remote areas. From 1 July 2007, the proportion of providers an In-home Care service must have working in remote areas in order to qualify for the higher (remote) rate of service support will decrease from 51 to 21 per cent.

The funding also includes \$10.1 million over four years to increase the rates for grants provided to outside school-hours care services in remote areas. This is expected to lead to approximately 100 new services being established in outer regional areas as well as 100 in remote and very remote areas.

Child care Inclusion Support Subsidy — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	14.9	15.3	15.8	16.3

The Government will provide \$71.3 million over five years (including \$9.0 million in 2006-07) to increase support for child care services that provide care to children with ongoing high support needs. Provision for the 2006-07 funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Funding will be provided through the Inclusion Support Subsidy programme to respond to growing demand for child care which can meet the needs of children with high support needs, in particular children with a disability. This measure will also provide funding for the increased workload of Inclusion Support Agencies associated with administration of the programme.

Child Care Tax Rebate — conversion to a direct payment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	514.6	558.5	610.7	662.9
Australian Taxation Office	0.6	-1.1	-	-
Total	515.2	557.3	610.7	662.9
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	425.0	475.0	530.0

The Government will convert the existing Child Care Tax Rebate (CCTR) to a direct payment administered through Centrelink at a cost of \$1.4 billion over five years (including \$451.0 million in 2006-07).

From 1 July 2007, families will receive the CCTR — which covers 30 per cent of out-of-pocket costs, up to a maximum of \$4,000, plus indexation — as a direct payment, soon after the financial year in which they incur child care costs. The change means that the CCTR will be received nearer to the time when costs are incurred by parents compared to current arrangements.

Families will still receive a rebate for out-of-pocket costs incurred in 2005-06, under the existing tax system arrangements. This means families with out-of-pocket costs for both 2005-06 and 2006-07 will receive two rebates in 2007-08 — one through the tax system, and one as a direct payment.

The change in the delivery of the CCTR from a tax offset to a payment also means that families with insufficient tax liability to absorb their full CCTR entitlement will now receive their full rebate.

The cost of this measure is largely due to the bring-forward in the timing of payments and the earlier recognition of expenses following the conversion of the tax rebate to a direct payment. As a payment, expenses are recognised in the year that families incur their out-of-pocket costs, where previously the ATO recognised the expense in the year that the rebate was paid. This difference means that the change in the delivery of CCTR is associated with a significant bring-forward in administered outlays.

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This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.2 million in 2006-07, \$3.4 million in 2007-08, and \$0.9 million in each of the following three years.

See also the related expense measure titled *Child Care Benefit – increased rates* in the Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

COAG — a new national approach to early childhood education and regulation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.6	0.4	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.2	0.3	-	-
Total	0.8	0.6	-	-

The Government will provide up to \$1.4 million over two years to contribute towards a cross-jurisdictional taskforce on early childhood education and care. The taskforce will develop the scope and implementation plan for an Intergovernmental Agreement on a national approach to quality assurance and regulation for early childhood education and care. This Agreement aims to improve standards in early childhood services, remove overlaps and duplication between State and Commonwealth regulation and reduce red tape for service providers. Costs will be shared with the State and Territories, with the Commonwealth contribution identified in this measure.

This measure forms part of the Agreement made by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 13 April 2007. Further information can be found in the Communiqué, available from www.coag.gov.au.

Commonwealth State and Territory Disability Agreement — negotiation of new agreement with the States and Territories

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	153.7	156.4	159.2	162.1

The Government has offered the State and Territory governments \$3.3 billion over five years (including \$165.0 million in 2011-12) as part of a new Commonwealth State and Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) for the period 2007-08 to 2011-12.

Under the agreement, the Australian Government's primary responsibility is to provide disability employment services, while the States and Territories are responsible for disability accommodation support, community support services and respite care. The Australian Government expects to spend \$2.5 billion over five years on disability employment services, in addition to the \$3.3 billion it has offered the States and Territories under the terms of the new CSTDA.

The funding for the new agreement is conditional on the States and Territories:

- agreeing to focus on improving transparency and accountability;
- quantifying unmet needs;
- initiating independent accreditation systems; and
- improving access to mainstream disability services for Indigenous people.

The State and Territory governments have not yet accepted the Australian Government's offer for the new agreement.

This measure includes funding of \$2.5 billion over five years that has already been included in the forward estimates.

Cyclones George and Jacob — assistance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over two years (including \$2.4 million in 2006-07) in ex-gratia payments to support people whose homes were severely damaged by Tropical Cyclones George and Jacob during March 2007.

Ex-gratia payments of \$1,000 per eligible adult and \$400 per eligible child are available to those whose principal place of residence was destroyed or rendered uninhabitable.

In addition, the Government will make a donation of \$50,000 to the Cyclone George relief fund to provide assistance to those affected by the cyclones.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.3 million in 2006-07 and \$59,000 in 2007-08.

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Disability business services — continuation of case-based funding model

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$116.0 million over four years to continue case-based funding for disability employment services to assist people with disabilities to gain and maintain employment. Case-based funding is a fee-for-service arrangement, where fees are paid to service providers to assist job seekers with a disability.

This measure involves funding of \$28.2 million in 2007-08, \$28.7 million in 2008-09, \$29.3 million in 2009-10 and \$29.8 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure continues the 2003-04 Budget measure titled *Disability employment assistance – introduction of a case based funding model*.

East Timor 2006 — medical evacuees

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$1.5 million in 2006-07 to assist people who were medically evacuated to Australia with injuries resulting from the riots in East Timor in May 2006. Assistance was also provided for family members to escort those evacuated. This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.4 million.

Financial responsibilities of parenthood — development of an education resource

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.5 million in 2007-08 for the development of an educational resource for high school students on the financial issues and responsibilities that arise from becoming a parent. The objective of the measure is to support students to better understand the financial costs associated with having a child and to provide them, as future possible parents, with the knowledge to effectively manage the Australian Government payments that may follow the birth of a child, including the Baby Bonus and Family Tax Benefit.

Funeral bonds means test exemption — increased threshold

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.7
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	..	..	..	..
Total	1.5	1.0	0.9	0.9

The Government will increase the existing income and asset test exemption threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per person for funeral bonds purchased by income support recipients, at an estimated cost of \$4.3 million over four years. This change in threshold recognises the increase in funeral costs since the exemption threshold was introduced.

This measure involves funding for Centrelink of \$0.9 million in 2007-08, \$94,000 in 2008-09, \$94,000 in 2009-10 and \$95,000 in 2010-11.

Health Care Card for ex-Carer Allowance (child) students aged 16-25 years

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	3.0	4.2	4.4	4.6
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	1.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Total	4.5	4.7	5.0	5.1

The Government will allow students aged between 16 and 25 to retain a Health Care Card where their carer has been in receipt of Carer Allowance (prior to the student turning 16) at an estimated cost of \$19.3 million over four years.

This measure will assist students who have a disability or medical condition and do not qualify for a Health Care Card under any other provisions.

This measure involves funding for Centrelink of \$1.3 million in 2007-08 and \$0.5 million per annum from 2008-09 to 2010-11.

Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia survey (HILDA) — extension of data collection

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.3	3.7	7.5	9.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>	-	-	-	0.1

The Government will provide \$20.9 million over four years to collect a further four waves of data in the HILDA survey as part of its long-term commitment to the study. The survey, established in the 1999-2000 Budget, follows the same households over time. It will continue to provide data necessary for longitudinal analysis of the effects of policy and other changes on families and household formation; labour market and education participation; and retirement and retirement preparation. The data is used by Government departments in policy development and evaluation and by Australian and international researchers.

This measure includes \$57,000 in capital funding in 2010-11 to upgrade related computer systems.

Humanitarian settlement initiatives — extending the Crisis Payment to newly arrived humanitarian entrants on arrival in Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.3
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7

The Government will provide \$6.4 million over four years to extend the qualification rules for the Crisis Payment to include humanitarian entrants on arrival in Australia. This is a one-off payment provided to humanitarian entrants to assist them to establish themselves in Australia.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.7 million in 2007-08 and \$0.3 million per annum from 2008-09 to 2010-11.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian settlement initiatives* in the Immigration and Citizenship; Education, Science and Training; and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Influenza pandemic — managing the social and community impacts

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	4.9	1.3	1.0	0.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Centrelink</i>	2.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.5 million over four years to undertake preparations to manage the social and community impacts in the event of an influenza pandemic. Preparations will include developing a pandemic awareness training programme for social workers, a national volunteer database to match volunteer skills with opportunities and a framework to maintain critical social services provided by not-for-profit organisations.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$2.9 million in 2007-08, \$0.9 million in 2008-09, \$0.8 million in 2009-10 and \$0.8 million in 2010-11. It also includes capital funding of \$2.5 million in 2007-08 for computer system enhancements.

Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance — additional resourcing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	16.4	0.2	-1.1	-0.1

The Government will provide additional funding of \$15.4 million over four years for the Jobs, Education and Training (JET) Child Care Fee Assistance programme.

This programme provides eligible parents who are returning to work or undertaking eligible study or training courses with additional child care assistance. This assistance helps cover most of the difference between the fee families are charged by the child care service and the maximum rate of Child Care Benefit.

This measure expands on the 2006-07 Budget measure *Child care – Jobs, Education and Training (JET) Child Care fee assistance – continue and extend* and will provide assistance to an additional 30,000 recipients per year.

This measure will also place a limit on the assistance a person can receive in consecutive 12-month periods for the same type of activity, excluding job search activities.

Men and Family Relationships Services and Family Relationships Education — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$26.8 million over four years to continue funding for the Men and Family Relationships Services and Family Relationships Education programmes.

This funding will assist men in managing a range of relationship issues with partners, ex-partners and children and provide preventive and early intervention services such as family relationships education and pre-marriage education.

This measure involves funding of \$6.5 million in 2007-08, \$6.6 million in 2008-09, \$6.8 million in 2009-10 and \$6.9 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Multiple Birth Allowance — extension of eligibility

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.7

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over four years to extend the payment of Multiple Birth Allowance to include all eligible children aged under 16 years and students who are undertaking fulltime study until the end of the calendar year in which the student turns 18.

Multiple Birth Allowance recognises the extra costs faced by parents following the concurrent birth of three or more children. It is currently paid to families with multiple births who are eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A, until the children turn six.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.9 million in 2007-08, and \$0.1 million per annum from 2008-09 to 2010-11.

National Disability Advocacy Programme — enhancements

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	2.8	3.3	2.9	3.3

The Government will provide \$12.2 million over four years in additional funding for the National Disability Advocacy Programme. The additional funding will be used to provide advocacy services to people with disabilities and their families who are not able to communicate effectively about issues affecting their daily life. Funding will also be provided to establish a national quality assurance regime for better disability advocacy services.

Pension Bonus Scheme — enhancements

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	9.0	11.6	12.1	12.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
Total	9.1	12.0	12.4	12.9

The Government will provide an additional \$46.4 million over four years to enhance the flexibility of the Pension Bonus Scheme (PBS). This includes funding to Centrelink of \$3.6 million in 2007-08 and \$0.7 million per annum from 2008-09.

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The enhancements to the PBS involve:

- providing the surviving spouse of a deceased member of the PBS with payment of the Bonus which had accrued to their spouse at the time of death;
- allowing a 'top-up' of the Bonus if there is an increase in a PBS member's rate of Age Pension in the 13 weeks following their claim;
- providing Department of Veterans' Affairs and Centrelink staff with further discretion to allow a PBS member to lodge their claim after the 13-week claim period in special circumstances; and
- allowing PBS members to take employment-related leave, other than sick leave, as a non-accruing member for up to 26 weeks.

Reconnect — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$85.0 million over four years to continue funding for the Reconnect programme. This programme provides a range of community-based early intervention services aimed at family reconciliation and other support for young people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

This measure involves funding of \$20.9 million in 2007-08, \$21.1 million in 2008-09, \$21.3 million in 2009-10 and \$21.7 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Respite Support for Carers of Young People with Severe and Profound Disabilities — continuation and expansion of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5

The Government will provide \$29.8 million over four years to continue and expand the Respite Support for Carers of Young People with Severe and Profound Disabilities programme. This includes additional funding of \$6.0 million above current funding levels.

This expansion in funding will provide additional immediate and short-term respite places for carers of young people with a severe or profound disability, taking the total number of carers assisted from around 5,000 to around 6,000.

This measure involves funding of \$5.8 million in 2007-08, \$5.9 million in 2008-09, \$6.0 million in 2009-10 and \$6.1 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Seniors bonus payment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	11.3	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total	11.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.3 billion in 2006-07 and \$11.3 million in 2007-08 for a one-off payment of \$500 to individuals of Age Pension or Service Pension age receiving the Utilities Allowance, or Seniors Concession Allowance as at 8 May 2007. Individuals receiving Mature Age Allowance, Widows Allowance or Partner Allowance at 8 May 2007 will also receive the payment.

A small number of claimants who after 1 July 2007 are determined by Centrelink to be eligible for the qualifying payments as at 8 May 2007 will receive the bonus.

Social Security Agreement between Australia and Germany — supplementary agreement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.1 million in 2007-08 for the establishment of a supplementary social security agreement between Australia and Germany to cover Australia's superannuation guarantee scheme. This agreement will eliminate the need for superannuation contributions to be paid in both Australia and Germany for employees sent temporarily between the two countries. This agreement was signed on 9 February 2007.

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

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Further information on the supplementary social security agreement can be found in the press release of 9 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Social Security Agreement between Australia and Korea — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.1 million over four years to extend the current network of reciprocal social security agreements to include Korea. This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.9 million in 2007-08, \$0.4 million in 2008-09, \$0.2 million in 2009-10 and \$0.2 million in 2010-11 to implement system changes and process additional age pension claims.

This agreement is expected to commence on 1 July 2008 and will improve access to the Age Pension for people who live for a time in both Australia and Korea. Australia and Korea will share financial responsibility for the pension, each paying a proportion of their pension based on the period of residence or insurance that recipients have accrued in each country.

This measure involves funding of \$1.1 million in 2007-08, \$0.6 million in 2008-09, \$0.6 million in 2009-10 and \$0.7 million in 2010-11. Provision for this has already been included in the forward estimates.

Volunteer Small Equipment Grants — expansion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	13.9	13.8	14.0	14.2

The Government will provide \$66.0 million over five years (including \$10.0 million in 2006-07) to expand the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants programme. This funding will enable community organisations to purchase small equipment items to facilitate the work of their volunteers. Funding for Volunteer Small Equipment Grants has also been extended to help not-for-profit sporting organisations to cover costs such as club sporting equipment and uniforms, training of volunteer coaches, and travel to participate in sporting events.

The additional funding recognises the increased demand for assistance to community organisations in support of volunteers and sporting organisations.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Asset sales function — continuation of resourcing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Finance and Administration	1.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.3 million in 2007-08 to continue the programme of asset sales activities within the Department of Finance and Administration and to fund the legal and related costs associated with a recent stamp duty assessment on the sale of the Sydney Airports Corporation Limited.

The Government is disputing an assessment of stamp duty under Chapter 3 of the *Duties Act 1997* (NSW). The amount of the disputed assessment is estimated to be between \$258.9 million and \$401.5 million.

Australian Government Online Service Point — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Finance and Administration	8.0	8.4	4.9	4.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>	11.3	5.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$42.4 million over four years (including \$16.3 million in capital funding) to develop australia.gov.au as the Australian Government Online Service Point. australia.gov.au will be the primary online entry point to government for individuals. It will offer simple and convenient access to online information and services provided by all Australian Government agencies.

This will meet key objectives of the 2006 e-Government Strategy.

Further information can be found in the press release of 2 May 2007 issued by the Special Minister of State.

Australian Government Superannuation — strengthening information technology capacity

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Superannuation Administration	0.3	-1.6	2.2	0.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Commonwealth Superannuation Administration	2.0	10.7	10.4	10.4

The Government will provide \$46.3 million over four years (including \$33.5 million in capital funding) to modernise the IT systems of the Commonwealth Superannuation Administration (ComSuper). This will help ensure that ComSuper can continue to effectively administer Australian Government superannuation schemes and meet the requirements of regulators.

ComSuper will receive additional funding of \$34.7 million, with the remaining costs met from within its existing resourcing.

Australian Government's unfunded liability to universities' superannuation arrangements — scoping study

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Finance and Administration	2.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.9 million over two years (including \$0.2 million in 2006-07) to conduct a scoping study to examine options for managing its share of the universities' unfunded superannuation liability.

Civilian and Military Superannuation Schemes — providing more equitable arrangements for certain pensioners and scheme members

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Superannuation Administration	0.4	0.1	-	-
Finance and Administration	*	*	*	*
Total	0.4	0.1	*	*
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Commonwealth Superannuation Administration	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million over four years (including \$0.3 million in capital funding in 2007-08) to address certain elements of the Commonwealth civilian and military superannuation schemes from 1 January 2008. Upon successful application, spouse pensions cancelled upon remarriage, prior to 1976 in certain civilian schemes and prior to 1977 in military schemes, will be prospectively reinstated. Members of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme will also be able to access their funded account balances on limited severe financial hardship or compassionate grounds provided under the superannuation regulatory framework.

Comcover — discontinuation of the reinsurance programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Finance and Administration	-22.9	-23.1	-23.1	-23.3
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of Finance and Administration	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5

The Government has reviewed the operations of Comcover, the Government's general insurance organisation which insures budget-funded agencies and promotes risk management, and will discontinue most elements of its reinsurance with the private sector from 1 July 2007. This reflects the capacity of the Government to more cost-effectively self insure against the possibility of infrequent major insurable events.

This measure will result in a net saving of \$90.6 million over four years, with ongoing savings in later years. This reflects a reduction in reinsurance premiums, offset by a small reduction in recovery revenue from insurers.

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Commonwealth Grants Commission — re-appointment of Commissioner

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Grants Commission	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will provide \$0.6 million over five years (including \$0.1 million in 2006-07) to cover the cost of the remuneration of a part-time Commissioner appointed to the Commonwealth Grants Commission in 2006.

ComSuper Simplified Superannuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Superannuation Administration	0.9	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Commonwealth Superannuation Administration</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$6.0 million over two years (including \$4.5 million in 2006-07) to the Commonwealth Superannuation Administration (ComSuper) to implement the *Simplified Superannuation* reforms announced on 5 September 2006, for the Australian Government superannuation schemes.

Fort Scratchley — additional resourcing for restoration

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Finance and Administration	4.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million in 2007-08 for the restoration of historic Fort Scratchley located in Newcastle, New South Wales. This brings the Government's commitment to restoring the site to approximately \$10.0 million. The overall project costs have increased due to vandalism, an escalation in construction costs, and increased costs in meeting environmental and heritage obligations.

Members of Parliament staff — additional resources

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Finance and Administration	16.4	17.0	17.4	16.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Finance and Administration	2.4	3.9	3.1	-

The Government will provide \$89.8 million over five years (including \$12.8 million in 2006-07) to cover the cost of an additional electorate officer for each Senator and Member of Parliament. This includes related capital funding of \$12.1 million for fit-out, relocation and minor refurbishment of electorate offices.

Members of Parliament staff — enhanced security arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Finance and Administration	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over four years to undertake police background checks for all *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act) employees and to provide security awareness training for those employees holding a Top Secret security clearance.

This measure will increase awareness of security issues amongst MOP(S) Act employees and help provide a more secure environment in Parliament House.

Members of Parliament staff — occupational health and safety and employee assistance services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Finance and Administration	1.1	1.2	1.6	2.2

The Government will provide \$6.1 million over four years to provide comprehensive occupational health and safety, workplace rehabilitation and employee assistance services to *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act) employees.

This measure will help to ensure MOP(S) Act employees have a safe and healthy working environment in both their electorate and Parliament House office locations and will assist in reducing and managing workplace incidents. Employee assistance services will provide greater support to MOP(S) Act employees in performing their jobs.

Programme reviews — enhanced framework

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Finance and Administration	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$19.8 million over four years to establish an enhanced framework for the strategic review of government programmes. This measure includes funding for a team within the Department of Finance and Administration together with funding to undertake approximately 14 reviews per year.

Superannuation — reforming the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Commonwealth Superannuation Administration	2.1	2.1	-	-
Various Agencies	-	32.8	71.2	75.3
Department of Finance and Administration	-3.2	-36.8	-76.0	-84.2
Total	-1.2	-1.9	-4.8	-8.9
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Australian Taxation Office	-	3.4	10.7	14.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Commonwealth Superannuation Administration	1.1	-	-	-

The Government will introduce a package of reforms designed to provide Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (PSS) and Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS) members with more flexible superannuation arrangements and encourage members to remain in the workforce longer.

The Government will reform the maximum benefit limits for the PSS, with effect from 1 January 2008. It will also remove the requirement for mandatory member contributions in the PSS and CSS, and provide PSS members with choice of superannuation fund, with effect from 1 July 2008.

The reduction in the PSS and CSS expenses of \$200.2 million over four years principally reflects reduced benefits accruing in these schemes for members who exercise the choice option or who choose to make lower employee contributions. Members who exercise the choice option will accrue benefits in a funded superannuation scheme.

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The Commonwealth Superannuation Administration (ComSuper) will receive an additional \$5.3 million over two years, including \$1.1 million in capital, to implement these changes.

The changes will also result in an increase in taxation revenue, as a result of increased employer superannuation contributions to funded schemes.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Increasing overseas aid — delivering on the Aid White Paper

The Government is increasing the level and effectiveness of Australia's overseas aid to reduce poverty, improve health and education and promote stability in our region. In 2007-08 the Government will provide around \$3.2 billion in development assistance, a doubling of assistance in the last decade.

This expenditure will be guided by the Government's Aid White Paper, *Australian Aid: Promoting Growth and Stability*, which sets out the strategic direction and priorities for future Australian development assistance. Sustainable economic growth is the best way to permanently lift people out of poverty. Australian assistance will therefore focus on promoting sustainable economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region, which is home to a number of developing countries.

The 2007-08 Budget provides \$2.6 billion of new initiatives over four years and is a major step in implementing the Aid White Paper and the Government's goal to increase development assistance to about \$4 billion a year by 2010. The new initiatives focus on supporting the key drivers of sustainable economic growth — investing in people, infrastructure, environmental management and policy reform. It is expected from 2008-09 to 2010-11 development assistance will amount to around \$3.5 billion, \$3.8 billion and \$4.3 billion respectively.

Table 6: Increasing overseas aid — delivering on the Aid White Paper

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES					
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>AusAID(a)</i>					
Increasing overseas aid					
– delivering better education	43.2	62.6	186.3	248.2	540.3
– delivering better health	55.2	78.5	172.0	225.1	530.8
– infrastructure for growth initiative	85.1	119.0	142.3	159.4	505.8
– Australian response to emerging country and regional priorities – enhancement	100.9	96.2	95.6	90.0	382.7
– performance incentives	41.3	74.3	-	-	115.6
– Australian emergency and humanitarian response capacity – enhancement	21.3	23.0	24.0	25.0	93.2
– climate change, global health and multilateral initiatives					
– building and supporting effective partnerships	86.9	-	-	-	86.9
– governance and leadership programme	16.6	24.4	-	-	41.0
– Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development – supplementary administration costs	11.0	11.0	10.0	9.0	41.0
– Aid White Paper – continuation of programme development and realignment	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.8	22.6
– anti-corruption for development activities	16.7	-	-	-	16.7
– emergency and humanitarian relief – contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	483.5	494.6	635.8	762.5	2376.4
<i>Other Government Departments(b)</i>	23.7	11.8	10.4	1.7	47.6
Total Expense measures	483.5	494.6	635.8	762.5	2376.4
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE					
<i>Total expense measures</i>	483.5	494.6	635.8	762.5	2376.4
<i>Total capital measures</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	483.5	494.6	635.8	762.5	2376.4
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Net additional expenditure	483.5	494.6	635.8	762.5	2376.4

(a) See also the related expense measure with an AusAID component titled *Climate change — Global Initiative on Forests and Climate* in the Environment and Water Resources portfolio.

(b) For details of the ODA expense measures being delivered by government agencies other than AusAID see:

- *Papua New Guinea – improving border security capability (in the Attorney-General's portfolio);*
- *National Illicit Drugs Strategy – Australian Federal Police overseas liaison network (in the Attorney-General's portfolio);*
- *Sudan – providing an Australian Federal Police contribution for the United Nations Mission in Sudan (in the Attorney-General's portfolio);*
- *Strategy to prevent people smuggling – assistance for immigration detention centres in Indonesia (in the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio);*
- *Strategy to prevent people smuggling – stabilising displaced populations (in the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio); and*
- *Transport safety assistance to Indonesia (in the Transport and Regional Services portfolio).*

Increasing overseas aid — emergency and humanitarian relief — contributions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$18.6 million since the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07* for emergency and humanitarian relief efforts. The funding has been provided through various international agencies, such as the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Food Programme and the International Organisation for Migration, and a number of non-government organisations. Examples include assistance to earthquake and tsunami victims in the Solomon Islands, displaced Iraqis and victims of conflict in Africa.

The cost of these measures was met from within the existing resourcing of AusAID.

Further information can be found in various press releases issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Increasing overseas aid — delivering better education

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	43.2	62.6	186.3	248.2

The Government will provide an additional \$540.3 million over four years to improve education outcomes for children, including those in secondary school, across the Asia-Pacific region, and help equip them with the skills necessary to gain productive employment and contribute to the development of their countries. This funding will assist in improving access to and the quality of schooling. It will also support areas within educational sectors that might otherwise be marginalised, particularly Islamic education in some Asian countries, English language training, and vocational and technical education.

Increasing overseas aid — delivering better health

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	55.2	78.5	172.0	225.1

The Government will provide an additional \$530.8 million over four years to improve the levels of maternal and child health, and reduce the incidence of malaria and other major diseases, in selected countries in the Asia-Pacific region. In addition to supporting basic health essentials such as immunisations, the funding will assist in strengthening the fundamentals of health service delivery, including through reforms to budgeting and planning. It will also help increase the focus on health education and the training of essential health workers.

Increasing overseas aid — infrastructure for growth initiative

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	85.1	119.0	142.3	159.4

The Government will provide an additional \$505.8 million over four years to address critical infrastructure constraints to growth and improve the management of infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region. The funding will be targeted towards infrastructure that strengthens market access, promotes regional trade and integration, and increases productivity.

This measure will enable AusAID to partner with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank on transport and energy programmes in the Mekong region, East Timor, Papua New Guinea and Pacific nations. In Indonesia and the Philippines, national policy and regulation will be strengthened along with local level management and the delivery of infrastructure. Implementation will be guided by an Infrastructure Advisory Group with both Government and external specialist membership.

Increasing overseas aid — Australian response to emerging country and regional priorities — enhancement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	100.9	96.2	95.6	90.0

The Government will provide an additional \$382.7 million over four years to increase in-year flexibility within the aid budget to meet unforeseen aid priorities. The funding will facilitate the mobilisation of resources for emerging whole-of-government, rapid response humanitarian and development priorities.

Increasing overseas aid — performance incentives

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	41.3	74.3	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$115.6 million over two years through performance incentive agreements with selected countries in the Asia-Pacific region in support of priority reforms. The additional funding will be provided where countries meet robust, mutually pre-determined performance criteria and will be applied to high priority development initiatives. Performance incentive payments will be withheld if governments do not meet their commitments.

The programme will be similar to existing performance arrangements with the national governments of Papua New Guinea and Vietnam, through which incentive payments are provided on achievement of agreed performance milestones.

Increasing overseas aid — Australian emergency and humanitarian response capacity — enhancement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	21.3	23.0	24.0	25.0

The Government will provide an additional \$93.2 million over four years to improve Australia's responses to humanitarian and emergency crises in the Asia-Pacific region. The funding will support a reduction in Australian response times, improve risk analysis and strengthen contingency planning. It will also assist partner countries to plan for and manage crises themselves.

Increasing overseas aid — climate change, global health and multilateral initiatives — building and supporting effective partnerships

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	86.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$86.9 million in 2007-08 for multilateral initiatives targeting climate change and improved health standards in the Asia-Pacific region.

The measure includes \$32.5 million for joint initiatives with the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and other international organisations to support climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives, including on water management, energy efficiency and alternative energy sources.

Funding of \$54.4 million will be directed towards improvements in maternal and child health through the Global Fund to Fight HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the United Nations Children's Fund.

The Government will also make an upfront payment of approximately \$80.0 million in 2007-08 to the World Bank's International Development Association as a demonstration of Australia's support for the World Bank's efforts in the fight against global poverty. Together with payments already scheduled for 2007-08, the upfront payment will fulfil Australia's obligations under the Thirteenth International Development Association Replenishment. As this entails early encashment of a previously agreed commitment, which was expensed in 2001-02, it has no fiscal balance impact over the forward estimates period.

See also the related expense measure titled *Climate change – Global Initiative on Forests and Climate* in the Environment and Water Resources portfolio.

Increasing overseas aid — governance and leadership programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	16.6	24.4	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$41.0 million over two years to improve the quality of governance and leadership in the Pacific region and selected Asian countries. The funding will assist in developing existing and potential leaders in government and promote strengthened governance and leadership in business, churches and community organisations. It will also help support civic education programmes to improve the knowledge and expectations of government within local communities.

Increasing overseas aid — Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development — supplementary administration costs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	11.0	11.0	10.0	9.0

The Government will provide an additional \$41.0 million over four years to cover the administration costs of the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development. This continues the funding for administrative support provided since 2004-05.

Funding for the administration costs is in addition to the \$1.0 billion being provided by the Government to help with Indonesia's recovery, reconstruction and development following the December 2004 tsunami.

Increasing overseas aid — Aid White Paper — continuation of programme development and realignment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.8

The Government will provide \$22.6 million over four years to resource the policy, planning and design work necessary for the effective implementation of initiatives arising from the Aid White Paper, *Australian Aid: Promoting Growth and Stability*. This continued preparatory work will enhance the effectiveness of future aid increases, consistent with the Government's goal of increasing Official Development Assistance to about \$4 billion per annum by 2010.

Increasing overseas aid — anti-corruption for development activities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
AusAID	16.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.7 million in 2007-08 for the implementation of anti-corruption activities in selected countries in the Asia-Pacific region. The funding will also support planning and early implementation of programmes to give effect to the Government's anti-corruption for development policy, *Tackling Corruption for Growth and Development*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 30 March 2007 issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Other measures in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio

Australia on the World Stage — enhancement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	2.6	4.0	6.8	6.9

The Government will provide \$20.4 million over four years to expand cultural diplomacy and cultural export programmes, primarily in Asia, the South Pacific, the Middle East and North America.

This measure includes funding for the Australia International Cultural Council programme, including grants to artists and performers to tour overseas, the production of promotional material, website development and the promotion of Australian culture through international television broadcasting.

Australia-China Free Trade Agreement — continuation of negotiations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4.1	4.1	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.4	0.4	-	-
IP Australia	0.3	0.3	-	-
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	0.3	0.3	-	-
Department of Finance and Administration	0.3	0.3	-	-
Department of the Treasury	0.3	0.3	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.2	0.2	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	0.2	0.2	-	-
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	0.1	0.2	-	-
Total	6.3	6.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.7 million over two years to continue negotiations on the Australia-China Free Trade Agreement. In addition to supporting direct negotiations, the funding will enable further consultation with industry groups and facilitate information exchanges with Chinese representatives.

The successful conclusion of a free trade agreement will provide improved access for Australian goods and services into China.

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Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement — commencement of negotiations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Attorney-General's Department	0.4	0.5	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.4	0.4	-	-
Department of the Treasury	0.2	0.2	-	-
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	0.2	0.2	-	-
Australian Customs Service	0.2	0.4	-	-
Department of Finance and Administration	0.2	0.2	-	-
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	0.1	0.1	-	-
IP Australia	0.1	0.1	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.1	0.1	-	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-
Total	2.0	2.3	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$4.3 million over two years to facilitate negotiation of the Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement. In addition to supporting direct negotiations, the funding will enable consultation with industry groups and facilitate information exchanges with Japanese representatives.

The negotiations follow the completion of the joint free trade agreement feasibility study. The successful conclusion of a free trade agreement will provide improved access for Australian goods and services into Japan.

This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for the Attorney-General's Department for the fit-out of offices for new staff engaged in the negotiations.

Consular emergency services — reallocation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million over four years for the provision of emergency consular support to Australian travellers overseas who require assistance in extreme circumstances and who do not have the capacity to enter into legally binding loan agreements.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Global Integration — export facilitators for the United States market — extension

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Trade Commission	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.1 million over two years to extend the appointment of 30 export facilitators to pursue export opportunities arising from the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement. The extension will help small and medium-sized Australian businesses take advantage of export opportunities, targeting government procurement, agricultural and other niche markets.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates. The cost of this measure will be partially met (\$5.1 million over two years) from within the existing resourcing of Austrade.

See also the related expense measures titled *Global Integration* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources, and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolios, and the related revenue measure titled *Global Integration – extension of the premium 175 per cent research and development tax concession to subsidiaries of multinational enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

Further information can be found in the statement of 1 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

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International Relations Grants Programme — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$18.0 million over four years to continue supporting bilateral bodies, organisations and cultural programmes that advance Australia's foreign and trade policy goals. The programme promotes Australia's objectives in key bilateral relationships, international security, trade and economic performance and public diplomacy.

This measure involves funding of \$4.5 million per annum from 2007-08 to 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Shanghai World Expo 2010 — planning and design

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million in 2007-08 to develop project plans and a detailed design for an Australian pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo 2010.

Funding for the construction of the pavilion and participation at the World Expo will be considered in the context of the 2008-09 Budget.

Strategy to prevent people smuggling — enhanced intelligence collection

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	1.5	2.4	2.4	2.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.0 million over four years (including \$0.4 million in capital funding) to the Australian Secret Intelligence Service to enhance intelligence collection capabilities, thereby improving Australia's ability to address the issue of people smuggling.

See also the related expense measures titled *Strategy to prevent people smuggling* in the Immigration and Citizenship, and Attorney-General's portfolios.

HEALTH AND AGEING

Aged care — demonstration sites for day respite in residential aged care facilities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	7.9	11.0	11.0	11.2

The Government will provide \$41.2 million over four years to expand services provided under the National Respite for Carers Programme to enable 20 services to be funded as demonstration sites for respite in existing residential aged care facilities.

This measure will encourage innovative and responsive approaches to day respite by using existing infrastructure to assist carers of older people with high care needs. The demonstration sites will be located in both metropolitan and rural areas, within each state and territory, and will provide day respite to address the needs of the surrounding population of carers, allowing them time away from their caring role.

Aged care — enhancing access to aged care services for culturally and linguistically diverse communities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1

The Government will provide \$13.2 million over five years (including \$1.3 million in 2006-07) to expand the Community Partners Programme. This expansion will fund an additional 35 projects to assist older people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities to access appropriate aged care services.

This measure builds on the 2004-05 Budget measure *Investing in Australia's Aged Care – strengthening culturally appropriate aged care for established culturally and linguistically diverse communities*.

Aged care — equity of access for nursing home residents

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.7 million over four years to ensure that service providers are not financially disadvantaged where nursing home residents who were living in a home prior to 1 October 1997 move to another facility. These residents, who were living in a nursing home prior to the *Aged Care Act 1997* coming into effect, are not required to pay the accommodation charge. This measure ensures that providers have no financial reason to favour residents who are subject to the charge.

This measure involves funding of \$3.2 million in 2007-08, \$2.6 million in 2008-09, \$2.1 million in 2009-10 and \$1.8 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Aged care — improved health services for residents of aged care homes

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	20.1	21.4	21.9	22.6
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.0
Total	21.5	23.1	23.7	24.6

The Government will provide \$92.9 million over four years to expand the Aged Care General Practitioners (GP) Panels Initiative to include allied health workers and increase the call-out loading fee for GPs who visit aged care homes. The call-out loading fee will be increased by \$18.00 and is aimed at encouraging additional GPs to provide services to residents in aged care homes.

The expansion will help address gaps in care provided to residents of aged care homes, especially in areas such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy and oral health. Funding will be provided to the Divisions of General Practice to facilitate adding allied health workers to existing Aged Care General Practitioners Panels.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — additional support for community-based respite care

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	2.6	5.2	7.9	10.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	..	..	..	..

The Government will provide additional funding of \$26.5 million over five years (including \$83,000 in 2006-07) to the National Respite for Carers programme. The funding will provide an additional 100,000 days of respite care to support family members who provide care at home for people who are unable to care for themselves because of frailty, chronic illness or disability.

This measure includes \$0.1 million over five years from 2006-07 in capital funding for related building fit-out costs for the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians* package. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — additional support for services for people in remote and very remote areas and with special needs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	8.6	8.5	9.9	13.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	0.1	..	..	..

The Government will provide \$42.6 million over five years (including \$2.2 million in 2006-07) to make aged care more available to people with special needs, with a focus on Indigenous communities, homeless people and people living in remote and very remote Australia. This funding will provide support to aged care services that care for people in these circumstances. It will also provide for capital grants and development and implementation of culturally appropriate quality of care models.

This measure includes \$0.4 million in capital funding over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2006-07) for related building fit-out costs for the Department of Health and Ageing.

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This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians* package. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — assistive technology in community care

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	2.5	6.0	6.6	6.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	0.1	-0.1	..	..

The Government will provide \$21.4 million over four years to increase the availability and use of assistive technology among community care providers. This technology includes home safety devices, medication dispensers and communication technology to reduce isolation. This will assist frail older people to maintain their independence and remain safely in their homes longer.

This measure includes capital funding of \$68,000 over four years for related building fit-out costs for the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians* package. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — better regulating aged care providers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	0.4	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.7 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in 2006-07) to introduce new regulations relating to financial accountability in the aged care sector. Legislation will be prepared requiring prior approval for sales of any aged care companies that receive government payments, and for background checks of key personnel who propose to own or operate them.

This measure includes \$0.4 million in capital funding over three years (including \$45,000 in 2006-07) for IT systems development and building fit-out costs for the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians* package. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — community care workforce development

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	0.1	..	..	-

The Government will provide \$32.1 million over four years to ensure that the aged care sector has a skilled and sustainable workforce. This measure will provide training opportunities for up to 6,000 workers, including up to 2,000 culturally and linguistically diverse and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers. This measure will be delivered through the vocational education and training sector. It will also provide 410 additional post-graduate nursing scholarships for aged care nurses.

This measure includes capital funding of \$64,000 over four years for related building fit-out costs for the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians* package. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — ensuring quality in community care

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	4.7	4.8	6.1	9.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Health and Ageing	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide \$26.8 million over four years to enhance the community care quality assurance framework, and provide for the development of best practice models and benchmarking in key areas of community care.

This measure includes \$1.9 million in capital funding over four years for related IT system development and building fit-out costs for the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians* package. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — increased capital funding for residential care

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	104.9	98.5	139.8	149.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	18.6	17.6	25.1	26.7
Total	123.4	116.2	164.8	175.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Health and Ageing	2.0	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$582.3 million over five years (including \$0.2 million in 2006-07) to support increased investment in aged care homes so that high care places will be available when needed. Under the new arrangements, from 20 March 2008, providers will receive \$26.88 per day (rising to \$32.88 by September 2011) in accommodation payments for all new residents entering high care, either as a Government payment, a resident contribution or a mixture of the two, depending on the value of the new resident's assets.

The Government will also provide a special capital subsidy to aged care providers of \$3.50 per day for each high care resident during the transition period of 1 July 2007 to 19 March 2008, at a cost of \$96.0 million. Providers will also receive a transitional subsidy for low care residents of \$6.46 per day from 20 March 2008. This subsidy will be reduced progressively to zero over four years, at a cost of \$92.2 million.

This measure includes \$2.0 million in capital funding over three years (including \$41,000 in 2006-07) for IT system redevelopment.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians* package. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — increased support for Assistance for Care and Housing for the Aged

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	..	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.7 million over four years to expand the Assistance for Care and Housing for the Aged programme, which helps link older people who are homeless or in insecure housing to more stable accommodation and care options. The Government will provide additional assistance to existing services and to allow services to be expanded into areas where they do not currently exist.

This measure includes capital funding of \$19,000 in 2007-08 and 2008-09 for related building fit-out costs for the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians* package. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — introduction of the Aged Care Funding Instrument

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	15.8	103.7	114.9	100.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2.5	18.3	20.4	17.9
Total	18.2	122.0	135.3	118.0

The Government will provide \$393.5 million over four years to support the introduction of a new Aged Care Funding Instrument. The instrument will replace the existing Resident Classification Scale from 20 March 2008, and provide additional funding for care, targeted more closely to those who require higher levels of care. Existing residents will remain on their current scale subsidy until their care needs increase.

This funding will assist aged care homes to manage the transition to the instrument and ensure the level of funding for an existing resident will not decrease when they are reassessed under the new instrument.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians* package. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — more community care packages

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	17.3	53.5	92.2	135.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Health and Ageing	0.1	0.1	..	..

The Government will provide \$298.6 million over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2006-07) to increase the number of community care packages from the current 20 places per 1,000 people aged 70 years and over, to 25 per 1,000 in 2010-11. This will result in an additional 5,600 Community Aged Care Packages and 1,600 Extended Aged Care at Home Packages provided over four years, increasing opportunities for older people to continue to reside in their own home for as long as possible.

This measure includes capital funding of \$0.3 million over five years (including \$48,000 in 2006-07) for related building fit-out costs for the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians package*. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — paying full subsidy to former State and Territory Government aged care places

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	4.8	5.0	5.5	6.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1
Total	5.6	5.9	6.5	7.4

The Government will provide \$25.5 million over five years (including \$21,000 in 2006-07) to ensure that all non-government aged care providers receive the same Australian Government subsidies for residential aged care places. Adjusted subsidies are currently paid to some aged care homes run by state and territory governments, including those that have since transferred to non-government organisations. This measure will increase the funding available for high level residential care and assist with the transfer of facilities to private providers.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians package*. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — Securing the future of aged care for Australians — simplified income-tested care fees

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	8.2	22.3	22.6	22.4
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.5	3.9	4.0	3.9
Total	9.7	26.2	26.6	26.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Health and Ageing	0.6	..	..	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.3	-	-	-
Total	0.9	0.0	0.0	-

The Government will provide \$89.8 million over five years (including \$0.1 million in 2006-07) in additional subsidies to improve the income-testing arrangements for residents of aged care homes.

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This measure will simplify and improve the fairness of the residential care income test. The new income test will apply to all residents from 20 March 2008 and will treat all assessable income the same, irrespective of whether it is pension or private income.

This measure includes \$0.8 million over four years in capital funding (including \$15,000 in 2006-07) to upgrade IT systems for payments.

This measure forms part of the Government's *Securing the future of aged care for Australians* package. Further information can be found in the press release of 11 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

Aged care — services in the Indian Ocean Territories

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will enable residents of the Indian Ocean Territories to access aged care subsidies for Commonwealth-funded aged care services at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million over four years. This will result in residents being able to access subsidies in the same way as those in mainland communities. Amendments will be made to the *Aged Care Act 1997* for it to apply to the Territory of Christmas Island and the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Antivenom production in Australia — continued manufacturing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over four years to ensure the continued manufacture and supply of antivenom products in Australia. This funding forms part of a renewed contract between the Government and CSL Limited for the production of antivenom products for a further four years.

Australian Primary Care Collaboratives — continue and increase funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	0.2	4.2	4.1	4.2

The Government will provide \$34.6 million over four years to continue and expand the work of the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives Programme. The funding will further support general practices to manage the care of people with, or at risk of, chronic disease. The number of practices participating in the programme will increase to 800 over the next four years (up from 500).

The programme supports doctors to make practice-level changes and close the gap between current and best practice. The types of practice-level changes include setting up register and recall systems, better use of practice teams, maximising self management by people with chronic conditions and improving coordination of care between health care services.

This measure provides an additional \$12.7 million over four years. Funding of \$22.0 million over four years has already been included in the forward estimates, involving \$5.4 million in 2007-08, \$5.4 million in 2008-09, \$5.5 million in 2009-10 and \$5.6 million in 2010-11.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over four years from 2007-08 to continue funding provided in the 2003-04 Budget for the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency. This will enable it to undertake scientific research and provide services in relation to radiation protection, nuclear safety and medical exposure to radiation. The agency has responsibility for protecting the health and safety of people and the environment from the harmful effects of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation.

This measure involves funding of \$0.4 million in 2007-08, \$0.4 million in 2008-09, \$0.4 million in 2009-10 and \$0.4 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Breast cancer — continuation of funding for National Breast Cancer Centre

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.8 million over four years to continue funding for the National Breast Cancer Centre to maintain its leading role in improving outcomes for women with, or at risk of, breast cancer. The National Breast Cancer Centre is the primary organisation delivering the Australian Government's breast and ovarian cancer control programmes.

This measure involves funding of \$2.1 million in 2007-08, \$2.2 million in 2008-09, \$2.2 million in 2009-10 and \$2.3 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Breast cancer — support for women in rural and remote areas — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.4 million over four years to continue funding for health care workers trained to provide support and information for women diagnosed with breast cancer. These health care workers will assist women in rural and remote areas where geographic isolation and limited contact with specialists may impede access to the full range of treatment options and support services.

This measure involves funding of \$1.1 million per annum over four years from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Breast cancer treatment — continuation of funding for the Herceptin® programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Medicare Australia	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$83.5 million over two years to continue funding for the Herceptin® programme for the treatment of late-stage metastatic breast cancer. Funding beyond 2008-09 will be considered following a review of the programme and its consideration by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.

This measure involves funding of \$42.2 million in 2007-08 and \$41.3 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure complements the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – listing of Herceptin® (trastuzumab)* measure reported in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07*.

Breastfeeding — education and support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	3.1	3.5	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$8.7 million over four years to raise awareness amongst parents and health professionals of the benefits of breastfeeding. Advice and support will be provided to mothers who may wish to breastfeed. This funding will also go towards research to understand the factors that influence the decision by mothers to breastfeed, which will inform the development of information and support to mothers, their partners, families and professionals.

Chronic and complex conditions — supporting patient care

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	43.4	68.3	73.1	78.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	4.5	7.8	7.8	8.2
Total	47.9	76.1	80.9	86.4

The Government will provide \$291.3 million over four years to introduce two new Medicare items for consultant physicians who assess and manage patients with chronic and complex conditions. The scheduled fees for the new items will be \$238.30 for an initial consultation of at least 45 minutes duration and \$119.30 for up to two subsequent consultations. These fees recognise the additional time and complexity involved in treating these patients. The items will be available from 1 November 2007.

Consultant physicians in sub-specialties, such as renal medicine, are integral to the medical management and coordination of care of patients with complex conditions and multiple co-morbidities. This measure will enhance the medical management of patients with chronic and complex disease by supporting general practitioners and specialists in diagnosing or treating patients with difficult medical conditions. The treating practitioner can refer the patient to a consultant physician, who will provide an assessment and a comprehensive treatment plan.

COAG — reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	1.9	22.4	36.0	42.4
Medicare Australia	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	..	0.1	0.1
Total	1.9	22.5	36.3	42.8

The Government will provide up to \$103.5 million over four years as its contribution to a cost-shared initiative with State and Territory governments to address the growth in type 2 diabetes. This measure will focus on people aged 40 to 49 by encouraging them to take a 'tick test' in their general practitioner (GP)'s surgery. Patients with a high risk score will be referred by the GP to an accredited subsidised lifestyle modification programme. The Government will provide a subsidy of \$210, with consumers to pay a co-payment of \$50.

Funding includes \$1.0 million over two years to develop a national risk assessment tool (the 'tick test'). This will also involve creating national standards for lifestyle interventions for people at increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes and a national accreditation process for providers of lifestyle interventions.

This measure forms part of an agreement made by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 13 April 2007. Further information can be found in the Communiqué available from www.coag.gov.au.

Combating illicit drugs — more effective treatment for methamphetamine abuse

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	11.5	11.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$22.9 million over two years to enhance the capacity of non-government organisation treatment services to respond to the challenges of treating users dependent on methamphetamines and reduce the harm they cause to individuals, families and the community. This funding will allow service providers to invest in infrastructure and resources to equip them to provide innovative and effective treatment for methamphetamine abuse.

This measure forms part of the Government's commitment to further combat illicit drugs, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government's broader National Illicit Drug Strategy. See also the related expense measures titled *Combating illicit drugs* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Combating illicit drugs — strengthening drug prevention education

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	2.2	-	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-
Total	2.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$9.2 million over two years (including \$7.1 million in 2006-07) to enhance the National Drugs Campaign by providing increased education and communication activities around the dangers of methamphetamines, in particular the more potent form known as ‘ice’. These activities involve national distribution of the revised ‘Talking with your kids about drugs’ booklet to ensure that parents have up-to-date information about illicit drugs and available support, and a promotional campaign designed to complement distribution of the booklet.

The Government will also spend \$1.6 million in 2007-08 to develop both print and interactive multi-media resources to support school teachers in undertaking classroom-based drug prevention activities concerning psycho-stimulants such as ‘ecstasy’ and ‘ice’. The cost of developing these teaching materials will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education, Science and Training.

This measure forms part of the Government’s commitment to further combat illicit drugs, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government’s broader National Illicit Drug Strategy. See also the related expense measures titled *Combating illicit drugs* in the Attorney-General’s portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Combating illicit drugs — strengthening the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	13.7	21.6	21.9	22.3

The Government will provide \$79.5 million over four years to expand the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Programme. This measure will significantly increase the number of treatment places and increase the capacity of non-government organisations' treatment services to provide assistance to families and youth. These services include therapies and detoxification management for those people fighting drug addiction along with specific youth-focused treatment services.

This measure forms part of the Government's commitment to further combat illicit drugs, including methamphetamines, and complements the Government's broader National Illicit Drug Strategy. See also the related expense measures titled *Combating illicit drugs* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Community Pharmacy Agreement — implementation of programmes

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	7.5	4.4	4.1	4.8
Medicare Australia	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	9.1	4.5	4.1	4.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Medicare Australia	1.5	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	0.4	-	-	-
Total	1.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$24.4 million over four years (including \$1.8 million in capital funding in 2007-08) to fund the implementation of new programmes and services under the Fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement.

This funding will enable the Government to provide systems and support for pharmacies to deliver programmes and services aimed at:

- assisting in the management of, and education about, health conditions such as asthma, diabetes and hepatitis C;

- improving the quality use of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme medicines by Indigenous Australians;
- improving medication compliance and reducing the risk of medication-related adverse events through the provision of dose-administration aids and medication profiles; and
- supporting and educating pharmacies about the changes to their business practices and systems that will enable them to undertake these services.

Continence Aids Assistance Scheme — expansion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	5.2	8.5	12.0	15.8

The Government will provide funding of \$98.5 million over five years (including \$65,000 in 2006-07) to expand the Continence Aids Assistance Scheme to assist more people with the cost of purchasing continence aids.

The Government will extend the age eligibility for the scheme to include children aged 5 to 15 years, and adults over 64 years with permanent incontinence due to neurological conditions. This measure will also expand the eligibility criteria to include all causes of permanent incontinence, not just neurological causes, for those people who hold a pensioner concession card and their dependants.

These changes to the scheme's eligibility will commence from 1 July 2007.

Provision for the 2006-07 funding and for \$7.9 million in 2007-08, \$12.0 million in 2008-09, \$16.3 million in 2009-10 and \$20.9 million in 2010-11 has already been included in the forward estimates.

Further information can be found in the press release of 4 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Ageing.

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Mosquito control operations in Northern Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.7 million over three years (including \$1.0 million in 2006-07) to help the Queensland and Northern Territory governments fund mosquito eradication operations on islands in the Torres Strait and on Groote Eylandt, following recent incursions of species of mosquito capable of spreading dengue fever in these areas.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Dental school — Charles Sturt University

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	54.2	2.9	1.3	0.1
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	1.1	2.2	3.3
Total	54.2	4.0	3.5	3.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>	-	-	..	..

The Government will provide \$65.1 million over four years for the establishment of a new regional dental school at the Charles Sturt University, including the construction of residential accommodation for students.

The funding will provide for 60 additional dentistry places: 30 in a five-year dentistry course and 30 in a three-year parodontal course. Rural training encourages graduates to pursue careers in rural areas.

Amounts loaned under the Higher Education Loans Programme (HELP) for students taking up these places are treated as financial assets and therefore do not impact on the fiscal balance. Payments by students of the indexation component of their HELP loan is treated as interest revenue. These payments will impact on the fiscal balance from 2009-10. The additional public debt interest incurred by the Australian Government in financing the loans is separately accounted for in the budget papers.

Dental training — expanding rural placements

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	7.3	3.2	1.0	1.1

The Government will provide \$12.5 million over four years to improve rural access to dental services by expanding dental training in regional settings. This measure will provide clinical placements in rural training settings for up to 30 metropolitan dentistry students annually.

In addition, three scholarships per year will be established under the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme to encourage Indigenous Australians to train in dentistry or in the allied health professions such as oral hygiene.

Dental treatment — enhanced Medicare items for patients with chronic and complex conditions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	36.8	93.9	104.1	140.8
Medicare Australia	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5
Total	37.4	94.3	104.5	141.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Medicare Australia	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$377.6 million over four years to improve access to dental items available on the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) from 1 November 2007 for patients with chronic and complex conditions.

The expanded MBS items will provide for an initial dental assessment and subsequent dental treatments. Each patient will receive a \$125 benefit for an initial dental assessment (up from \$77.95) and benefits for subsequent dental treatments up to the value of \$2,000 per year. The new items will be available to patients being treated under a general practitioner management plan and team care arrangements, or under a multidisciplinary care plan in an aged care facility. The items will be available where the person's oral health is impacting on, or is likely to impact on, their chronic medical condition.

This measure includes \$53,000 in capital funding in 2007-08 for Medicare Australia system enhancements.

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Divisions of General Practice — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$243.3 million over three years from 2008-09 to continue funding the Divisions of General Practice network. The objective of the network is to promote the health and wellbeing of Australians by working with general practitioners and other health service providers to improve the quality and accessibility of health care at the local level. The programme also provides an important avenue for the support and delivery of Government programmes.

This measure involves funding of \$79.5 million in 2008-09, \$81.1 million in 2009-10 and \$82.7 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Enhanced Divisional Quality Use of Medicines programme — discontinuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-1.6	-2.4	-2.9	-3.5

The Government has discontinued the Enhanced Divisional Quality Use of Medicines (EDQUM) programme from 31 January 2007, resulting in savings to Government of \$10.9 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in 2006-07).

When announced in the 2003-04 Budget, this programme was expected to generate savings of \$39.8 million over four years through a reduction in estimated expenditure on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). However, savings to the PBS are expected to continue to be achieved through other measures aimed at quality prescribing such as the activities of the National Prescribing Service.

The savings shown in the expense table above result from ceasing funding for the Divisions of General Practice to support EDQUM activities.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand — continue and increase funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Food Standards Australia New Zealand	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Food Standards Australia New Zealand	0.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.7 million over four years to increase resourcing for Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) to reduce the time taken to develop new food standards and address the demands and concerns of industry and consumers regarding food safety.

FSANZ develops food standards and joint codes of practice with industry, covering the content and labelling of food sold in Australia and New Zealand. FSANZ also performs functions such as national coordination of food surveillance and food recall systems, providing food handling advice to consumers and conducting research.

This measure also continues funding of \$0.7 million per annum over four years from 2007-08 that has already been included in the forward estimates. This funding was previously provided for the development of primary production and processing standards and to meet additional resourcing requirements.

General practice vocational training — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$126.2 million over two years from 2008-09 to continue funding general practice vocational training initiatives provided through the *Rural Health Strategy* and the *Strengthening Medicare* package.

These initiatives provide additional funding for the Australian General Practice Training Programme, a vocational training course for medical practitioners who wish to pursue a career in general practice. The additional funding has allowed the programme to increase the number of new general practitioner training places provided each year to 600. The continuation of the initiatives will allow all funding for the programme to be aligned, to enable long-term planning.

This measure involves funding of \$46.6 million in 2008-09 and \$79.6 million in 2009-10. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

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Gynaecological cancer centre — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Cancer Australia	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million in 2006-07 for the establishment and initial operation of a Centre for Gynaecological Cancers. The Centre will operate under the auspices of Cancer Australia and will provide education and increase awareness of gynaecological cancers among medical and allied health professionals.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Further information can be found in the announcement of 27 February 2007 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

Health and medical research — streamlining human research ethics reviews

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
National Health and Medical Research Council	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>National Health and Medical Research Council</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>

The Government will provide \$5.6 million over four years to eliminate the need for multiple ethics reviews of health and medical research conducted at multiple sites and replace current arrangements with a single streamlined national approach. This funding will enhance Australia's research capacity by reducing delays in the approval of ethics reviews.

This measure includes \$1.6 million in capital funding over four years to purchase a national IT system that will be used to track all research proposals from initial receipt to completion of the research project.

Healthy Active Australia — funding for a national nutrition and physical activity survey

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	2.6	2.9	2.8	2.3

The Government will provide \$10.6 million over four years to fund an ongoing programme of national surveys on the food and nutrient intake, physical activity level and other indicators of wellbeing of a representative sample of Australians.

The results of the survey will inform the development of strategies that promote good nutrition and physical activity to help address the rising prevalence of overweight and obese Australians. The results will also contribute to improvements in the food regulatory environment by providing up-to-date nutritional profiles on various communities across Australia. The initial survey will update results from the last national nutritional survey in 1995 and national physical activity survey in 2000.

See also the related expense measures titled *Healthy Active Australia* in the Health and Ageing, Education, Science and Training, and Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolios.

Healthy Active Australia — grants for physical activity projects in the community

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	4.5	3.4	2.3	1.5

The Government will provide \$11.7 million over four years for one-off grants to organisations to conduct local and national initiatives to encourage participation in physical activity.

This measure will help address the rising numbers of obese and overweight people in the community. It also builds on the Government's contribution to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Australian Better Health Initiative, announced in the COAG communiqué of 10 February 2006.

See also the related expense measures titled *Healthy Active Australia* in the Health and Ageing, Education, Science and Training, and Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolios.

Hearing Services Programme — improving hearing outcomes

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	12.9	17.8	19.0	20.9
Medicare Australia	0.1	..	..	..
Total	13.0	17.8	19.0	20.9

The Government will provide \$70.7 million over four years to improve hearing outcomes and access to services under the Hearing Services Programme. This measure includes funding of \$0.2 million over four years for Medicare Australia for IT system enhancements.

The measure will provide funding to Australian Hearing to meet the increased demand and cost of services provided under the Community Service Obligations (CSO) Programme. This programme provides CSO clients, who include children under 21 years of age, eligible adults with complex hearing needs and Indigenous Australians aged over 50, with access to hearing devices to meet their hearing needs.

The measure will also provide funding for new clients to access rehabilitation services to help them cope with their hearing loss and learn to use their devices more effectively.

Funding will be provided in 2007-08 and 2008-09 to upgrade the technology of FM systems, a supplementary device used by children with hearing aids to help them hear better in the classroom and thereby to improve their educational outcomes.

The measure also includes funding to improve the availability of more appropriate information for general practitioners when determining a patient's suitability for hearing services. Funding will also be increased for hearing research and prevention activities to inform future programme activities.

Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Initiative — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$17.0 million over four years to continue funding the Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Initiative. This Initiative funds education, prevention and health maintenance initiatives for those currently infected or at risk of becoming infected with Hepatitis C.

This measure involves funding of \$4.1 million in 2007-08, \$4.2 million in 2008-09, \$4.3 million in 2009-10 and \$4.4 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Humanitarian settlement initiatives — Programme of Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1

The Government will provide an additional \$12.2 million over four years to expand the Programme of Assistance for the Survivors of Torture and Trauma to increase the capacity of specialised treatment services in Australia to meet the needs of humanitarian entrants. This will further improve access to medium- to long-term specialist counselling for an additional 1,800 survivors of torture and trauma annually.

The programme provides counselling, referral, advocacy, education and training services in all Australian States and Territories. It also helps to improve clients' access to health, mental health and related mainstream services after they have received the specialist assistance they need.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian settlement initiatives* in the Immigration and Citizenship; Education, Science and Training; and Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolios.

Life Saving Drugs Programme — funding for Aldurazyme® (laronidase-rch)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	3.0	4.2	4.5	4.8

The Government will add Aldurazyme® (laronidase-rch) to the Life Saving Drugs Programme for the treatment of Mucopolysaccharidosis Type 1 at an estimated cost of \$16.4 million over four years.

Mucopolysaccharidosis Type 1 is an extremely rare, serious enzyme deficiency disorder that leads to widespread disruption of tissues and organs, causing significant morbidity and reduction in lifespan. Aldurazyme® will be made available to those deemed eligible under treatment guidelines currently being finalised. This addition to the programme is in response to a recommendation made by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee, which determined that Aldurazyme® was clinically effective but did not meet the necessary cost-effectiveness requirements to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging — improved access

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	3.2	4.2	5.4	5.0
Medicare Australia	..	..	..	..
Total	3.2	4.2	5.4	5.1

The Government will provide \$17.9 million over four years to improve access to affordable Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services.

This measure will provide Medicare-eligible MRI units in an additional three locations where there is currently a shortage of MRI services but with sufficient population and infrastructure to support increased servicing. In addition, increased support will be provided until 2009-10 for the Medicare-eligible MRI service in Dubbo to ensure affordable MRI services in the region.

This measure will increase, to 115, the number of Medicare-eligible MRI units that the Government has committed to support.

Medical research facilities — grants for development and expansion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$485.8 million in 2006-07 to fund a variety of development and expansion projects by medical research facilities and the operations of the Australian Synchrotron. This measure will enhance the capacity and quality of Australia's health and medical research efforts and assist Australian researchers to continue high quality world-class research. Funding for the Australian Synchrotron will be subject to matching funding from the Victorian Government. Funding comprises:

- \$30.0 million for the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute, New South Wales;
- \$15.0 million for the Westmead Millennium Institute, New South Wales;
- \$10.0 million for the Sydney Cancer Centre, New South Wales;
- \$6.0 million for the Brain and Mind Institute, New South Wales;
- \$14.0 million for the Baker Heart Research Institute, Northern Territory;

- \$5.3 million for the Menzies School of Health Research, Northern Territory;
- \$100.0 million for the Princess Alexandra Hospital and University of Queensland, Queensland;
- \$55.0 million for the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, Queensland;
- \$10.0 million for the Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer, South Australia;
- \$50.0 million for the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, Victoria;
- \$50.0 million for the Australian Synchrotron, Victoria;
- \$15.0 million for the Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute, Victoria;
- \$6.0 million for the Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health, Victoria;
- \$100.0 million for the Western Australian Institutes for Health, Western Australia; and
- \$19.5 million for the Institute for Immunology and Infectious Diseases, Western Australia.

Medicare Benefit Schedule — better access to after hours GP services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	0.1	16.1	24.9	26.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.0	1.7	1.7
Medicare Australia	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	0.1	17.2	26.7	27.8

The Government will provide \$71.8 million over four years to improve patient access to general practitioners (GPs) outside normal surgery hours.

This measure will introduce new Medicare Benefits Schedule items to extend the after-hours service for urgent out-of-surgery visits. Higher rebates will apply for services provided between 6pm and 8pm on weekdays and from 12 noon to 1pm on Saturdays. The scheduled rebates for the new Medicare Benefits Schedule items will be \$83.50 and \$67.00 respectively, and will be introduced on 1 November 2008. Currently, the standard level B Medicare rebate for an in-hours, out-of-surgery visit by a vocationally-recognised GP is \$54.55. The measure will also rationalise and streamline existing Medicare Benefits Schedule after-hours items to reduce red tape for GPs.

Medicare Benefits Schedule — new and revised listings

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	16.1	19.9	23.8	28.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Medicare Australia	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	16.7	20.6	24.5	29.0

The Government will provide \$94.1 million over five years (including \$3.4 million in 2006-07) for new and revised listings on the Medicare Benefits Schedule and Veterans' Benefits added since the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07*.

The amendments to the Medicare Benefits Schedule include:

- a new item for Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection, an assisted reproduction technique relating to severe male infertility (listed on the Medicare Benefits Schedule only);
- revised items for consultations provided after hours and out of surgery;
- new items for group services provided by eligible diabetes educators, exercise physiologists and dieticians for people with Type 2 diabetes on referral from a general practitioner (listed on the Medicare Benefits Schedule only); and
- a new item for annual health assessments for people with an intellectual disability (listed on the Medicare Benefits Schedule only).

Further information can be found in the summary of changes included in the 1 May 2007 supplement, and in future supplements to the Medicare Benefits Schedule issued by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Mental Health — increased mental health services for drought-affected communities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.6 million over four years to increase mental health services in drought-affected communities, building on the COAG *Mental Health – mental health services in rural and remote areas* measure announced in the 2006-07 Budget. The measure will provide for more allied and mental health nursing professionals such as social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, and Indigenous health workers in drought-affected communities.

In addition, \$10.1 million will be provided over the two years from 2007-08 to individual Divisions of General Practice to support mental health professionals and community leaders respond to the psychological impact of drought. This will involve training for workforce and community leaders to recognise and respond to the early warnings of emotional distress. It will also support health practitioners and other drought relief workers and raise awareness of self-help and other services in relevant communities.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Multidisciplinary case conferencing — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Medicare Australia	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.4 million over four years through the Medicare Benefits Schedule and Veterans' Benefits, for general practitioners (GPs) to work with other health professionals to undertake multi-disciplinary case conferencing. Case conferencing assists GPs to determine the best treatment for people with chronic conditions and complex care needs. Involving GPs and other care providers helps ensure the most appropriate services are provided at the right time.

This measure involves funding of \$1.4 million in 2007-08, \$1.5 million in 2008-09, \$1.7 million in 2009-10 and \$1.8 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

National Immunisation Programme — implementation of the National Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	50.3	18.4	4.2	3.4
Medicare Australia	1.2	0.6	-	-
Total	51.4	19.0	4.2	3.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$103.5 million over five years (including \$25.4 million in 2006-07) to support implementation of the National Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Programme. This includes capital funding of \$0.2 million in 2006-07 for IT systems for the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure provides funding of \$48.6 million over five years to provide assistance to the States and Territories to deliver the vaccine to 12-13 year-old girls and a catch-up programme for 13-18 year-old girls, in school settings, commencing in the 2007 school year.

Further, the measure will also meet the Medicare Benefits Schedule costs for a catch-up vaccination programme for 18-26 year-old women to be delivered by general practitioners over two years commencing in July 2007. Funding is also provided over two years for advertising and marketing activities to promote further public awareness of the benefits of the programme. This funding is additional to the \$436.8 million over four years for the purchase of the HPV vaccine, Gardasil®, outlined in the *National Immunisation Programme – human papilloma virus vaccine* measure in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 7 March 2007 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

National Immunisation Programme — Q fever vaccine

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	7.5	1.7	4.0	2.8

The Government will provide \$16.6 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in 2006-07) to ensure the availability of an ongoing supply of Q fever vaccine and screening tests. Q fever is a bacterial condition that can affect people such as abattoir and other workers who have close contact with livestock and their by-products. These funds will also provide for the building of a specialised manufacturing facility by CSL Limited to enable the continued production of the vaccine and screening tests.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 30 November 2006 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

National Immunisation Programme — rotavirus vaccine

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	23.3	32.4	32.2	32.3
Medicare Australia	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total	24.3	33.4	33.1	33.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Medicare Australia	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$124.4 million over five years (including \$0.4 million in 2006-07) to fund new vaccines for the prevention of rotavirus gastroenteritis under the National Immunisation Programme. This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2006-07 for system re-development for Medicare Australia.

All Australian babies born from 1 May 2007 will be eligible for a course of vaccine, free of charge, commencing from 1 July 2007. Around 250,000 babies are born in Australia each year. Vaccination of babies from 2 to 6 months of age will reduce the risk of developing severe rotavirus gastroenteritis by over 85 per cent. The decision to fund the rotavirus vaccines, Rotarix® and RotaTaq®, follows a recommendation by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.

Further information can be found in the press release of 28 March 2007 issued by the Acting Minister for Health and Ageing.

National Joint Replacement Registry — increased data collection

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$0.8 million over four years for the expansion of the National Joint Replacement Registry.

This measure will allow the registry to expand its current hip and knee joint replacement data collection to include ankle, shoulder, wrist and spinal disc replacements. This data collection will provide information on trends in the performance of different prostheses and treatments over time. Surgeons will be able to draw on this data to determine the most appropriate prostheses for their patients.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — community campaign to promote the benefits of generic medicines

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	15.2	2.4	2.4	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over three years to develop and implement a public awareness and education campaign about the safety and effectiveness of generic medicines and their role in ensuring a sustainable Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

This measure complements the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme reform measures reported in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07*.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — extension to the listings of Ezetrol® (ezetimibe) and Vytorin® (ezetimibe and simvastatin)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	11.9	17.7	22.0	26.0
Medicare Australia	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	12.0	17.8	22.2	26.2

The Government will, from 1 August 2007, extend the listing of Ezetrol® and Vytorin® on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and Repatriation PBS, at an estimated cost of \$78.3 million over four years.

Ezetrol® and Vytorin® are listed on the PBS for a range of conditions where a patient's cholesterol levels are not adequately controlled with a standard lipid-lowering drug (statin). The extension of the listings will provide subsidised access for patients with hypertension or a family history of coronary heart disease. It will also allow those patients who are intolerant to greater than 20 mg of statin, and for whom a lesser dose alone is ineffective, to access Ezetrol® on the PBS.

The average annual cost to the PBS of providing Ezetrol® and Vytorin® is approximately \$413 and \$882 per patient, respectively. In the course of a year a patient is expected to require an average of seven prescriptions. General consumers will pay a \$30.70 co-payment per prescription and concession card holders will pay a \$4.90 co-payment per prescription.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — extension to the listings of Fosamax® Once Weekly, Alendro® Once Weekly and Fosamax® Plus (alendronate)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	36.6	45.6	51.3	56.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4
Medicare Australia	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7
Total	43.8	52.8	58.5	63.3

The Government has, from 1 April 2007, extended the listings of Fosamax® Once Weekly, Alendro® Once Weekly and Fosamax® Plus (alendronate) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and Repatriation PBS, at an estimated cost of \$227.9 million over five years (including \$9.5 million in 2006-07).

Fosamax® Once Weekly, Alendro® Once Weekly and Fosamax® Plus are currently available on the PBS for patients with osteoporosis who have had a fracture due to minimal trauma and for those suffering Paget's disease. These medications are now also available for patients aged 70 years and over with osteoporosis who are at high risk of fracture as measured by a bone mineral density test. These tests will be covered by Medicare for these patients from 1 April 2007.

The average cost to the PBS of providing Fosamax® Once Weekly, Alendro® Once Weekly and Fosamax® Plus is approximately \$593 per patient per year. In the course of a year a patient is expected to require an average of 13 scripts. General consumers will pay a \$30.70 co-payment per prescription and concession card holders will pay a \$4.90 co-payment per prescription.

This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia and additional expenditure for the Medicare Benefits Schedule and Veterans' Benefits for testing for eligibility for the extended indication.

Further information can be found in the press release of 18 December 2006 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — listing of Strattera® (atomoxetine)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	17.0	25.6	29.3	29.3
Medicare Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	17.0	25.7	29.4	29.5

The Government will, from 1 July 2007, list Strattera® (atomoxetine) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and Repatriation PBS, at an estimated cost of \$101.6 million over four years. This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia.

Strattera® is used in the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). It will be available on the PBS under an authority restriction for patients between the ages of 6 and 18 years who are diagnosed with ADHD by a paediatrician or psychiatrist where treatment with a stimulant is not appropriate. This could be due to either the presence of a pre-existing condition, or where previous stimulant use has resulted in side effects necessitating withdrawal of treatment.

The average cost to the PBS of providing Strattera® will be approximately \$962 per patient per year. General consumers will pay a \$30.70 co-payment per prescription (each prescription provides four weeks treatment) and concession card holders will pay a \$4.90 co-payment per prescription.

Further information can be found in the press release of 12 April 2007 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — minor new listings

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	13.2	17.1	19.5	21.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1
Medicare Australia	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Total	14.1	18.2	20.7	22.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government has agreed to a number of minor new listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and Repatriation PBS since the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07*, at a cost of \$78.9 million over five years (including \$3.4 million in 2006-07). Revenue offsets to the cost of one minor new listing are provided under a pricing agreement negotiated between the Government and the drug manufacturer.

The minor new listings (including extensions of PBS 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 million per annum.

Minor new listings include:

- Humira® for the treatment of inflammatory arthritis in adults;
- Risperdal Quicklet® for the treatment of behaviours associated with autism in children and adolescents;
- Zoladex Plus®, a combination therapy for the treatment of metastatic prostate cancer; and
- Concerta® for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Further information can be found in the press release of 1 March 2007 issued by the Minister of Health and Ageing and in the summary of changes included in the 1 March 2007, 1 April 2007 and 1 May 2007 updates to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits issued by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — prescribing rights for optometrists

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	1.2	2.1	3.0	3.7
Medicare Australia	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Total	1.6	2.1	2.9	3.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Medicare Australia	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will allow approved optometrists to prescribe certain ophthalmic preparations subsidised by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the Repatriation PBS, at a cost of \$10.7 million over four years.

Under current arrangements, patients requiring ophthalmic preparations are only able to receive a PBS subsidy when prescribed by their medical practitioner. From 1 January 2008, patients will no longer be required to see a doctor in order to receive the PBS subsidy for certain ophthalmic preparations, partially offsetting the cost of the revised prescribing arrangements through reduced costs for Medicare and Veterans' Benefits.

This measure includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia, including capital funding of \$375,000 for IT systems enhancements.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme reform — software support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	4.9	5.0	4.4	3.6

The Government will provide \$17.9 million over four years to assist software vendors implementing Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Online to meet the increased demand for the system as a result of the PBS reforms announced by the Government on 16 November 2006. The PBS reforms include increased incentives for pharmacies to take-up PBS Online, which allows streamlined payments to pharmacies of dispensing fees and other Government payments.

This funding will support software vendors to employ additional technicians and provide on-site and over-the-phone support during the period of increased activity.

This measure complements the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme reform* measures reported in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2006-07*.

Private Health Insurance Ombudsman — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over four years to continue funding provided in the 2003-04 Budget for the Office of the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman.

This measure involves funding of \$0.3 million per annum over four years from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

The funding for this measure is offset by levies collected by the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman from the private health insurance industry under the *Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Act 1995*.

Professional Services Review — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Professional Services Review	-1.4	-1.9	-1.7	-1.9

The Government will provide \$12.9 million over four years for the continuation of the Professional Services Review.

The review investigates cases of suspected inappropriate practice by health practitioners who render or initiate services attracting a Medicare benefit or who prescribe under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. Health practitioners found engaging in inappropriate practices are subject to sanctions including counselling, reprimand, repayment of Government benefits, and full or partial disqualification from providing services under the relevant schemes.

This measure will involve funding of \$3.5 million in 2007-08, \$3.0 million in 2008-09, \$3.3 million in 2009-10 and \$3.1 million in 2010-11. The reduction in forecast expenditure of \$6.9 million over four years is the result of lower operational costs and levels of activity than those reflected in the current forward estimates (\$19.7 million).

Radiation in health care — safer and better use

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	3.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.0 million over four years to make information and training available to medical professionals to achieve more effective use of radiation in health care and to improve the measurement of the radiation doses delivered by new technology radiotherapy machines.

This measure includes \$3.0 million in capital funding in 2007-08 to purchase a medical linear accelerator, which will enable more accurate measurement of radiation doses, contributing to the safe and effective use of radiation for medical purposes.

Royal Flying Doctor Service — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	47.2	42.8	37.7	28.9

The Government will provide \$156.7 million over five years (including \$0.1 million in 2006-07) to ensure that Australians in rural and remote communities continue to have access to health services provided by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). Funding will be provided to enable the RFDS to deliver traditional services comprising emergency aeromedical evacuations, primary health clinics, telehealth consultations and supply of pharmaceuticals and medicines.

The funding will also provide for ongoing capital costs, such as aircraft replacement, related to the delivery of these services as well as a capital contribution to the purchase of an aircraft for the delivery of RFDS services in Central Australia. It will also allow for the extension of these primary care services to the remote Bass Strait Islands.

Further information can be found in the press release of 16 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Rural Clinical Schools Programme — funding for the University of Wollongong

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	2.9	3.9	4.4	5.1

The Government will provide \$16.3 million over four years to expand the Rural Clinical Schools Programme to enable the University of Wollongong to support medical students to undertake long-term rural clinical placements. The provision of long-term placements in rural areas during clinical training years will encourage medical students to assume a career in rural medical practice, which will provide better access to health care services in rural and regional areas.

This proposal will enable the university to support up to 60 medical students each year to undertake a two-year rural placement once the programme is operating at capacity.

Rural Retention Programme — continued and increased funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.7
Medicare Australia	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	1.8	2.0	2.5	3.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Medicare Australia</i>	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.6 million over four years to meet increased demand for funding under the Rural Retention Programme. The programme provides financial incentives to long-serving general practitioners (GPs) in rural and remote areas experiencing difficulty in retaining GPs.

This funding will provide incentive payments to a larger number of doctors eligible for this payment and will mean that incentive payments will no longer be reduced when doctors receive gratuities from other organisations.

This measure includes funding of \$1.9 million over four years to Medicare Australia, including \$0.4 million in capital for the enhancement of the IT system used to track GP eligibility and payments.

This measure builds on funding of \$19.9 million in 2007-08, \$21.2 million in 2008-09, \$21.5 million in 2009-10 and \$21.9 million in 2010-11 that has already been included in the forward estimates.

Rural Women's GP Service — expand services for women

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.3

The Government will provide \$14.0 million over four years to continue and expand the work of the Rural Women's GP Service. This funding, including \$4.3 million in additional funding, will further improve access to primary health care for women living in rural and remote areas who have little access to female general practitioners (GPs), by expanding the service to additional locations.

This programme provides for female GPs to conduct regular clinics for cervical cancer screening, breast and skin examination and other preventive health checks. The service also provides necessary intervention for other conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, psychosocial problems and conditions related to reproductive and sexual health.

Funding of \$9.7 million over four years has already been included in the forward estimates, involving \$2.4 million in 2007-08, \$2.4 million in 2008-09, \$2.4 million in 2009-10 and \$2.5 million in 2010-11.

Safety and Quality in Health Care — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$29.0 million over four years as its contribution to the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. The Commission is a joint Australian Government and State and Territory Government body, and superseded the Australian Council for Safety and Quality in Health Care in early 2006. The new Commission will focus on quality in primary care and the private sector, which are central to the national safety and quality improvement agenda.

This measure involves funding of \$7.1 million in 2007-08, \$7.2 million in 2008-09, \$7.3 million in 2009-10 and \$7.4 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Sexually transmitted infections — establishment of National Prevention Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	2.1	3.5	2.2	2.0

The Government will provide \$9.8 million over four years to help reduce sexually transmitted infections (STIs). This new national prevention programme will raise awareness of STIs and encourage behavioural changes in target populations through a media campaign and the development of resources for general practitioners, sexual health care workers and schools. This will be accompanied by increased education and training for general practitioners and health workers to increase their capacity to diagnose and manage STIs.

Sharing Health Care Initiative — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-1.8	0.6	0.5	-0.6

The Government will provide \$22.4 million over four years to continue funding the Sharing Health Care Initiative which assists people with chronic conditions to adopt self-management techniques to better manage their chronic illness.

This measure will be directed towards broadening the range of self-management techniques available to meet the needs of specific groups within the community, such as people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

This measure involves funding of \$4.0 million in 2007-08, \$6.5 million in 2008-09, \$6.5 million in 2009-10 and \$5.5 million in 2010-11. Funding of \$23.6 million over four years has already been included in the forward estimates. The figures appearing in the table above show reduced costs in some years, reflecting a revised profile of expenditure to match the priorities of the revised programme.

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Skin cancer awareness campaign — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	5.7	5.8	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.5 million over two years to continue funding for the National Skin Cancer Awareness campaign to ensure a strong public message about the dangers of sun exposure and actions that should be undertaken to prevent skin cancer. This extended campaign will particularly focus on teenagers and young adults.

This measure continues funding provided in the 2005-06 Budget measure *Strengthening Cancer Care – skin cancer national awareness campaign*.

Visiting Optometrists Scheme — increase funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.4

The Government will provide \$8.6 million over four years to implement a revised Visiting Optometrists Scheme. The scheme assists optometrists to meet the additional costs associated with providing Medicare services in isolated areas. From 1 July 2007, the revised scheme will target service provision to remote and very remote areas, better remunerate optometrists providing services to isolated areas and increase the number of optometrists participating in the scheme.

Voluntary annual health assessments for older Australians — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Medicare Australia	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$234.6 million over four years through the Medicare Benefits Schedule and Veterans' Benefits, to continue to provide for voluntary annual health assessments for those aged 75 and over and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 55 and over.

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This preventive measure involves assessments to check a patient's health, physical, psychological and social functioning, and assess whether preventive health care and education should be offered to the patient to improve their health and wellbeing. Annual health assessments provide a means of early detection of problems associated with ageing.

This measure involves funding of \$50.7 million in 2007-08, \$55.2 million in 2008-09, \$61.1 million in 2009-10 and \$67.7 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

HUMAN SERVICES

Fraud and Compliance

The Government will provide \$113.8 million over three years to strengthen and expand activities aimed at preventing, detecting and reducing social welfare fraud and incorrect payment of benefits. This can occur for instance, where a person obtains employment but fails, unintentionally or deliberately, to inform Centrelink, resulting in overpayment of benefits. Overall, the package of initiatives will deliver net savings of \$269.4 million over three years.

In addition to a range of targeted initiatives, the package includes the establishment of a working group of officials to develop a more strategic approach to managing fraud and compliance efforts across health and social welfare payments. The new strategic approach seeks to better coordinate and maximise the effectiveness of existing activities and involves the development of performance measurements for each major payment, integration of compliance activity and strategies to improve the accuracy of payments.

All previously agreed fraud and compliance measures, and most of the related measures in the 2007-08 Budget, will lapse on 30 June 2010. The measures will be reviewed to assess their ongoing cost-effectiveness in light of the adoption of a more strategic approach to addressing fraud and non-compliance.

Table 7: Fraud and compliance

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES					
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– identity fraud – continuation of improved and increased investigations	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING					
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– compliance reviews – continuation of expanded data matching	-	-	-	-	-
– consolidation and expansion of risk profile reviews for student payments	1.3	-0.5	-1.8	-	-1.1
– identity fraud – continuation of improved and increased investigations	-	-	-	-	-
– residency eligibility validation system for payments and concessions	-	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-1.2
– transfer of death registration information	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-	-0.3
Sub Total	1.2	-1.0	-2.3	-0.4	-2.5
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– compliance reviews – continuation of expanded data matching	-	-	-	-	-
– Disability Support Pension – continuation of enhanced reviews	-	-	-	-	-
– identity fraud – continuation of improved and increased investigations	-	-	-	-	-
– improved reporting of changes in income of people receiving Centrelink payments	-4.2	-16.0	-16.5	-	-36.6
– Parenting Payments – continuation of enhanced profiling capacity	-	-	-	-	-
– residency eligibility validation system for payments and concessions	0.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-3.8
– transfer of death registration information	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-	-1.2
– verification of earnings to improve the accuracy of payments	2.4	-1.8	-3.9	-	-3.3
– Youth Allowance – continuation of restructured reviews of job seekers	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-2.1	-19.4	-22.1	-1.3	-44.9

Table 7: Fraud and compliance (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)					
FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– Age Pension – additional assessments of the value of real estate assets	-7.2	-56.8	-66.8	-	-130.9
– Age Pension – data exchange with the United Kingdom	-5.7	-8.7	-5.4	-	-19.9
– compliance reviews – continuation of expanded data matching	-	-	-	-	-
– consistent assessment of Family Tax Benefit	-36.5	5.0	4.7	-	-26.8
– identity fraud – continuation of improved and increased investigations	-	-	-	-	-
– preventing carer payment debt	-3.6	-12.1	-12.1	-12.4	-40.2
– residency eligibility validation system for payments and concessions	-10.3	-4.9	-10.2	-10.4	-35.8
– rolling random sample survey programme – continuation and expansion	4.5	4.3	4.3	-	13.2
– transfer of death registration information	-5.6	-6.6	-6.8	-	-18.9
– verification of earnings to improve the accuracy of payments	..	..	..	-	-0.1
Sub Total	-64.3	-79.9	-92.3	-22.8	-259.3
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION					
<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– a more strategic approach to addressing fraud and non-compliance	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
Sub Total	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
HEALTH AND AGEING					
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– compliance reviews – continuation of expanded data matching	-	-	-	-	-
– identity fraud – continuation of improved and increased investigations	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-
HUMAN SERVICES					
<i>Centrelink</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– residency eligibility validation system for payments and concessions	20.6	20.6	8.1	5.6	54.9
<i>Department of Human Services</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– a more strategic approach to addressing fraud and non-compliance	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
Sub Total	21.1	20.6	8.1	5.6	55.4

Table 7: Fraud and compliance (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)					
TREASURY					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– consistent assessment of Family Tax Benefit	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-	-6.0
Sub Total	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-	-6.0
VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– Age Pension – data exchange with the United Kingdom	-0.6	-1.1	-0.6	-	-2.2
– enhanced compliance for Special Rate Pension payments	-7.3	-6.6	-4.9	-	-18.9
– expansion of veterans' income support payment reviews	-1.4	-3.6	-5.6	-	-10.6
– transfer of death registration information	..	-0.1	-0.1	-	-0.2
Sub Total	-9.2	-11.5	-11.2	-	-31.9
Total Expense measures	-54.8	-93.3	-121.8	-18.9	-288.7
CAPITAL MEASURES					
HUMAN SERVICES					
<i>Centrelink</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– residency eligibility validation system for payments and concessions	0.2	0.1	-	-	0.3
Sub Total	0.2	0.1	-	-	0.3
VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
Fraud and compliance					
– Age Pension – data exchange with the United Kingdom	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
– transfer of death registration information	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
Sub Total	0.2	-	-	-	0.2
Total Capital measures	0.4	0.1	-	-	0.5
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE					
<i>Total expense measures</i>	-54.8	-93.3	-121.8	-18.9	-288.7
<i>Total capital measures</i>	0.4	0.1	-	-	0.5
Total expenditure	-54.4	-93.2	-121.8	-18.9	-288.2
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Net additional expenditure	-54.4	-93.2	-121.8	-18.9	-288.2

Fraud and compliance — a more strategic approach to addressing fraud and non-compliance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Human Services	0.5	-	-	-
Department of Finance and Administration	0.5	-	-	-
Total	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million in 2007-08 to develop and implement a more coordinated approach to managing social, health and welfare fraud and non-compliance, improving the effectiveness of the existing investment in the area.

This measure will include the establishment of a working group of officials to develop a more strategic approach to managing fraud and compliance efforts, including consideration of performance measurement, integration of compliance activity and strategies to reduce overpayments.

Fraud and compliance — Age Pension — additional assessments of the value of real estate assets

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-7.2	-56.8	-66.8	-

The Government will review the valuation of real estate assets owned by an additional 20,000 Age Pension recipients. This measure builds on the 2006-07 Budget measure, *Fraud and Compliance – improved assessment of the value of real estate assets* and includes the continuation of an education campaign to assist Age Pension recipients to understand their obligations under the Age Pension assets test arrangements.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$133.2 million and will cost \$2.4 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$130.9 million over three years.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.7 million in 2007-08 and \$0.5 million in 2008-09.

Fraud and compliance — Age Pension — data exchange with the United Kingdom

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-0.6	-1.1	-0.6	-
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-5.7	-8.7	-5.4	-
Total	-6.3	-9.8	-6.0	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will establish data exchange arrangements with the Government of the United Kingdom to ensure the ongoing accuracy of Age Pension and Service Pension payments made to former United Kingdom residents now residing in Australia.

This measure involves funding for Centrelink of \$4.6 million in 2007-08, \$4.9 million in 2008-09 and \$1.8 million in 2009-10. It also includes \$72,000 in capital funding in 2007-08 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for IT system changes.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$34.5 million and will cost \$12.5 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$22.1 million over three years.

Fraud and compliance — compliance reviews — continuation of expanded data matching

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will continue data matching activities announced as part of the 2003-04 Budget measures *Compliance reviews – expand data matching and asset reviews to identify incorrect payments* and *Compliance reviews – extend 2002-03 data matching pilot*. These measures expanded data sources and increased the number of data matching reviews to improve the detection of incorrect payments.

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This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$372.3 million over three years and will cost \$70.6 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$301.7 million over three years. Provision for these net savings has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$23.0 million in 2007-08, \$23.3 million in 2008-09 and \$23.5 million in 2009-10.

Fraud and compliance — consistent assessment of Family Tax Benefit

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Taxation Office	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-36.5	5.0	4.7	-
Total	-38.5	3.0	2.7	-

The Government will further develop the IT interface between Centrelink and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to address inconsistencies between Family Tax Benefit payment processing by Centrelink, Medicare Australia offices, and the ATO, which will result in fewer incorrect payments.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$45.0 million and will cost \$12.2 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$32.8 million over three years.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$2.3 million in 2007-08, \$4.8 million in 2008-09 and \$4.6 million in 2009-10.

Fraud and compliance — consolidation and expansion of risk profile reviews for student payments

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	1.3	-0.5	-1.8	-

The Government will maintain the number of reviews for full-time students in receipt of Youth Allowance and Austudy at current levels while consolidating the risk profile review process. Risk profile reviews will also be introduced for ABSTUDY which will minimise the risk of student debt as a result of incorrect payments or non-compliance with participation obligations.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$4.9 million and will cost \$3.8 million to administer, leading to net savings in student income support payments of \$1.1 million over three years.

This measure continues arrangements announced in the 2002-03 Budget measure *Compliance Package – prevention and detection*, the 2003-04 Budget measure *Youth and student assistance – restructured reviews*, and the 2006-07 Budget measure *Fraud and Compliance – expansion of risk profiled customer reviews*.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.1 million per annum over three years from 2007-08.

See also the related expense measures titled *Fraud and Compliance – Youth Allowance – continuation of restructures reviews of Jobseekers* in the Human Services portfolio and *National Disability Coordination Officer Programme* in the Education, Science and Training portfolio.

Fraud and compliance — Disability Support Pension — continuation of enhanced reviews

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

The Government will continue face-to-face reviews of Disability Support Pension recipients who are at risk of being incorrectly paid as a result of not declaring changes in their circumstances. This measure continues arrangements announced in the 2003-04 Budget measure *Disability Support Pensions – enhanced reviews*.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$101.7 million and will cost \$13.4 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$88.3 million over three years. Provision for these net savings has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$4.4 million in 2007-08, \$4.5 million in 2008-09, and \$4.5 million in 2009-10.

Fraud and compliance — enhanced compliance for Special Rate Pension payments

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-7.3	-6.6	-4.9	-

The Government will introduce a strengthened compliance arrangement for Special Rate Disability Pension recipients. The programme will include data matching of Special Rate Pension payments against company and business information held by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Taxation Office to ensure that these clients are receiving the level of benefit to which they are entitled.

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This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$21.7 million and will cost \$2.8 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$18.9 million over three years.

Fraud and compliance — expansion of veterans' income support payment reviews

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-1.4	-3.6	-5.6	-

The Government will expand the 2003-04 Budget measure *Enhanced compliance programme* for veterans in receipt of income support payments. The measure involves an additional 10,000 targeted reviews per year of the personal and financial circumstances of veterans who are at risk of receiving incorrect payments as a result of not declaring changes in their circumstances.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$13.9 million and will cost \$3.3 million to administer, resulting in net savings of \$10.6 million over three years.

Fraud and compliance — identity fraud — continuation of improved and increased investigations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Government will continue the 2003-04 Budget measure *Identity fraud – improving and increasing the number of investigations*. This measure involves enhanced use of external and internal data sources which have been effective in detecting identity related fraud across all payment types.

It is expected to lead to savings in social welfare and health payments of \$66.0 million and will cost \$31.4 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$34.6 million over three years.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$6.3 million in 2007-08, \$6.4 million in 2008-09 and \$6.4 million in 2009-10. Funding will also be provided to the Director of Public Prosecutions to assist in the prosecution of cases.

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

Fraud and compliance — improved reporting of changes in income of people receiving Centrelink payments

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-4.2	-16.0	-16.5	-

The Government will enhance the job placement information in Centrelink's systems to ensure Centrelink staff request updated reports of earnings from people who have recently been placed into employment by providers of employment services. This is expected to result in earlier reporting of changes in the income of people in receipt of Centrelink payments.

This measure is expected to lead to savings in Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment and Youth Allowance of \$39.3 million over three years and will cost \$2.7 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$36.6 million over three years.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$1.3 million in 2007-08, \$0.8 million in 2008-09 and \$0.7 million in 2009-10.

Fraud and compliance — Parenting Payments — continuation of enhanced profiling capacity

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

The Government will continue face-to-face reviews of people receiving Parenting Payment who are at risk of being incorrectly paid as a result of not declaring changes in their circumstances.

This measure, which continues arrangements announced in the 2003-04 Budget measure *Parenting Payment – enhanced profiling capacity to ensure correct payment*, is expected to lead to savings of \$39.7 million and will cost \$9.2 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$30.5 million over three years. Provision for these net savings has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$3.0 million in 2007-08, \$3.0 million in 2008-09 and \$3.1 million in 2009-10.

Fraud and compliance — preventing carer payment debt

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-3.6	-12.1	-12.1	-12.4

The Government will strengthen the effectiveness of the existing review framework for recipients of Carer Payment and Carer Allowance by adopting more targeted reviews that focus on those who are at risk of receiving incorrect payment. This will consist of approximately 42,000 face-to-face and phone reviews to be conducted each year, in place of the paper-based reviews currently undertaken.

This measure is expected to lead to net savings of \$40.2 million over four years.

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

Fraud and compliance — residency eligibility validation system for payments and concessions

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Centrelink	20.6	20.6	8.1	5.6
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
Department of Education, Science and Training	-	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-10.3	-4.9	-10.2	-10.4
Total	10.4	14.0	-3.8	-6.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Centrelink	0.2	0.1	-	-

The Government will develop a real-time link between Centrelink and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. This link will allow Centrelink to confirm residence and visa-related eligibility requirements before granting social welfare payments and concessions. The link will also automatically update client records for departures from and returns to Australia and changes to residency status to determine ongoing eligibility for social welfare payments and concessions.

This measure will cost \$55.4 million to administer and lead to savings of \$41.0 million over four years, and further ongoing savings beyond the forward estimates.

This measure includes capital funding of \$0.2 million in 2007-08 and \$0.1 million in 2008-09 for Centrelink IT system enhancements.

Fraud and compliance — rolling random sample survey programme — continuation and expansion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	4.5	4.3	4.3	-

The Government will continue the use of random sample surveys for Age Pension, Carer Payment and Carer Allowance recipients and will expand the use of these surveys for Family Tax Benefit and Special Benefit customers.

This measure, which builds on the 2002-03 Budget measure, *Compliance Package – assurance, research and development*, is expected to lead to savings of \$11.1 million and will cost \$24.3 million to administer, leading to net costs of \$13.2 million over three years. While the measure involves net costs directly, the surveys provide valuable information that enables better targeting of the Government's compliance programmes, thereby delivering further savings indirectly. The measure also provides an ongoing assessment of the accuracy of income support payments.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$8.0 million in 2007-08, \$7.1 million in 2008-09 and \$7.2 million in 2009-10.

Fraud and compliance — transfer of death registration information

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	..	-0.1	-0.1	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-5.6	-6.6	-6.8	-
Total	-6.0	-7.2	-7.4	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will create a data link between the State and Territory Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Centrelink and the Department of Veterans' Affairs to allow the transfer of death registration data on a daily basis. This will help ensure adjustments to payments are made, and that the Bereavement Payment process is initiated, in a more timely and efficient manner. It will also minimise debts and reduce the risk of identity fraud.

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This measure builds on the pilot Daily Electronic Transfer of Information Project, which was part of the 2005-06 Budget measure, *Debt Prevention Research and Development*.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$22.8 million and will cost \$2.3 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$20.5 million over three years.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.8 million in 2007-08, \$24,000 in 2008-09 and \$22,000 in 2009-10. It also includes \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for IT system changes.

Fraud and compliance — verification of earnings to improve the accuracy of payments

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	2.4	-1.8	-3.9	-
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	..	..	..	-
Total	2.4	-1.8	-3.9	-

The Government will introduce measures to encourage people on income support to present documentation that verifies their earnings when they report to Centrelink each fortnight. This is expected to improve the accuracy of reported earnings, and reduce overpayments and debt detection by periodic income reviews.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$5.9 million over three years and will cost \$2.5 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$3.4 million over three years.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$2.3 million in 2007-08.

Fraud and compliance — Youth Allowance — continuation of restructured reviews of job seekers

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

The Government will continue reviews of 17,000 Youth Allowance (other) recipients each year. The reviews identify Youth Allowance (other) recipients who are at risk of being incorrectly paid as a result of not declaring changes in their circumstances.

This measure, which continues arrangements announced in the 2003-04 Budget measure *Youth and student assistance – restructured reviews*, is expected to lead to savings of \$9.4 million and will cost \$3.1 million to administer, leading to net savings of \$6.3 million over three years. Provision for these net savings has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure includes funding for Centrelink of \$0.9 million per annum over three years from 2007-08.

See also the related expense measure titled *Fraud and compliance – consolidation and expansion of risk profile reviews for student payments* in the Human Services portfolio.

Other measures in the Human Services portfolio

Centrelink — drought assistance buses

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Centrelink	4.5	4.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.0 million over three years (including \$2.2 million in 2006-07) for mobile Centrelink services to improve access to Australian Government support and assistance for people in regional and remote areas, particularly those affected by drought.

Delivery of these services will occur through the deployment of three vehicles fitted out to create mobile offices and will include the installation of satellite, IT and telephony equipment. These mobile services will provide a single point of access to Government initiatives and referral to appropriate state and local services throughout regional and remote Australia. Additional rural service officers will be recruited and trained to staff these mobile offices and provide further support in drought declared areas.

Centrelink rural call centres — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$33.1 million over four years to continue funding Centrelink's two rural call centres, in Port Augusta in South Australia and Maryborough in Queensland. These rural-specific call centres provide information and advice on Centrelink services to many rural and regional customers.

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This measure includes funding to Centrelink of \$8.2 million in 2007-08, \$8.2 million in 2008-09, \$8.3 million in 2009-10, and \$8.4 million in 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Efficiencies in service delivery agencies

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Centrelink	1.5	-13.3	-13.5	-13.6
Department of Human Services	-	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7
Medicare Australia	-	-6.7	-6.8	-6.8
Department of Education, Science and Training	-2.2	-2.3	-2.4	-2.6
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-9.5	-9.9	-10.4	-11.0
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-13.3	-14.0	-14.7	-15.4
Total	-23.5	-46.8	-48.6	-50.1

Efficiencies have been identified in Centrelink, Medicare Australia and the Child Support Agency that will lead to savings of \$168.9 million over four years.

Savings will be achieved from efficiencies in Medicare Australia and Centrelink head offices, the establishment of a shared services centre for financial and human resource processing, and from Centrelink clients utilising self-service channels, such as automated phone communication and internet secure login.

As Centrelink's variable costs are funded through its policy departments, the Centrelink-related funding provided to the Departments of Employment and Workplace Relations, Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and Education, Science and Training, has been reduced accordingly.

Human Services — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Human Services	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over four years to the Department of Human Services to meet ongoing operational expenses associated with its role to improve Australian Government service delivery.

Medicare Easyclaim access points — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Medicare Australia	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.9 million over three years to continue the operation of 600 Medicare Easyclaim access points, including in rural and remote pharmacies, post offices, shops and Rural Transaction Centres.

These facilities were established to provide Australians living in rural and remote Australia who do not have access to a Medicare office, with better access to Medicare services.

Extension of this measure until 2009-10 will enable the access points to be reviewed following the introduction of electronic claiming of Medicare rebates through the EFTPOS network.

This measure involves funding of \$5.3 million in 2007-08, \$3.7 million in 2008-09 and \$0.9 million in 2009-10. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Murray-Darling Basin — additional servicing support for farmers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Centrelink	5.4	4.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over two years to provide additional support to farmers in the Murray-Darling Basin.

This support will comprise a Murray-Darling Basin drought assistance hotline, an additional eight Centrelink Rural Services Officers and an additional 15 Centrelink Social Workers. It will also establish a small service-delivery unit to coordinate a whole-of-government response to the drought in the southern Murray-Darling Basin.

See also the related expense measure titled *Murray-Darling Basin – Additional Rural Financial Counsellors* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

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Murray-Darling Basin — providing drought support information to farmers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Human Services	1.0	1.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over two years to conduct a communications campaign to raise awareness and provide information to farmers about Government drought support programmes in the Murray-Darling Basin.

See also the related expense measure titled *Murray-Darling Basin – Additional Rural Financial Counsellors* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

457 visas — ongoing management of caseload

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	22.8	15.0	12.4	12.2
Office of Workplace Services	4.0	3.4	1.8	1.8
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8
Australian Taxation Office	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.8	0.4	-	-
Total	29.5	20.6	15.8	15.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	3.3	0.5	-	-
Office of Workplace Services	0.2	-	-	-
Total	3.4	0.5	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.1

The Government will provide \$85.3 million over four years to identify and implement measures to improve the effectiveness, fairness and integrity of the temporary skilled migration visa category (457 visas).

The funding will enable improvements to the visa processing arrangements, including the fast tracking of certain visa applications, a strengthened focus on skill requirements and increased protections for overseas workers. It will also enable strengthening of the penalty regime and enhanced investigative capacity, with increased powers of search and entry.

The costs over four years are estimated at \$66.1 million for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, \$11.1 million for the Office of Workplace Services, \$3.6 million for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, \$1.2 million for the Department of Education, Science and Training, and \$3.3 million for the Australian Taxation Office.

The measure includes \$3.7 million over two years in capital funding for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and \$0.2 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for the Office of Workplace Services for IT system upgrades.

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The cost of this measure will be partially offset by an increase in revenue of \$7.9 million over four years from the inclusion of fines in the strengthened penalty regime.

Implementation of this measure will continue to be discussed with key stakeholders.

Case management and community care pilot — continuation and extension

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	5.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.6 million in 2007-08 to continue the case management and community care pilot in Sydney and Melbourne until 30 June 2008, and extend it to clients in Queensland with exceptional circumstances. This will enable a full evaluation of the programme to assess whether supporting the health and welfare needs of vulnerable clients will assist in achieving more timely, fair and reasonable immigration outcomes.

This measure expands on the case management and community care component of the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2005-06* measure *Palmer and Comrie Reports – implementation plan*.

Citizenship Test

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	38.8	23.9	20.0	20.2
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	5.5	9.4	9.7	10.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	1.9	0.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$123.6 million over five years (including \$18.6 million in 2006-07) to develop a formal Citizenship Test for prospective Australian citizens and initiatives to enhance the integration of permanent residents and long-term temporary residents. The test aims to inform migrants about Australian values and promote social cohesion. The intended initiatives include an information booklet on the Australian way of life, culture and social structures, and a requirement that applicants for permanent and selected temporary visas provide a statement that they will abide by Australian laws and respect the Australian way of life.

This measure includes \$6.0 million in capital funding (including \$4.0 million in 2006-07) for IT equipment and software.

The cost of this measure will be partially offset by revenue of \$34.4 million over four years from an increase in citizenship application fees. The general eligibility citizenship application fee will rise from \$120 to \$240 for applicants required to sit the Citizenship Test. Additional revenue of \$1.2 million in 2006-07 is also expected from an increase in citizenship applications following the announcement of the Citizenship Test.

Further information can be found in the press release of 11 December 2006 issued by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

Detention health review — increasing health care for people in detention

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	4.4	3.7	3.7	3.8

The Government will provide \$15.5 million over four years to meet the costs of increased acute psychiatric care for people in immigration detention and to establish a contract management unit in the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to manage the financial, delivery and evaluation components of the health services contract.

The funding will also support the continuation of the Detention Health Advisory Group, which comprises representatives from key Australian health bodies. The Group provides independent policy advice, consistent with accepted Australian practice, to the department to ensure the delivery of quality health care to people in immigration detention.

Humanitarian settlement initiatives — changes to the Special Humanitarian Programme Proposer System

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.1

The Government will provide \$16.6 million over four years to strengthen the Special Humanitarian Programme Proposer System. This will involve introducing minimum requirements for Special Humanitarian Programme proposers, including at least two years residence in Australia, one year in employment and, where assessed as necessary, a requirement to undertake financial literacy training. The funding will also provide support coordinators who will coordinate volunteer groups to help proposers in developing their capacity to assist in the initial settlement of Special Humanitarian Programme entrants.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian settlement initiatives* in the Immigration and Citizenship; Education, Science and Training; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Humanitarian settlement initiatives — complex case support services

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	2.0	10.9	11.1	11.2

The Government will provide \$35.2 million over four years for specialised case management to help humanitarian entrants with intensive needs reach minimum standards of self-sufficiency and integration. The funding will provide for a tiered case management approach based on the level of need to ensure entrants that require long-term intensive case management receive appropriate assistance.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian settlement initiatives* in the Immigration and Citizenship; Education, Science and Training; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Humanitarian settlement initiatives — connecting to Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$0.9 million over four years to improve the awareness of humanitarian entrants of Australian law and to build positive relationships between humanitarian entrant communities and the police. The funding will also seek to bridge gaps in accredited interpreting services available to humanitarian entrants.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian settlement initiatives* in the Immigration and Citizenship; Education, Science and Training; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Humanitarian settlement initiatives — increased in-kind support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1

The Government will provide \$8.5 million over four years to further assist humanitarian entrants in the first month of arrival to establish a new home and life in Australia. The funding will provide increased assistance for short-term rental and utilities costs and assistance with public transport fares for the first month after arrival.

See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian settlement initiatives* in the Immigration and Citizenship; Education, Science and Training; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Humanitarian settlement initiatives — sustainable regional settlement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over four years to enhance the long-term sustainable settlement of humanitarian entrants in regional areas. The funding will help match humanitarian entrants with regional locations that have employment opportunities, and provide discretionary funds to train service providers and build community support for regional settlement. It will also enable the evaluation of regional settlement locations, with a view to enhancing arrangements in existing locations and informing future settlement decisions.

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See also the related expense measures titled *Humanitarian settlement initiatives* in the Immigration and Citizenship; Education, Science and Training; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and Health and Ageing portfolios.

Migration Programme — 4,000 additional family stream places for 2006-07

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	4.1	4.8	4.9	5.0
Department of Health and Ageing	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	2.9	1.4	-	-
Department of Education, Science and Training	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.4
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.1	..	13.2	11.5
Medicare Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	13.0	13.3	25.3	23.9
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will increase the number of family stream places by 4,000 in the 2006-07 Migration Programme, to accommodate demand for partner visas, at an estimated cost of \$82.1 million over five years (including \$6.6 million in 2006-07).

This increase in the Migration Programme will require the provision of health, education, employment and other services and benefits for the additional permanent migrants. The costs of these services over five years for this one-off increase in the Migration Programme are outlined in the table above, and will be partially offset by an increase in revenue of \$5.0 million in 2006-07 arising from visa application charges for partner visa applications.

Migration Programme — 8,800 place increase for 2007-08

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Health and Ageing	6.8	15.2	23.9	33.2
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	5.7	16.9	28.9	41.4
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	4.5	8.9	11.0	11.2
Department of Education, Science and Training	4.3	10.0	16.5	21.6
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.2	0.3	12.8	35.8
Medicare Australia	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5
Total	21.5	51.5	93.5	143.8
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.3</i>

The Government will increase the 2007-08 Migration (non-humanitarian) Programme by 8,800 places, comprising an additional 5,000 places in the skill stream and 4,000 places in the family stream, with a reduction of 200 places in the special eligibility stream, at a cost of \$310.3 million over four years. The 2007-08 programme planning level will therefore be set in the range of 142,800 to 152,800 places.

This increase in the Migration Programme will require the provision of health, education, employment, and other services and benefits for the additional permanent migrants. The costs of these services over four years are outlined in the table above, and will be partially offset by an increase in revenue of \$5.0 million over four years arising from additional visa application charges.

Migration Programme — enhanced integrity of partner visa processing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2

The Government will provide \$4.8 million over four years to enhance the integrity of partner visa processing through more rigorous and effective scrutiny of partner visa applications. Partner visa processing arrangements will be strengthened through better collection and use of intelligence aimed at discouraging non-genuine partners from abusing the partner visa provisions. This more strategic approach will increase community confidence in the Migration Programme.

Parliament of the World's Religions 2009 — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million in 2007-08 to assist the Melbourne Convention and Visitors Bureau in hosting the Parliament of the World's Religions in 2009. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

The Parliament of the World's Religions is the world's largest interfaith gathering and acknowledges the important role of multifaith dialogue in developing social cohesion.

Prospective illegal immigrants — improved arrangements in transit countries

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

The Government will provide \$4.9 million over four years to increase the capacity of authorities and international organisations in transit countries to provide humanitarian support to people who might otherwise seek to travel to Australia illegally.

This funding expands on the 2006-07 Budget measure *Prospective illegal immigrants — arrangements in transit countries*.

Review of student visa two-stage permission to work — implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>-1.0</i>

The Government will remove the separate requirement of student visa holders to apply for work rights, by allowing foreign students to have work rights on the basis of their primary student visa, resulting in savings of \$2.4 million over four years. This change will simplify the work rights arrangements for student visa holders and remove an inefficient administrative process.

The saving is net of funding of \$0.4 million that will be provided in 2007-08 to enable the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to adjust its existing systems to accommodate the new visa class.

The saving will be partially offset by a reduction in revenue from visa charges of \$1.8 million over four years.

Strategy to prevent people smuggling — additional airline liaison officers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1

The Government will provide \$12.1 million over four years to engage additional airline liaison officers, allowing more flexible and responsive deployment to intercept and deter unauthorised passengers prior to their departure for Australia. The funding will also provide for a rapid response team to address emerging developments in the region as travel seasons and patterns change.

See also the related expense measures titled *Strategy to prevent people smuggling* in the Immigration and Citizenship, Attorney-General's, and Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolios.

Strategy to prevent people smuggling — assistance for management and care of irregular immigrants in Indonesia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	7.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.7 million in 2007-08 to the International Organization for Migration to improve Indonesia's management and care of irregular immigrants. The funding will be used to improve and expand existing facilities, develop guidelines for the management and care of irregular immigrants in accordance with human rights standards and relevant international obligations, and provide training and resourcing for a dedicated unit to facilitate the voluntary return of persons not in need of protection.

See also the related expense measures titled *Strategy to prevent people smuggling* in the Immigration and Citizenship, Attorney-General's, and Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolios.

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Strategy to prevent people smuggling — stabilising displaced populations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	2.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million in 2007-08 to improve the provision of effective protection to, and the stabilisation of, refugees and populations displaced by conflict in people smuggling source and transit countries.

This measure expands on the 2004-05 Budget measure *Humanitarian migration – continuation of displaced refugee initiatives*.

See also the related expense measures titled *Strategy to prevent people smuggling* in the Immigration and Citizenship, Attorney-General's, and Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolios.

Unauthorised boat arrivals — continuation of Nauru Offshore Processing Centre

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million in 2007-08 to continue the operations of the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

World Youth Day 2008 — support

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	2.6	0.5	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	-3.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over two years to manage the orderly entry and stay of the 135,000 international pilgrims expected to visit Australia for World Youth Day 2008.

The Government will also waive the visa application charge for pilgrims coming to Australia to attend World Youth Day, resulting in revenue forgone of \$3.2 million in 2007-08.

INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

Australian Tourism Development Programme — extension and enhancement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	5.0	13.3	8.3	8.3

The Government will provide \$34.9 million over four years to extend and enhance the Australian Tourism Development Programme.

The programme provides competitive, merit-based grants to tourism projects across Australia, including projects that promote tourism development in regional and rural areas. The programme aims to increase Australia's attractiveness as a tourism destination.

The extended programme includes \$5.0 million in each of 2007-08 and 2008-09 to provide additional assistance in drought affected areas by funding tourism projects that stimulate, diversify or enhance the region's economic base.

Beaconsfield Miners' Support Fund — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$25,000 in 2006-07 to the AWU Beaconsfield Miners' Support Fund to support miners and their families in Tasmania's Beaconsfield area following the Beaconsfield mine disaster in early 2006.

This measure builds on the Government's decision to grant tax deductibility to the Support Fund, and on the funding of \$8.3 million provided by the Government to establish the Beaconsfield Community Fund.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 29 May 2006 and 21 July 2006 issued by the Prime Minister.

Carbon capture and storage — implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-
Geoscience Australia	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Geoscience Australia	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$18.2 million over four years, including \$9.3 million for Geoscience Australia, to implement a national regulatory and legislative framework, and ongoing regulatory oversight for the emerging area of carbon capture and storage.

This measure includes \$0.3 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for Geoscience Australia for geological and reservoir modelling software.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

COAG — National trade measurement — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	1.1	1.6	2.3	21.4
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-	0.2	0.5
Total	1.1	1.6	2.5	21.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	2.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$30.1 million over four years to establish a national trade measurement system which assumes the role currently undertaken by state and territory governments. Funding of \$0.8 million will be provided to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution for enforcement activities.

The funding will deliver a national licensing system for private sector certifiers of trade measuring instruments and a national trade measurement inspectorate within the National Measurement Institute.

This measure includes \$3.0 million in capital funding from 2009-10 to 2010-11 for leasehold improvements at Australian Government offices.

This measure forms part of an agreement made by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 13 April 2007. Further information can be found in the Communiqué and the COAG Regulatory Reform Plan, available from www.coag.gov.au.

Global Integration — Australian Business Number and business names registration system

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Taxation Office	4.0	7.2	6.7	6.5
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.1
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	0.1	0.1	..	..
IP Australia	..	..	0.1	0.1
Total	5.1	8.0	7.5	6.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Taxation Office	8.4	12.4	-	-
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	0.2	0.4	-	-
IP Australia	0.2	0.2	-	-
Total	8.7	13.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$49.0 million over four years for the design and construction of a single, streamlined online system that will facilitate Australian Business Number and business name registration across Australia, including trademark searching. It is expected that the system, once operational, will deliver significant cost savings for small to medium enterprises.

The measure includes capital funding of \$21.8 million across 2007-08 and 2008-09 for IP Australia, the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to develop the online system.

The system will be implemented in collaboration with the State and Territory governments through the Council of Australian Governments.

See also the related expense measures titled *Global Integration* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources; Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolios; and the related revenue measure titled *Global Integration – extension of the premium 175 per cent research and development tax concession to subsidiaries of multinational enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

Further information can be found in the statement of 1 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Global Integration — Australian Industry Productivity Centres

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	25.8	35.5	35.6	36.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	1.2	0.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$170.8 million over five years (including \$36.2 million in 2011-12) to establish Australian Industry Productivity Centres for the manufacturing and services sectors.

The centres will provide business advisory and diagnostic services to improve the productivity of small to medium businesses.

This measure includes \$1.7 million in capital funding over two years for the establishment of the centres, including an information database and IT networks.

See also the related expense measures titled *Global Integration* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources; Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolios; and the related revenue measure titled *Global Integration – extension of the premium 175 per cent research and development tax concession to subsidiaries of multinational enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

Further information can be found in the statement of 1 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Global Integration — Commercial Ready Plus

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	4.4	8.4	9.6	9.7

The Government will provide \$32.1 million over four years for Commercial Ready Plus, which will be an additional component of the Commercial Ready programme.

Commercial Ready Plus will provide grants on a matching basis to small businesses for research and development, early stage commercialisation and proof of concept activities. Commercial Ready Plus will make it easier for small businesses, including companies emerging from public sector research organisations, to access funds. This will involve a streamlined application process for grants between \$50,000 and \$250,000.

See also the related expense measures titled *Global Integration* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources; Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolios; and the related revenue measure *Global Integration – extension of the premium 175 per cent research and development tax concession to subsidiaries of multinational enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

Further information can be found in the statement of 1 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Global Integration — extending the Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	2.6	11.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.3 million over two years to extend the Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business programme. The programme provides grants for skills development, mentoring, succession planning and incubation services, as well as the Small Business Field Officer service.

See also the related expense measures titled *Global Integration* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources; Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolios; and the related revenue measure titled *Global Integration – extension of the premium 175 per cent research and development tax concession to subsidiaries of multinational enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

Further information can be found in the statement of 1 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Global Integration — Global Opportunities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	15.5	24.8	24.7	25.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i>	2.2	2.1	0.8	0.8

The Government will provide \$122.3 million over five years (including \$26.4 million in 2011-12) to facilitate Australian firms', especially small and medium-sized enterprises, participation in global supply chains and major overseas projects. Global Opportunities includes assistance for firms to identify off-shore opportunities and projects, facilitate the establishment of consortia, prepare project bids, and address onshore impediments and capability deficiencies.

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This measure includes \$6.7 million in capital funding over five years (including \$0.8 million in 2011-12) for the development of website databases.

See also the related expense measures titled *Global Integration* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources; Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolios; and the related revenue measure titled *Global Integration – extension of the premium 175 per cent research and development tax concession to subsidiaries of multinational enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

Further information can be found in the statement of 1 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Global Integration — Intermediary Access programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	1.1	3.6	4.5	5.8

The Government will provide \$20.1 million over five years (including \$5.1 million in 2011-12) to establish the Intermediary Access programme. This measure builds on the successful TechFast and InnovationXchange pilot programmes and will provide grants to assist small and medium-sized firms access intermediary services, which link businesses with other businesses and research institutions, in order to promote knowledge transfer, collaboration and innovation.

See also the related expense measures titled *Global Integration* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources; Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolios; and the related revenue measure titled *Global Integration – extension of the premium 175 per cent research and development tax concession to subsidiaries of multinational enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

Further information can be found in the statement of 1 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Global Integration — National Nanotechnology Strategy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	3.7	4.8	5.7	5.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i>	-	1.0	0.5	-

The Government will provide \$21.5 million over four years to develop and implement a National Nanotechnology Strategy. This funding will support a national approach to emerging health, safety, ethical and environmental issues associated with the use of nanotechnology.

This measure includes capital funding of \$1.0 million in 2008-09 and \$0.5 million in 2009-10 for the development of nanometrology capabilities within the National Measurement Institute.

See also the related expense measures titled *Global Integration* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources; Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolios; and the related revenue measure titled *Global Integration – extension of the premium 175 per cent research and development tax concession to subsidiaries of multinational enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

Further information can be found in the joint statement of 1 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Ministerial Council on Energy policy initiatives — implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	5.6	3.7	2.4	0.4

The Government will provide \$12.7 million over six years (including \$0.3 million in 2011-12 and \$0.2 million in 2012-13) to implement policy initiatives agreed to by the Ministerial Council on Energy as part of the ongoing energy market reform agenda.

Policy initiatives include the next stage of the National Framework for Energy Efficiency, funding for simulations relating to a national liquid fuel emergency and a national gas emergency, and the national rollout of energy smart meters.

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Scottsdale Industry and Community Development Fund — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	8.1	2.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.3 million over three years (including \$153,000 in 2006-07) to establish the Scottsdale Industry and Community Development Fund.

The fund will provide structural adjustment assistance in the form of competitive, merit-based grants to local businesses and groups for new employment creation projects in the Scottsdale region, Tasmania. The fund will also provide \$4.0 million to assist with improvements to road access to the planned eco-tourism development at Musselroe Bay.

Wind turbine industry — assistance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.7 million in 2006-07 to assist the continued operation, under new ownership, of the former Vestas Nacelles wind turbine factory in Burnie, Tasmania.

This measure will support the maintenance of skilled jobs as well as provide for the continuation of a niche, international-standard wind turbine and engineering service in Australia.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

APEC 2007 — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	15.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.5 million in 2007-08 to assist with the costs of hosting the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2007 Leaders' meeting and associated ministerial and business meetings.

The funding relates to additional costs identified in relation to logistics support and security.

Auditing standards — meeting new requirements

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian National Audit Office	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian National Audit Office</i>	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6

The Government will provide \$9.8 million over four years to assist in meeting the requirements of new Australian Auditing Standards.

The cost of this measure will be partially offset by additional revenue of \$2.4 million over four years from fees for the audit of financial statements of entities subject to the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.

Australian Public Service — Registered Training Organisation accreditation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Public Service Commission	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Public Service Commission</i>	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.9 million over four years to assist the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) to achieve and maintain Registered Training Organisation accreditation.

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Accreditation will help address difficulties in staff recruitment and retention in the Australian Public Service (APS) by allowing the APSC to customise courses to the specific needs and requirements of the APS, and providing qualifications to trainees that are recognised outside the APS.

This measure includes \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2007-08 to upgrade the APSC's Learning Management System to ensure that student records meet audit and quality assurance requirements.

Information technology infrastructure and outsourcing capability — investment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Public Service Commission	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Public Service Commission	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million over four years to fund additional IT infrastructure for the Australian Public Service employment portal, enable the Australian Public Service Commission to undertake market testing of its IT services and enhance the Australian Public Service Employment Database.

This measure includes \$0.2 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for database redevelopment.

Migration legislation — two year detention reviews

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years to continue reviewing the cases of persons who have been in detention for more than two years. Funding for the first two years of this programme was provided in the 2005-06 Additional Estimates.

The Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman has legislative responsibility under the *Migration Act 1958* to assess and report on the detention arrangements for each person in detention for more than two years.

Task Group on Emissions Trading

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.2 million in 2006-07 to fund the work undertaken by the joint government-business Task Group on Emissions Trading.

The Task Group is advising on the nature and design of a workable global emissions trading system in which Australia would be able to participate. The Task Group will advise and report on additional steps that might be taken, in Australia, consistent with the goal of establishing such a system. The Task Group is due to present a final report to the Australian Government by 31 May 2007.

Further information can be found in the press release of 10 December 2006 issued by the Prime Minister.

TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

Air transport safety risk mitigation — enhance capability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	2.1	3.5	3.5	3.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</i>	..	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.8 million over four years to enable the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to enhance its operational capabilities in airline safety systems. This reflects the need to respond to the rapid growth of existing carriers and the emergence of new airlines. This measure will allow the Authority to establish a more comprehensive aviation safety oversight model, including increased safety advice, surveillance and audit.

This measure includes capital funding of \$45,000 in 2007-08 for IT support for field staff.

Airservices Australia — payment scheme for en route charges

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0

The Government will provide \$24.0 million over four years to continue the payment scheme for Airservices Australia's en route charges to help support the provision of air services to regional communities. Eligibility under the scheme is unchanged. The scheme continues to support regular public transport operations using aircraft with 15 tonnes or less maximum take-off weight, operators of aeromedical services such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and services provided on sole operator routes by regular public transport operators wholly based in Western Australia using aircraft between 15 and 21 tonnes.

Asbestos — accelerated removal from the Indian Ocean Territories

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	nfp	nfp	-	-

The Government will provide funding over two years for the removal of asbestos from approximately 220 buildings and other infrastructure owned by the Australian Government in the Indian Ocean Territories.

Provision for this funding has been included in the forward estimates and is not for publication as the project will be subject to a competitive tender process.

AusLink 2 — Black Spot Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	45.0	60.0	60.0

The Government will provide \$345.0 million over six years (including \$60.0 million per year from 2011-12 to 2013-14) to continue funding for infrastructure projects in locations with a poor recent crash history or a safety deficiency that is likely to cause crashes. The Black Spot Programme reduces the risk of crashes by providing funding for accident reducing measures such as widening and sealing road shoulders, installing traffic signals and constructing roundabouts at dangerous locations.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 4 April 2007 issued by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services and the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.

AusLink 2 — National Network Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	100.0	300.0	1498.3	1691.6

The Government will provide \$16.8 billion over five years from 2009-10 for a second five-year AusLink programme (AusLink 2) to fund land transport infrastructure projects on the AusLink National Network, a single integrated network of land transport corridors of strategic national importance. Provision for \$7.5 billion of this funding has already been included in the estimates over the five years from 2009-10.

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The Government will also provide an additional \$400.0 million under the first AusLink programme, comprising \$100.0 million in 2007-08 and \$300.0 million in 2008-09, to begin construction on the \$2.3 billion Ipswich Motorway Goodna Bypass between Dinmore and the Logan Interchange near Gailes, in Queensland. Funding for the remainder of this project will be provided under AusLink 2.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 5 March 2007 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

AusLink 2 — Roads to Recovery Programme — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	-	350.0	350.0

The Government will provide around \$1.8 billion over five years from 2009-10 to provide local governments with funding to refurbish and upgrade local roads. Each council is guaranteed a share of the total available Roads to Recovery funding, with special arrangements applying to unincorporated areas and to the Indian Ocean Territories.

AusLink 2 — Strategic Regional Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	-	20.0	25.0

The Government will provide \$300.0 million over five years from 2009-10, to continue the AusLink Strategic Regional Programme under Auslink 2, to provide funding for road, rail and intermodal projects in Australia's regions that will support the growth of regional industry, respond to structural change, or strengthen local social and economic opportunities.

This measure includes funding of \$75.0 million in 2011-12, \$80.0 million in 2012-13 and \$100.0 million in 2013-14.

AusLink Strategic Regional programme — supplementary funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	25.0	100.0	125.0	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$250.0 million in 2006-07 for the AusLink Strategic Regional Programme. The Programme provides funding for road, rail and intermodal projects in Australia's regions that will support the growth of regional industry, respond to structural change, or strengthen local social and economic opportunities. The fiscal impact over three years, 2007-08 to 2009-10, is due to funds being fully expensed as projects are completed.

Australian Maritime College — transfer to the University of Tasmania

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	61.4	-	-	-

The Government will gift the assets of the Australian Maritime College to the University of Tasmania to facilitate integration of the college into the university from 1 January 2008. Integration will ensure the viability of the college as the national centre for maritime education, research and training, and allow for resource rationalisation, leveraging of research capabilities, and the development of new courses.

Australian Red Cross Bushfire Appeals — donations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$50,000 in 2006-07 to each of the Tasmanian and Victorian Red Cross Bushfire Appeals. The cost of this measure was met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 14 and 15 December 2006 issued by the Prime Minister.

Australian Transport Safety Bureau — rail investigation, marine safety reporting and aviation safety functions — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.1 million over three years for the Australian Transport Safety Bureau to continue to undertake activities that contribute to maintaining and improving Australia's transport safety, including interstate rail investigations, maintaining a confidential marine safety reporting scheme, and aviation safety research and data analysis in accordance with Australia's obligations under International Civil Aviation Organisation requirements.

This measure involves funding of \$3.4 million per annum from 2007-08 to 2009-10. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Aviation industry — drug and alcohol testing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	2.0	3.0	3.0	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</i>	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.0 million over three years to enable the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to introduce a regulated drug and alcohol regime for personnel in safety sensitive occupations in the aviation industry, including random drug and alcohol testing for a range of personnel not captured under commercial schemes. This measure includes \$1.0 million in capital funding in 2007-08 for an information system for data collection and analysis.

Bushfire Mitigation Programme — continuation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over four years to continue the Bushfire Mitigation Programme under which grants are provided for the construction, maintenance and signage of fire trail networks. This funding will enhance the safety of fire fighting personnel on the ground, and improve the time in which fire suppression agencies are able to access a fire and the types of resources that can be made available to support their efforts.

Further information can be found in the press release of 27 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Christmas Island precipitator tower — demolition

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide funding for the demolition of the abandoned precipitator tower on Christmas Island, and the appropriate removal and disposal of asbestos from the site.

Provision for this funding has been included in the forward estimates and is not for publication as the project will be subject to a competitive tender process.

National aerial firefighting assistance — increase capability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	10.0	10.2	10.4	10.6

The Government will provide \$41.2 million over four years to assist state and territory governments increase Australia’s aerial firefighting capability. This increased funding will be provided to the National Aerial Firefighting Centre, which has responsibility for the national coordination of leasing and allocation of aerial firefighting resources.

Further information can be found in the press release of 27 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Regional and remote airstrips improvement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	1.5	5.5	7.5	7.5

The Government will provide \$22.0 million over four years for the reconstruction and upgrading of remote and isolated airstrips to meet the basic safety and accessibility requirements for the provision of essential services, including emergency health access. Wherever possible, the grants will be to upgrade airstrips to facilitate year-round, all-weather access. Grants will generally be provided to eligible airstrips on a joint funding basis with state and territory governments and airstrip owners.

South Australian local councils — continuation of supplementary funding for roads

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	13.5	14.0	14.5	15.0

The Government will provide \$57.0 million over four years to councils in South Australia for local roads funding. This funding is a continuation of existing arrangements and is supplementary to the funds provided for local roads in South Australia through financial assistance grants. The funding is a response to an identified disadvantage of South Australia which, in the absence of this intervention, would receive significantly less support than other jurisdictions on both a per person and per kilometre basis in the distribution of the local road grants. Funding will be indexed at the same rate as the financial assistance grants.

Transport safety assistance to Indonesia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	7.7	8.1	8.1	-

The Government will provide \$23.9 million over three years to assist the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to improve the Indonesian aviation and maritime safety systems. The assistance includes joint Australia-Indonesia safety workshops, airport and ship inspections and audits, specific training initiatives to improve the technical skills of Indonesian officials and service providers, assistance with the implementation of new technology and assistance in developing governance frameworks.

This measure will be delivered by the Department of Transport and Regional Services, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and Airservices Australia.

Upgrade of the Launceston levee system — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	13.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.0 million in 2007-08 towards the upgrade of the Launceston levee system to better protect the region from the impacts of flooding. The project is expected to have a total cost of up to \$39.0 million. The Government's contribution is subject to the remaining cost of the project being met by contributions from the Tasmanian and local governments.

Further information can be found in the press release of 3 May 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Women's representation in decision making

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Transport and Regional Services	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.1

The Government will provide \$4.5 million over four years to improve the representation of women on decision-making bodies in regional Australia. Initiatives will include an information strategy targeted at regional boards to promote the value of diversity in decision making and a national conference and awards scheme to encourage greater participation by women.

TREASURY

Australia Post — continuation of funding for competition regulation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.4 million over four years to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to continue the regulation of postal services under the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989* and the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

This measure continues funding of the measure *Increased regulatory oversight of Australia Post* in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2002-03*. It includes funding of \$0.6 million per annum over four years from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority — strengthened capabilities and continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$22.0 million over four years to continue to support the maintenance of high levels of specific industry expertise in the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, and provide a focus on regulating emerging threats to financial stability.

Funding will continue to be fully recovered through levies on the financial sector.

This measure continues the initiative in the 2003-04 Budget *Australian Prudential Regulation Authority – strengthened capabilities in prudential regulation*. This measure involves \$5.5 million per annum over four years from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority — sustaining capabilities in prudential regulation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	6.8	6.0	5.7	5.5
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>	6.8	6.0	5.7	5.5

The Government will provide \$24.1 million over four years to address the increased complexity of the financial services sectors that the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority is required to regulate and monitor. The funding will enable the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority to continue to maintain required levels of specific industry expertise.

Funding will be fully recovered through levies on the financial sector.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission — information technology security and risk mitigation phase 2 and application development

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	19.6	23.6	15.1	2.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>	37.0	13.5	5.7	-

The Government will provide \$116.7 million over four years (including capital funding of \$56.2 million) for the redevelopment of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's IT systems. This includes funding for migrating the Commission's systems to new platforms and technologies, improving the useability of its website, addressing enforcement needs, and implementing new document collection and management systems.

COAG — performance benchmarking for Australian business regulation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Productivity Commission	2.4	3.1	3.2	3.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Productivity Commission</i>	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.3 million over four years (including capital funding of \$0.5 million) to allow the Productivity Commission to benchmark the regulatory burden faced by business across jurisdictions. The process will provide the basis for further reductions in the cost of regulation for businesses.

Funding in 2010-11 is contingent on the outcomes of a review of the benchmarking exercise to be completed in 2009-10.

This measure forms part of an agreement made by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 13 April 2007. Further information can be found in the Communiqué, available from www.coag.gov.au.

Debt collection enhancement — reducing taxation debt and outstanding superannuation guarantee charge payments

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Taxation Office	44.5	46.4	46.1	42.8
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	5.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	3.0	4.3	4.2	3.7
<i>Total</i>	8.0	49.3	49.2	48.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	3.3	1.3	1.3	-

The Government will provide \$125.7 million over four years (including \$5.9 million in capital over three years) to help reduce the existing stock of taxation debt and outstanding superannuation guarantee charge payments owed by employers. The remaining \$60.0 million of expenses reflects the expected transfer of superannuation guarantee charge payments to employees' superannuation accounts. The enhanced debt recovery will ensure that the level of collectable taxation debt is manageable over the longer term.

The enhanced debt recovery is expected to result in additional revenue collection of \$140.0 million over four years. Total tax related cash collections and superannuation guarantee cash receipts, including amounts previously recognised as revenue, are expected to increase by \$1.4 billion over four years.

This process is also expected to result in additional GST collections for the States and Territories. The Department of the Treasury will recover \$15.2 million over four years from the States and Territories for the cost of administering the additional GST collections.

See also the related item titled *Debt collection enhancement — reducing taxation debt and outstanding superannuation guarantee charge payments* in Appendix C of Budget Paper No. 3.

Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-
Australian Customs Service	-	-	-	-
<i>Total</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will refine and clarify the operation of the *Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Act 2004* and related provisions to reduce compliance burdens and better support the scheme's policy intent. The measure will take effect from the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

The scheme provides grants to:

- offset the excise duty and excise-equivalent customs duty payable on certain renewable fuels (currently biodiesel and renewable diesel); and
- promote the production of low sulphur conventional fuels before their mandated standards under the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000* are brought in.

Currently, entitlement to a grant occurs when the fuel effectively enters the market in its final form. This approach has led to an increased compliance burden associated with the tracking of renewable fuels through the excise system to the point of final entry to the market.

The measure will reduce compliance costs by shifting entitlement to receive the renewable fuels grant to the point of production or importation of fuels that meet the relevant fuel standards.

The arrangements for low sulphur conventional fuels will remain substantially unchanged.

Financial Reporting Council — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years to continue to support the expanded role of the Financial Reporting Council under Part 9 of the Government's Corporate Law Economic Reform Programme. The Council's role includes oversight of audit standard setting and auditor independence issues.

This measure continues funding of *Financial Reporting Council – funding to support expanded role* in the 2003-04 Budget. This measure involves funding of \$1.0 million per annum over four years from 2007-08. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

New Business Intensive Assistance Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Taxation Office	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

The Government will provide \$40.0 million over four years to enable the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to increase support it provides to new businesses, particularly those that prepare their own Business Activity Statements, with effect from 1 July 2007.

This measure will enable the ATO to conduct more face-to-face visits and telephone visits to new businesses, assisting them to understand their GST and other record keeping obligations and to develop good record keeping procedures.

Pre-filling of tax returns for individuals with simple affairs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Taxation Office	20.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$20 million in 2007-08 to enable the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to pre-fill electronic tax returns for around nine million taxpayers, with effect from the 2007-08 income year.

The ATO will pre-fill electronic returns with information on:

- salary, wages and allowances, where the employer has lodged the employee's payment summary electronically with the ATO;
- dividend and interest income and distributions from managed funds;

- payments from Centrelink, the Department of Education, Science and Technology and the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- Medicare out-of-pocket expenses and private health insurance information; and
- Higher Education Contribution Scheme and Higher Education Loan Programme details.

Taxpayers with additional sources of income, such as rental income, capital gains or foreign-source income, will need to augment their returns with that information, as would individuals whose employer had not lodged payment summaries electronically with the ATO.

This measure will make completing income tax returns significantly easier for the 80 per cent of individual taxpayers who use e-tax or lodge their returns through a tax agent.

Simplified Superannuation — additional funding for implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Taxation Office	40.5	38.0	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$78.5 million over two years for information and communications technology (ICT) costs for delivering simplified superannuation reform.

The additional funding reflects revised estimates of the ICT costs associated with implementing the reforms.

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Standard Business Reporting

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Australian Customs Service	-	-	-	-
Department of Finance and Administration	-	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.3 million in 2006-07 to develop systems to reduce the reporting burden on business in a coordinated and consistent manner. Funding will be used to work with relevant agencies to develop new policy proposals for significant, sustained reductions in the reporting burden.

Funding of \$1.7 million will be provided to the Department of the Treasury, \$1.5 million to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (including \$0.9 million for development of whole-of-government infrastructure), and \$0.4 million to the Department of Finance and Administration (to be offset from within existing resourcing) to establish a single coordination and support authority for Standard Business Reporting.

Costs of \$2.1 million will be met from the existing resourcing of the Australian Taxation Office, and costs of \$1.5 million will be met from the existing resourcing of the Australian Customs Service.

Superannuation — additional Government co-contribution

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

The Government will provide \$1,070 million in 2006-07 to pay a one-off additional superannuation co-contribution for those persons who made eligible contributions in the 2005-06 income year. This will double the co-contribution paid in respect of that year.

For example, if a person was eligible for a co-contribution of \$1,500 in respect of the 2005-06 income year they will now receive an extra co-contribution of \$1,500, making a total co-contribution of \$3,000. If they were eligible for a \$500 co-contribution they will receive a total co-contribution of \$1,000 for the year.

In the majority of cases the additional co-contribution will be paid to superannuation funds before 30 June 2007, at a cost of \$990 million in 2006-07 on an underlying cash basis. Remaining amounts will be paid in 2007-08, at an estimated cost of \$80 million on an underlying cash basis.

Suspending GST compensation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Treasury	-18.2	-19.1	-20.1	-21.1

The Australian Government compensates the States in respect of the cost of its decision to allow certain small businesses and non-profit organisations to pay their GST liability on an annual rather than monthly or quarterly basis. This ensures that the full financial impact of the decision is borne by the Australian Government, rather than the States. As part of the compensation arrangements, it was agreed that once final tax return data was available there would be an ex-post adjustment to account for any over or under-payment of compensation for a particular year.

Final tax return data for 2004-05 now indicates that the impact of the policy decision on GST revenue was lower than forecast. Consequently, there has been an overpayment of compensation to the States.

To prevent further overpayment, the Australian Government will suspend future compensation payments until final tax return data for 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 is available, and then acquit accounts with the States based on a net present value calculation of the required compensation.

This is expected to provide an estimated saving of \$95.7 million over five years to 2010-11 including \$17.2 million in 2006-07.

Further information is contained in Budget Paper No. 3.

Treasury — additional resourcing

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Treasury	6.6	6.7	6.8	7.0

The Government will provide \$27.2 million over four years to the Department of the Treasury to help sustain its role as a key central policy agency and to provide timely and comprehensive policy advice to the Treasurer and the Government.

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Understanding Money — building Australia's financial literacy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of the Treasury	6.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.0 million in 2007-08 to the Department of the Treasury for two activities to be undertaken by the Financial Literacy Foundation, with \$4.0 million to be provided to extend the *Understanding Money* media campaign, and \$2.0 million to be provided to increase professional development opportunities for teachers to support implementation of the National Consumer and Financial Literacy Framework.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Above General Rate component of Disability Pension — increases to the Special and Intermediate Rates

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	38.7	40.4	41.4	42.2
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Total	37.9	39.6	40.6	41.4

The Government will increase the veterans' Disability Pension for Special Rate and Intermediate Rate recipients by \$50 and \$25 per fortnight respectively, from 3 July 2007, at an estimated cost of \$162.8 million over four years (including funding of \$43,000 in 2006-07). This measure will benefit around 29,600 veterans who receive either the Special Rate or Intermediate Rate of Disability Pension because their injuries or diseases, related to war or defence service on behalf of Australia, limit their earning capacity.

The increase to the Special Rate and Intermediate Rate will also result in savings of \$3.2 million as the veterans' Disability Pension is taken into account for income testing arrangements for the Age and Disability Support Pension and other benefits paid under the *Social Security Act 1991*. The net cost of the measure is \$159.6 million over five years.

Aircraft maintenance personnel — expansion of Better Health Programme

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will expand the eligibility criteria for the Better Health Programme to include those participants in the Study of Health Outcomes in Aircraft Maintenance Personnel Health Care Scheme who were involved in ad hoc maintenance tasks on F-111 aircraft, at an estimated cost of \$0.4 million per annum over four years from 2007-08. This programme provides cancer screening for civilians and Australian Defence Force personnel (current and former) who were engaged in tasks associated with F-111 aircraft maintenance and repairs.

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This measure expands the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05* measure *Aircraft maintenance personnel – cancer and health screening and disease prevention* and is expected to provide access for 860 people to relevant cancer and health screening services.

The cost of this measure will be met from existing resources for the Better Health Programme.

Australian Interpretive Centre on the Western Front, France — preliminary design phase

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2.4	0.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.8 million over two years to undertake a preliminary design phase for the proposal to build an Australian Interpretive Centre on the Western Front, France. The centre will enhance understanding and recognition of Australia's involvement on the Western Front in World War I.

The preliminary design phase will focus on refining a design for the centre and will include the Department of Veterans' Affairs seeking the necessary support from the French authorities to build the centre.

The report of the preliminary design phase will be completed before final consideration of the building proposal.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 April 2007 issued by the Prime Minister.

Commemoration and war graves maintenance — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide additional funding of \$2.0 million over four years to the Office of Australian War Graves to undertake maintenance of ageing war cemeteries, war graves and other official memorials in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Norfolk Island.

This measure will ensure that Australian war cemeteries, war graves and official memorials are maintained according to the standards required by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Commemorative activities — construction of an ANZAC memorial in New Zealand

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.4	2.4	1.1	..

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over four years to the Office of Australian War Graves for the construction of a new ANZAC memorial in New Zealand. This memorial will commemorate the ANZAC alliance and increase awareness of the shared history between Australia and New Zealand during times of war.

Commemorative activities — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over four years to continue the Commemorative Activities Programme. This programme provides for the maintenance of Australia's overseas war memorials and the construction of new overseas memorials by the Office of Australian War Graves. National memorials overseas commemorate those who served Australia in times of war.

This measure involves funding of \$1.3 million in 2007-08, and \$1.4 million per annum in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Commemorative activities — overseas memorials

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide \$1.4 million over four years to the Office of Australian War Graves for the maintenance of unofficial overseas memorials. This funding will help preserve these private memorials, especially where ageing veterans groups face difficulty attending to their upkeep. The memorials are mainly on World War II battlefields and eligibility for maintenance funding will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

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Community Care Grants Programme — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.7 million over four years to continue the Community Care Grants Programme. This programme improves the independence and quality of life of veterans, war widows and war widowers living in the community by providing grants to community organisations to increase access to community care services and residential and community-based respite care. The programme also targets preventative health measures.

This measure involves funding of \$1.6 million in 2007-08, and \$1.7 million per annum in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-2011. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Ex-Prisoners of War (Europe) — one-off payment to former Prisoners of War or surviving widows

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	16.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$57.2 million over two years (including \$41.1 million in 2006-07) to make one-off payments of \$25,000 to Australian former Prisoners of War in Europe, or their surviving widows on 1 January 2007.

Medications management

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Medicare Australia	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.9
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-1.0	-7.4	-9.5	-11.4
Total	-0.1	-6.9	-8.8	-10.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Medicare Australia	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will introduce a programme to assist those veterans living independently, and who have difficulty managing their medications, to do so more effectively. This measure is expected to result in better medicine management by veterans, which will reduce demand for primary health care services, avoidable admissions to hospitals and delays in admissions to residential aged care facilities.

This measure is expected to lead to savings of \$32.3 million and will cost \$6.9 million (including \$0.1 million in 2006-07) to administer, resulting in net savings of \$25.4 million over four years.

Respite care for veterans — fee increase for in-home care

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.6

The Government will provide \$10.4 million over four years to increase the hourly fee paid for the provision of in-home respite care services to veterans from \$29.20 per hour currently, to \$34.03 per hour from 1 July 2007. This will help ensure that eligible veterans, war widows and widowers retain access to high quality in-home respite services. This funding is in addition to existing in-home respite funding of \$96.6 million over four years provided under the Veterans' Home Care programme.

Veteran community — supporting carers and volunteers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	..	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over four years to community advisors and ex-service organisations to offer support to volunteers and carers in the veteran community. This measure will promote the health and wellbeing of veterans and war widows and widowers through improved access to, and awareness of, relevant health services and programmes in the community.

This measure includes \$2,000 in capital funding in 2007-08 for software development.

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Veterans — increase in funeral benefits

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	10.1	9.9	10.1	9.8

The Government will increase the maximum funeral benefit for eligible veterans under the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986* from \$1,000 to \$2,000 at an estimated cost of \$39.9 million over four years.

Funeral benefits are paid for veterans who were prisoners of war, or who were receiving either the Special Rate or Extreme Disablement Adjustment rate of pension, or an allowance as a multiple amputee. Funeral benefits may also be paid in certain other circumstances.

Veterans' care — better hospital discharge planning

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-3.4	-7.1	-7.2	-7.4

The Government will provide \$21.0 million over four years to ensure veterans who are Gold and White Health Care Card holders are assisted with better access to required health care and ongoing care when discharged from private hospitals.

This programme will support veterans by reducing hospital re-admissions, and complements the 2004-05 Budget measure *Pathways Home Programme – aligning hospital policy for veterans* which has successfully reduced re-admissions on discharge from public hospitals.

It is expected that the measure will lead to savings in payments to private hospitals of \$46.1 million, resulting in net savings of \$25.1 million over four years.

War Widows Pension — longer backdating period

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
Medicare Australia	..	..	..	..
Department of Health and Ageing	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Total	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4

The Government will allow war widows who claim a War Widows Pension following the death of their spouse an additional three months to claim a backdated pension, at an estimated cost of \$5.6 million over four years. From 1 July 2007 war widows who claim the pension within six months of their spouse's death will have their pension backdated to the time of death. The extended application period will reduce costs in other programmes which will no longer need to be accessed by the war widows, resulting in \$0.5 million in savings for the Department of Health and Ageing and \$50,000 in savings for Medicare Australia.

