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NEW MEASURES

This table describes new Budget measures and outlines actual resourcing applied to each measure. The Government's total environment-related expenditure in these activities exceeds the amount shown in the table below.

Table 1.2: Howard Government environment-related new measures, 2003-04 to 2006-07

Title of Initiative	2003-04 \$m	2004-05 \$m	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m
Environment and Heritage Portfolio				
Distinctively Australian	1.3	3.2	4.0	4.8
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust - returning foreshores to the people	15.0	21.5	23.5	22.5
Great Barrier Reef Coastal Wetland Protection Programme	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
World Class Weather Forecasting ^(a)	7.5	7.7	7.9	8.1
Shipping support for Australia's Antarctic Programme	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4
National Oceans Office - Leading Oceans Management	9.1	9.1	-	-
ABRS - furthering our biological knowledge base	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Enhanced environment protection	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.5
Urban Environment Initiatives - Sustainable Cities	1.4	2.4	6.8	6.4
Education, Science and Training Portfolio				
Radioactive Waste Repository	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
International Centre of Excellence - Water Resources Management	1.5	3.0	2.2	-
Transport and Regional Services Portfolio				
Disaster Mitigation Australia Package	6.2	13.2	16.5	16.3
Confidential Marine Incident Reporting System	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Joint Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia and Customs Initiative				
Surveillance and Enforcement Programme - to provide for the protection of Australia's Southern Ocean Waters	12.0	-	-	-
Total	81.8	87.2	88.0	84.6

- (a) This contributes to the maintenance of the climate record which is essential to monitoring and modelling long term climate change. Accurate weather forecasting is also fundamental to the ability of the Bureau of Meteorology to model pollution and related hazard events.

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scientific programmes in the Southern Ocean, the Antarctic continent and the sub-Antarctic islands.

Confidential marine incident reporting system

The Government has committed \$0.7 million to establish a confidential reporting system to report marine safety incidents. The system will support the operations of the Australian Transport Bureau, which investigates incidents such as the 1999 *Laura D'Amato* oil spill in Sydney Harbour.

The reporting system will enhance marine safety and environmental protection.

Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) — furthering our biodiversity knowledge base

As one of the 17 most biologically diverse nations on earth, it is essential that we fill the many gaps in our knowledge about our biodiversity if we are to adequately manage and protect it. The Australian Biological Resources Study provides the taxonomic knowledge necessary for the conservation and sustainable use of Australia's biodiversity, with an increasingly comprehensive and authoritative print and Internet-based database.

The Government has committed \$12.4 million over four years to maintain the currency of the Australian Biological Resources Study's biodiversity knowledge base, further our knowledge of micro-organisms, and communicate that knowledge to land managers and other clients. There will be an increasing emphasis on online delivery.

Enhanced environment protection

The Government, with the support of the Australian Democrats and Senator Lees, will provide funding of \$15.8 million over four years to implement and enhance a range of activities relating to the national standards for air quality, fuel quality, the management and control of chemicals, pollutants, hazardous waste and ozone depleting substances.