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FOREWORD

The costings of the measures in this document are consistent with those contained in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2005-06* and the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*. The costings may differ in some cases from those contained in election documentation, as a result of refinements made through the *Charter of Budget Honesty* process and reflecting final decisions on implementation issues. This document does not include measures contained in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004*.

Notes

- (a) The following definitions are used in this Budget Paper:
 - ‘real’ means adjusted for the effect of inflation;
 - real growth in expenses is measured by the non-farm Gross Domestic Product deflator;
 - Budget year refers to 2005-06, while the forward years refer to 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09; and
 - one billion is equal to one thousand million.
- (b) Figures in tables and generally in the text have been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.
- (c) For the budget balance, a negative sign indicates a deficit while no sign indicates a surplus.
- (d) The following notations are used:
 - * The nature of this measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.
 - NEC/nec not elsewhere classified
 - AEST Australian Eastern Standard Time
 - Nil
 - .. not zero, but rounded to zero
 - na not available
 - nfp not for publication
 - \$m \$ million

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

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

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

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

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Introduction

The 2005-06 Budget implements a range of election policies that are designed to keep Australia strong.

The Government is dedicated to achieving a prosperous Australian community, which is safe and secure, and where all members of society have opportunities to contribute to the economy and share the rewards of this Government's responsible economic management. Its approach continues to be based on improving productivity and workplace participation.

The election commitments outlined in this document testify to the determination of this Government to furthering these goals. As promised, the Government will:

- Consolidate our approach to national security, by strengthening Australia's counter-terrorism capability, and by providing the resources for a proactive and innovative regional engagement strategy to combat terrorism;
- Protect Australia's borders, by enhancing our ability to battle people-smuggling and illegal entry;
- Provide extra assistance to families, by lifting the maximum rate of Family Tax Benefit Part B, assisting families with child care costs through the 30 per cent Child Care Tax Rebate, and by improving the access of grandparents to Child Care Benefit;
- Further recognise senior Australians, by providing more help to self-funded retirees, through the new Seniors Concession Allowance, and older Australians on income support, through the new Utilities Allowance, and by increasing assistance to carers;
- Improve opportunities for Indigenous Australians, with a focus on education, economic development and mobility programmes;
- Enhance education initiatives, including measures to extend youth allowance to New Apprentices, the *A Billion Dollar Investment in Our Schools* package and the establishment of the Australian Technical Colleges;

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- Enhance health care initiatives, including investing in after-hours GP services, increasing support to Australians living with cancer and Australians living with dementia, implementing initiatives to tackle mental health problems, in addition to increasing the private health insurance rebate for older Australians and lifting the Medicare rebate to 100 per cent of the schedule fee for GPs, the funding of which were reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004*;
- Invest in Australia's water future, through the establishment of the \$2.0 billion water fund; and
- Reduce impediments to home-based businesses, by reducing tax through the new 25 per cent Entrepreneurs' Tax Discount, and by extending the Simplified Tax System to small businesses that account on an accruals basis.

These and the other election promises outlined in this document complement the Government's other budget measures, and build on policies already implemented by the Government to create a safer, stronger, richer and fairer Australia. Through measures such as these, the Government confirms its commitment to creating opportunity, and improving the living standard of all Australians.

COMMITMENTS MET

Summary

Table 1: Summary of commitments met

Page		2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY						
Expense						
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>						
16	Australian Animal Welfare Strategy	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	
16	Australian HomeGrown Campaign	-	-	-	-	
17	Australian Seafood Industry Council	-	-	-	-	
17	Biosecurity risk analysis and research – centre of excellence	1.8	1.8	1.9	-	
17	Defeating the weed menace	10.0	12.0	8.0	-	
18	Food processing in regional Australia	4.5	4.5	2.7	-	
18	Industry Partnerships Programme	5.0	5.0	5.0	-	
19	International Food and Agriculture Service – exporting Australian agriculture to emerging markets	-	-	-	-	
19	National Livestock Identification System	5.0	5.0	5.0	-	
20	RecFish Australia – additional funding	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	
20	Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme	5.0	5.0	5.0	-	
Portfolio total - Expense		33.1	34.8	29.0	1.2	
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S						
Revenue						
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>						
21	Tariff concessions – removal of three per cent tariff on wind turbine components	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	
Portfolio total - Revenue		-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	
Expense						
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>						
Australian Customs Service						
21	– additional detector dogs	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	
29	– biological and chemical agent screening capability	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9	
22	– Customs post in Beijing	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	
22	– Customs post in Jakarta	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	
30	– new mail screening technology	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.8	
22	– unmanned aerial vehicle trial	0.4	-	-	-	
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>						
Australian Federal Police						
23	– additional counter-terrorism teams	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8	
23	– additional intelligence officers and other specialists	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	
24	– enhanced capacity building	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	
24	– enhanced counter-terrorism surveillance	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	
24	– enhanced language training	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	
25	– national child sex offenders strike team	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.4	

Table 1: Summary of commitments met (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
25	Counter-terrorism – expanded exercise programme	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
26	Local government – developing a national strategic plan	-	-	-	-
26	Local Grants Scheme – emergency management and security	9.4	9.7	9.8	-
	National Community Crime Prevention Programme				
27	– Australia-wide	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
27	– Western Sydney	2.0	2.0	2.0	-
28	National Emergency Volunteers Support Fund – establishment	4.9	5.0	5.1	-
28	Office of Local Government Emergency Management	0.6	0.6	0.6	-
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Providing for Australia's Security					
31	– business liaison unit	-	-	-	-
32	– counter-terrorism intelligence cooperation and joint training centre	4.3	4.9	5.0	5.0
31	– enhanced border control systems	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0
30	– linguistic capability	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
29	Review of criminal penalties in Commonwealth legislation	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total - Expense					
		62.1	63.4	64.2	41.9
Capital					
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>					
Australian Customs Service					
21	– additional detector dogs	-	-	-	-
29	– biological and chemical agent screening capability	4.2	1.9	1.1	-
22	– Customs post in Beijing	-	-	-	-
22	– Customs post in Jakarta	-	-	-	-
30	– new mail screening technology	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
Australian Federal Police					
23	– additional counter-terrorism teams	-	-	-	-
23	– additional intelligence officers and other specialists	-	-	-	-
24	– enhanced counter-terrorism surveillance	-	-	-	-
25	– national child sex offenders strike team	-	-	-	-
30	Australian Institute of Police Management – improved facilities	6.1	3.4	0.4	-
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
25	Counter-terrorism – expanded exercise programme	-	-	-	-
26	Local government – developing a national strategic plan	-	-	-	-
26	Local Grants Scheme – emergency management and security	-	-	-	-
	National Community Crime Prevention Programme				
27	– Australia-wide	-	-	-	-
27	– Western Sydney	-	-	-	-
28	National Emergency Volunteers Support Fund – establishment	-	-	-	-
28	Office of Local Government Emergency Management	-	-	-	-

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)					
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
	Providing for Australia's Security				
32	– counter-terrorism intelligence cooperation and joint training centre	0.7	-	-	-
31	– enhanced border control systems	0.9	0.9	-	-
	Portfolio total - Capital	11.8	6.2	1.5	-
COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS					
Expense					
<i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>					
33	Ausfilm – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i>					
33	Australian Broadcasting Corporation – improving ABC local radio coverage of Dubbo, Geelong and Wagga Wagga and their surrounding areas	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Australian Film Commission</i>					
	Australian Film Commission				
34	– developing Australian film	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
34	– Screen Culture	2.3	2.3	2.3	-
<i>Australian Film, Television and Radio School</i>					
34	Australian Film, Television and Radio School – multi-platform courses and a Screen Business Skills Centre	3.0	3.0	3.0	-
<i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>					
35	Books Alive – extension of funding	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
35	Community broadcasters – increased assistance with meeting transmission costs	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
35	Community broadcasting – training fund	0.5	0.6	0.6	-
36	Community heritage grants	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
36	Deaflympic Games Melbourne 2005	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>					
36	Elite athlete support – additional funding	3.0	-	-	-
<i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>					
37	Festivals Australia – Australian Stories	0.5	0.5	0.5	-
37	Film Australia – Australian Stories	2.5	2.5	2.5	-
37	Film Finance Corporation Australia – additional funding	10.0	10.0	10.0	-
38	Indigenous art – training and facilities	1.0	1.0	1.0	-
38	Kardinia Park redevelopment – contribution	-	-	-	-
38	Kogarah Oval upgrade	2.8	2.9	-	-
39	Metro Broadband Blackspots Programme	10.0	20.0	20.0	-
39	NetAlert National CyberSafe Programme – additional funding	1.3	-	-	-
<i>Australian Broadcasting Authority</i>					
39	NewsRadio – extension of transmission areas	0.2	0.2	-	-
<i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i>					
39	NewsRadio – extension of transmission areas	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

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Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS (continued)					
<i>Australia Council</i>					
40	'Noise' youth arts festival – additional funding	1.3	1.3	1.3	-
<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>					
40	Paralympic sport – additional funding	2.0	2.0	2.0	-
<i>Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i>					
40	Penrith stadium upgrade – contribution	-	-	-	-
41	Regional Arts Fund – additional funding	1.3	1.4	1.4	-
41	Sporting and recreational organisations and facilities – contribution	-	-	-	-
42	Tough on drugs in sport – additional funding	1.3	1.3	1.3	-
43	Water and alpine safety	2.5	2.5	2.5	-
43	Whitten Oval redevelopment – contribution	4.0	-	-	-
<i>Australia Council</i>					
44	Young and Emerging Artists Initiative – extension of funding	-	1.3	1.3	-
Portfolio total – Expense					
		58.2	61.4	58.3	3.7
Capital					
<i>National Museum of Australia</i>					
44	National Museum of Australia – Exhibitions and Public Programmes	1.1	3.5	5.2	1.1
Portfolio total – Capital					
		1.1	3.5	5.2	1.1
CROSS PORTFOLIO					
Expense					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
45	Efficiency dividend – increase in the rate from 1 per cent to 1.25 per cent	-38.9	-93.5	-149.8	-163.2
45	Strengthening Tasmania	10.2	4.9	1.1	..
Portfolio total – Expense					
		-28.7	-88.6	-148.7	-163.2
DEFENCE					
Expense					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
48	Australian Defence Medal – establishment	-	-	-	-
48	Capability and Technology Demonstrator Programme	-	-	-	-
48	Defence Health – creation of a new leadership position	-	-	-	-
49	Defence industry skills development	-	-	-	-
49	Former HMAS PLATYPUS, Neutral Bay – site remediation	-	-	-	-
50	North-West Shelf surveillance	-	52.4	27.3	13.1
Portfolio total – Expense					
		-	52.4	27.3	13.1
Capital					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
50	Joint Combined Training Centres – implementation	-	-	-	-
50	North-West Shelf surveillance	-	8.4	-	-
Portfolio total - Capital					
		-	8.4	-	-

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Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING					
Revenue					
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>					
55	James Cook University – Additional Veterinary Science and Tropical Agriculture Places	-	..	..	0.1
93	Strengthening Cancer Care – radiation therapy internships and undergraduate places	..	..	..	..
	Portfolio total - Revenue	..	..	..	0.1
Expense					
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>					
51	Assistance for isolated children – increasing the Basic Boarding Allowance and the Distance Education Allowance	17.5	18.1	18.8	19.4
51	Australian network of industry career advisors	27.5	37.7	38.7	39.4
52	Australian Technical Colleges	65.4	86.3	102.5	95.0
52	Charles Darwin University – improved information technology infrastructure	0.5	0.5	-	-
53	Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships	15.3	29.4	30.3	31.1
53	Continuation of the Australian Government Quality Teacher Programme	-13.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
54	Indigenous Youth Leadership	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.7
54	Indigenous Youth Mobility	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0
54	Institute for Trade Skill Excellence	4.3	6.8	6.8	4.8
James Cook University					
55	– Additional Veterinary Science and Tropical Agriculture Places	1.7	3.1	4.2	5.0
55	– Veterinary Science School	6.0	-	-	-
56	New Apprentice poaching – adjusting incentive payments	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
56	New Apprentices – increased residential support	0.5	1.7	1.8	1.8
56	New Apprenticeship incentives – broadening eligibility	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.9
57	New Apprenticeships Access Programme – additional places	12.6	12.8	13.0	13.2
57	Pre-vocational training in trades	4.4	4.4	5.5	5.6
57	School infrastructure – investing in our schools	247.4	271.0	270.7	95.8
58	School term hostels	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.7
58	School-based New Apprentices in the trades – increased opportunities	1.4	4.4	8.9	11.3
93	Strengthening Cancer Care – radiation therapy internships and undergraduate places	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.6
59	Tool kits for New Apprentices in skill shortage trades	28.7	29.5	30.4	31.2
59	University of Western Sydney – infrastructure projects	8.0	8.0	9.0	-
59	Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy – extending payments to New Apprentices	117.3	126.8	136.2	142.4
	Portfolio total - Expense	555.8	652.0	689.0	507.8
Capital					
<i>Department of Education, Science and Training</i>					
55	James Cook University – Additional Veterinary Science and Tropical Agriculture Places	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total - Capital	-	-	-	-

Table 1: Summary of commitments met (continued)

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
Expense					
	<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>				
61	Australian Workplace Agreements – encouraging uptake by small business	3.0	3.0	3.0	-
68	Carer Payment – increasing opportunities to undertake work, study or training	..	..	..	..
61	Indigenous entrepreneurs – financial literacy strategy	2.0	1.0	1.0	-
62	Occupational Health and Safety Advisers for small business	3.5	3.5	-	-
	<i>Australian Industrial Relations Commission</i>				
62	Workplace Dispute Settlement Pilot Programme	1.3	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>				
62	Workplace Dispute Settlement Pilot Programme	0.2	-	-	-
	Portfolio total - Expense	10.0	7.5	4.0	-
ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE					
Expense					
	<i>Department of the Environment and Heritage</i>				
63	Australian Water Fund – Community Water Grants(a)	54.9	54.9	54.9	30.0
64	Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities	4.8	22.1	22.6	25.2
64	Green Stamp Programme	-0.2	-	0.2	-
65	Hydrogen Fuel Depots and Buses – scoping study	-	-	-	-
65	National Recycling Telephone Hotline	-	-	-	-
66	Regional marine planning – extension	9.4	-	-	-
66	St Mary's Cathedral and the Church of St Mary's Star of the Sea – restoration	5.0	-	-	-
66	Used oil recycling – uptake of technologies	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total - Expense	73.9	77.0	77.7	55.2
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES					
Expense					
	<i>Department of Family and Community Services</i>				
67	Accommodation bonds – exemption from assets tests	9.9	10.8	12.9	15.1
68	Carer Payment – increasing opportunities to undertake work, study or training	2.4	6.0	10.3	15.4
68	Community organisations – one-off grants	-	-	-	-
69	Family Tax Benefit Part B Supplement	253.5	265.8	271.5	277.8
69	Grandparents who care for children – increasing child care assistance	18.6	23.6	28.8	30.5
117	Personal income tax – 30 per cent child care tax rebate	12.9	15.6	20.9	25.6
70	Seniors Concession Allowances for self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	60.2	64.5	69.1	73.8
	Stronger Families and Communities Strategy				
70	– increased funding for Communities for Children	4.9	9.7	9.7	8.1
71	– increased funding for Local Answers	8.4	20.8	28.3	19.6
71	– increased funding for Volunteer Small Equipment Grants	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.1

(a) This is offset from National Competition Policy payments, currently allocated in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Table 1: Summary of commitments met (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (continued)					
<i>Australian Sports Drug Agency</i>					
42	Tough on drugs in sport – additional funding	2.5	2.5	2.5	-
<i>Department of Family and Community Services</i>					
72	Utilities Allowance for senior Australians on income support	145.0	151.9	159.5	168.3
72	Women's Leadership and Development Programme	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.6
73	Women's Safety Agenda	15.2	15.9	15.5	16.1
Portfolio total - Expense					
		541.1	594.2	636.4	653.9
Capital					
<i>Department of Family and Community Services</i>					
69	Family Tax Benefit Part B Supplement	0.5	-	-	-
<i>Centrelink</i>					
59	Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy – extending payments to New Apprentices	2.7	1.2	-	-
Portfolio total - Capital					
		3.2	1.2	-	-
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION					
Expense					
<i>Future Fund Management Agency</i>					
74	Future Fund – implementation and administration	6.3	7.9	7.9	8.1
<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>					
74	National Portrait Gallery building	0.6	0.6	0.3	-
Portfolio total - Expense					
		6.8	8.4	8.2	8.1
Capital					
<i>Future Fund Management Agency</i>					
74	Future Fund – implementation and administration	1.0	-	-	-
<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>					
74	National Portrait Gallery building	20.0	30.0	-	-
Portfolio total - Capital					
		21.0	30.0	-	-
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
Expense					
<i>Australian Trade Commission</i>					
76	Export Hubs	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
76	Export Market Development Grants Scheme	10.0	10.0	-	-
77	Trade facilitation – additional export facilitators for the United States market	3.0	3.0	-	-
Portfolio total - Expense					
		13.8	13.8	0.8	0.8
Capital					
<i>Australian Trade Commission</i>					
76	Export Hubs	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total - Capital					
		-	-	-	-

Table 1: Summary of commitments met (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
HEALTH AND AGEING					
Expense					
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
67	Accommodation bonds – exemption from assets tests	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.1
Dementia					
78	– a national health priority	15.4	16.3	16.6	17.1
78	– Extended Aged Care at Home places	15.6	44.0	74.4	91.1
79	– training for carers	4.1	6.8	7.0	7.2
79	Diabetes – support for research	5.0	10.4	10.8	7.6
79	Fernlea House palliative care hospice	-	-	-	-
80	Gippsland Lakes Community Health – contribution	0.3	0.3	-	-
80	Investing in Stronger Regions – practice nurses in rural areas	2.2	3.4	4.7	5.4
81	Medical Bionics Centre	-	-	-	-
81	Medicare – eligible Magnetic Resonance Imaging units for Dubbo and Gippsland	2.0	2.3	2.8	2.6
Mental health					
82	– expansion of Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Initiative	8.4	10.5	10.7	10.9
82	– funding for <i>beyondblue</i>	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.6
83	– youth mental health	15.5	15.8	16.1	16.4
83	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – price reduction for new brand listings	-129.1	-251.6	-276.8	-302.1
Round the Clock Medicare					
84	– After-hours Primary Care Programme	-	-	-	-
84	– grants for after-hours GP services	5.2	10.8	11.7	11.9
85	– investing in after-hours GP services	94.5	107.0	121.6	133.5
86	Royal Darwin Hospital – Equipped, Prepared and Ready Senior Australians	19.7	13.3	13.7	13.8
86	– increasing rural and regional respite services	1.4	2.6	2.6	2.7
86	– overnight cottage respite	8.8	17.0	17.3	17.8
87	– residential respite funding increase	5.9	8.4	13.5	13.9
87	– respite to assist employed carers	13.5	26.7	27.3	28.0
Strengthening Cancer Care					
88	– bowel cancer screening	2.6	14.6	16.4	-2.0
88	– Breast Cancer Network Australia	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
89	– Camp Quality and Make-a-Wish Foundation	-	-	-	-
89	– Cancer Australia	4.3	2.7	2.7	2.8
89	– cancer research	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.3
90	– Cancer Support Networks	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
90	– clinical trials	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.4
91	– mentoring for regional hospitals and cancer professionals	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6
91	– National Breast Cancer Centre	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
91	– National Research Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases	0.3	1.7	1.7	1.8
92	– palliative care grants programme	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9
92	– professional development for cancer professionals	3.3	-	-	-

Table 1: Summary of commitments met (continued)

Page		2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)					
93	– quitting smoking during pregnancy	2.1	1.1	1.1	-
93	– radiation therapy internships and undergraduate places	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
94	– Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne	-	-	-	-
94	– skin cancer national awareness campaign	0.6	4.9	-	-
95	– Sydney Children's Hospital Magnetic Resonance Imaging unit – Medicare Benefits Schedule eligibility	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
95	Westmead Hospital – new positron emission tomography scanner	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
73	Women's Safety Agenda	1.0	2.8	3.8	4.9
Portfolio total - Expense		137.3	105.4	134.5	121.1
Capital					
<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
67	Accommodation bonds – exemption from assets tests	..	-	-	-
83	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – price reduction for new brand listings	0.2	-	-	-
88	Strengthening Cancer Care – bowel cancer screening	1.5	2.5	-	-
Portfolio total - Capital		1.7	2.5	-	-
HUMAN SERVICES					
Expense					
<i>Health Insurance Commission</i>					
80	Investing in Stronger Regions – practice nurses in rural areas	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Medicare					
96	– two new Medicare offices	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
85	Round the Clock Medicare – investing in after-hours GP services	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
73	Women's Safety Agenda	0.2	..	..	..
Portfolio total - Expense		1.8	2.1	2.1	2.2
Capital					
<i>Health Insurance Commission</i>					
80	Investing in Stronger Regions – practice nurses in rural areas	-	-	-	-
Medicare					
96	– two new Medicare offices	0.5	-	-	-
85	Round the Clock Medicare – investing in after-hours GP services	-	-	-	-
73	Women's Safety Agenda	0.1	-	-	-
Portfolio total - Capital		0.6	-	-	-
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
Expense					
<i>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
97	Indigenous Australians – improving school attendance in remote areas	-	-	-	-

Table 1: Summary of commitments met (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (continued)					
97	Indigenous Communities – developing a twenty to thirty year vision	1.0	-	-	-
98	Reconciliation Place in Canberra – continued development	1.0	-	-	-
	Portfolio total – Expense	2.0	-	-	-
INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES					
Revenue					
<i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i>					
102	Industry Capability Network Limited and Supplier Access to Major Projects Programme – extension	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-
	Portfolio total – Revenue	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-
Expense					
<i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i>					
99	Australian Building Codes Board – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
99	Australian Institute for Commercialisation – Techfast Pilot Programme	-	-	-	-
99	Australian Made Campaign	0.8	0.4	-	-
100	Business Entry Point – maintain funding	-	-	-	-
100	Cairns Esplanade – additional funding	3.0	2.0	2.0	-
<i>Tourism Australia</i>					
101	Caravan Safari Trail Project	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</i>					
101	Commercial Ready Programme – reprioritisation	-3.1	-5.2	-6.3	-5.6
76	Export Hubs	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
101	Fairbridge Village – redevelopment	-	-	-	-
102	Home-based business seminars	0.4	0.4	0.4	-
102	Industry Capability Network Limited and Supplier Access to Major Projects Programme – extension	-	-	-	-
103	Industry Cooperative Innovation Programme	3.1	5.2	6.3	5.6
103	Kimberley Cultural Tourism Promotion	0.1	-	-	-
103	Lancefield Reserve – upgrade of amenities	-	-	-	-
104	Lancefield Visitor Information Centre	-	-	-	-
104	Queensland Alumina Limited – contribution to the conversion of refinery	-	-	-	-
105	Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund	36.3	7.2	-	-
105	Small Business Assistance Programme – extension	-	14.1	14.0	1.0
105	Small Business Collective Bargaining Campaign	0.8	0.8	-	-
106	Small Business Mentoring and Succession Programme	2.9	2.7	2.7	0.4
106	The Great Green Way – tourism initiative	2.0	2.0	-	-
106	Venture Capital Industry – review	-	-	-	-
107	Woodend Bike Trail	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total – Expense	46.6	30.0	19.5	1.8

Table 1: Summary of commitments met (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
Expense					
<i>National Water Commission</i>					
Australian Water Fund					
108	– Raising National Water Standards	30.0	40.0	40.0	35.0
109	– Water Smart Australia	253.0	530.3	520.5	165.7
<i>Less National Competition Policy payment offset</i>					
Portfolio total - Expense					
Capital					
<i>National Water Commission</i>					
109	Australian Water Fund – Water Smart Australia	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total - Capital					
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES					
Expense					
<i>Department of Transport and Regional Services</i>					
AusLink					
110	– National Land Transport Network	76.0	90.0	70.0	-30.0
111	– Roads to Recovery	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Regional Partnerships					
111	– icon projects	16.0	3.9	-	-
112	– Thuringowa Riverway development	2.0	2.0	-	-
Regional Partnerships Programme					
112	– Bank@Post	6.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
113	– funding for election commitments	2.3	2.5	-	-
Road safety					
114	– trial for a national driver education scheme	-	-	-	-
114	Road Safety Black Spot Programme – extension of funding	-	45.0	45.0	-
114	Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
115	Sustainable Regions – Western NSW, Western QLD and Northern Rivers and North Coast of NSW	9.4	12.5	9.5	-
Portfolio total - Expense					
TREASURY					
Revenue					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
116	Exemption of Utilities Allowance and Seniors Concession Allowance	-	-	-	-
116	Film Licensed Investment Company scheme – two year extension	-	-4.0	-4.0	-
117	Interaction of the Australian film tax deduction concessions with section 79D foreign loss quarantining	-	-	-3.0	-3.0
117	Personal income tax – 30 per cent child care tax rebate	-	-280.0	-305.0	-330.0
118	Shorter periods of review for most individuals and businesses in the Simplified Tax System	-	-	-6.5	-12.5
Simplified tax system					
118	– extension to accrual accounting	-15.0	-125.0	-130.0	-90.5
119	– introducing a 25 per cent entrepreneurs' tax offset	-	-400.0	-390.0	-370.0

Table 1: Summary of commitments met (continued)

Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
TREASURY (continued)					
120	Superannuation – splitting of superannuation contributions	4.5	5.3	4.0	3.6
120	Tax exemption of Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total - Revenue	-10.5	-803.7	-834.5	-802.4
Expense					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
69	Family Tax Benefit Part B Supplement	177.0	173.7	179.0	183.9
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
121	Financial Literacy Foundation	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
121	Financial Literacy Information Programme	8.0	-	-	-
74	Future Fund – implementation and administration	0.9	-	-	-
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
117	Personal income tax – 30 per cent child care tax rebate	4.1	2.7	1.6	1.6
	Simplified tax system				
118	– extension to accrual accounting	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.9
119	– introducing a 25 per cent entrepreneurs' tax offset	1.9	2.6	2.2	2.2
	Portfolio total - Expense	197.5	184.7	189.0	194.0
VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
Expense					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
67	Accommodation bonds – exemption from assets tests	2.2	2.3	2.7	3.1
122	Australian ex-prisoners of war memorial in Ballarat	-	-	-	-
122	Bereavement payment for above general rate disability pensioners – additional funding	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.4
123	Commemoration programme – additional funding for significant anniversaries in 2005	1.4	-	-	-
123	Ex-Service organisations – additional funding to explain the new Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme	2.3	2.3	2.3	-
80	Investing in Stronger Regions – practice nurses in rural areas	-	-	-	-
81	Medicare – eligible Magnetic Resonance Imaging units for Dubbo and Gippsland	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
123	National Peacekeepers' Memorial	0.2	-	-	-
83	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – price reduction for new brand listings	-10.3	-20.2	-22.2	-24.2
85	Round the Clock Medicare – investing in after-hours GP services	2.4	2.3	2.2	1.9
70	Seniors Concession Allowances for self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6
72	Utilities Allowance for senior Australians on income support	24.2	23.7	23.6	22.5
124	Veterans' Home Care Programme – additional funding	13.1	13.1	13.1	-
	Portfolio total - Expense	41.8	29.8	28.1	9.5

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Page		2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m
VETERANS' AFFAIRS (continued)					
Capital					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
67	Accommodation bonds – exemption from assets tests	..	-	-	-
70	Seniors Concession Allowances for self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	-	-	-	-
72	Utilities Allowance for senior Australians on income support	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total - Capital					
Total commitments met					
		2234.1	2633.8	2549.7	2457.2

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

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

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Notes

(1) Measures may not add due to rounding.

(2) The value of election commitments in 2004-05 is \$959.1 million. Further details are contained in the measure descriptions found in this document.

(3) A minus sign before an expense or capital estimate indicates a reduction in expenses or capital; no sign before an expense or capital estimate indicates increased expenses.

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

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Australian Animal Welfare Strategy

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2

The Government will provide \$6.0 million over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2004-05) to promote the welfare of animals in Australia. The strategy will focus on developing animal welfare standards and practices and ensuring their adoption by the community.

This measure was announced on 30 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Quarantine and Border Protection*.

Australian HomeGrown Campaign

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

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

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

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

Australian Seafood Industry Council

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

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

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

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

Biosecurity risk analysis and research — centre of excellence

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1.8	1.8	1.9	-

The Government will provide \$6.0 million over four years (including \$0.5 million in 2004-05) for the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Risk Analysis. The centre will develop biosecurity risk analysis techniques, including cultivating Australia's expertise in import risk assessment.

This measure was announced on 30 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Quarantine and Border Protection*.

Defeating the weed menace

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	10.0	12.0	8.0	-

The Government will provide \$40.0 million over four years (including \$2.0 million in 2004-05) to help eradicate Australia's most threatening and invasive weeds through research, biological control and increased community awareness.

Funding of \$8.0 million over two years will be absorbed from within the existing resourcing of the Natural Heritage Trust.

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Matching contributions will be sought from the states and territories. Land holders who benefit from the control and eradication of weeds on their properties will also be expected to make a contribution.

This measure was announced on 13 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Sustaining Our Farm Lands*.

Food processing in regional Australia

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	4.5	4.5	2.7	-

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over four years (including \$0.3 million in 2004-05) for grants to assist farm businesses to coordinate their marketing arrangements on a regional or commodity basis. Better coordination between processors, the finance sector and potential customers should assist the growth of Australia's food industry. Grants will be offered on a competitive, merit-based basis for eligible projects. Grant recipients will be required to match grants on a dollar for dollar basis.

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

Industry Partnerships Programme

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Livestock Identification System

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

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over four years (including \$5.0 million in 2004-05) to assist the Australian livestock industry to implement the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database. NLIS is a national identification and tracking system covering all livestock, and will be used to address increasing consumer and market demands regarding the safety and integrity of Australian livestock and livestock products.

This measure was announced on 30 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Quarantine and Border Protection*.

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RecFish Australia — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.1	0.1	0.1	-

The Government will provide \$0.4 million over four years (including \$0.1 million in 2004-05) to support the work of RecFish Australia, the peak national representative body for Australia's sporting and recreational fishers. This funding will allow RecFish to encourage its members to adopt sustainable recreational fishing practices that better protect coastal and river environments.

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

Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme

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

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

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

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Tariff concessions — removal of three per cent tariff on wind turbine components

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

The Government will remove the three per cent tariff applying to business inputs imported under a Tariff Concession Order (TCO) for inputs that are used in the manufacture and assembly of wind turbine generators with an output exceeding 500 kilovoltamps. This measure will take effect from 11 May 2005 and will be delivered by removing the three per cent tariff for all business inputs imported under a TCO.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: The Coalition's Policy for Australian Industry*.

See the related revenue measure *Tariff concessions – removal of the three per cent tariff on business inputs* in the Attorney-General's portfolio in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2005-06*.

Australian Customs Service — additional detector dogs

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Customs Service	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$8.1 million over five years (including \$3.3 million in 2004-05) to increase the number of detector dogs operating in border environments. This includes capital funding of \$0.4 million in 2004-05.

Detector dogs target narcotics, firearms, explosives and chemicals. The additional funding will enable screening rates to increase. It will also allow the Australian Customs Service to deploy detector dogs more readily to regional and remote environments.

This measure was announced on 27 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Stronger Border Protection*.

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Australian Customs Service — Customs post in Beijing

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.1 million over five years (including \$1.2 million in 2004-05) to establish an Australian Customs Service post in Beijing. The post will enhance Australia's capacity to engage China on customs and trade matters, including negotiations on the China Free Trade Agreement feasibility study. This includes capital funding of \$21,000 in 2004-05.

This measure was announced on 27 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Stronger Border Protection*.

Australian Customs Service — Customs post in Jakarta

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.6 million over five years (including \$0.9 million in 2004-05) to establish an Australian Customs Service post in Jakarta. The post will enhance the capacity of Customs to engage Indonesia on border security issues, including counter-terrorism and illegal people movements. This includes capital funding of \$21,000 in 2004-05.

This measure was announced on 27 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Stronger Border Protection*.

Australian Customs Service — unmanned aerial vehicle trial

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.6 million over two years (including \$0.2 million in 2004-05) for the trial of a small, long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle, which has the potential to improve the offshore detection capability of Coastwatch.

This measure was announced on 27 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Stronger Border Protection*.

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Australian Federal Police — additional counter-terrorism teams

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Federal Police	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$31.5 million over five years (including \$5.1 million capital funding in 2004-05) to create two new counter-terrorism regional engagement teams within the Australian Federal Police. This includes funding of \$8.7 million in 2004-05.

These teams will be deployed for extended periods to high priority countries in the region to work with their law enforcement counterparts. They will undertake investigative, technical and intelligence activities in support of day-to-day counter-terrorism operations.

This measure was announced on 20 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Fighting Terrorism at its Source*.

Australian Federal Police — additional intelligence officers and other specialists

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

The Government will provide \$21.8 million over five years (including \$2.8 million in 2004-05) to create two new counter-terrorism intelligence teams within the Australian Federal Police. This includes capital funding of \$0.2 million in 2004-05.

These teams will be able to undertake duties within Australia and be deployed to other countries in the region. The Australian Federal Police will also employ additional legal and policy analysts to support these deployments.

This measure was announced on 20 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Fighting Terrorism at its Source*.

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Australian Federal Police — enhanced capacity building

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Federal Police	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1

The Government will provide \$12.2 million over four years to contribute to several counter-terrorism capacity building projects in the region. These projects include the establishment and support of bomb data centres, high level intelligence training courses, and a regional intelligence secretariat.

This measure was announced on 20 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Fighting Terrorism at its Source*.

Australian Federal Police — enhanced counter-terrorism surveillance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Federal Police	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Federal Police	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$17.3 million (including \$1.0 million capital funding) over five years to create two new counter-terrorism surveillance teams within the Australian Federal Police. This includes funding of \$3.2 million (including \$1.0 million in capital funding) in 2004-05.

These teams will work closely with the counter-terrorism regional engagement teams to provide a comprehensive capability within Australia and in other countries in the region.

This measure was announced on 20 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Fighting Terrorism at its Source*.

Australian Federal Police — enhanced language training

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Federal Police	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3

The Government will provide \$14.6 million over five years (including \$1.5 million in 2004-05) for extensive training within the Australian Federal Police in priority regional languages.

This funding will facilitate the establishment of a unit of highly trained operational linguists to work on counter-terrorism issues.

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This measure was announced on 20 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Fighting Terrorism at its Source*.

Australian Federal Police — national child sex offenders strike team

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Federal Police	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Australian Federal Police	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$35.0 million over five years (including \$5.1 million in 2004-05) to establish a national child sex offenders strike team. This funding will strengthen the capability of the Australian Federal Police to conduct online investigations and respond to domestic and international referrals of online child sexual exploitation. This includes capital funding of \$1.1 million in 2004-05.

See also the related expense measure titled *NetAlert National CyberSafe Programme – additional funding* in the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio.

This measure was announced on 5 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *National Child Protection Initiative*.

Counter-terrorism — expanded exercise programme

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

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over five years (including \$1.0 million in 2004-05) for additional counter-terrorism exercises. These exercises, covering a number of counter-terrorism scenarios, will involve the Australian Government, state and territory authorities. This includes capital funding of \$68,000 in 2004-05.

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

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Local government — developing a national strategic plan

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

The Government will provide \$1.0 million in 2004-05 (including \$17,000 in capital funding) to develop a plan for emergency management at a local level. The plan will provide a framework within which local councils can manage emergency risks and integrate their responsibilities with other agencies.

This measure was announced on 30 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Working Together to Manage Emergencies*.

Local Grants Scheme — emergency management and security

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	9.4	9.7	9.8	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$30.0 million over four years (including \$1.0 million in 2004-05) for a grants scheme to strengthen emergency preparedness and capability at a local level. This includes capital funding of \$0.1 million in 2004-05.

Grants will be available to local councils to assist them to develop and implement community risk management plans consistent with the National Strategic Plan. Grants will also be provided for security upgrades around critical infrastructure and for emergency management and security awareness training of local council staff.

This measure was announced on 30 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Working Together to Manage Emergencies*.

National Community Crime Prevention Programme — Australia-wide

<i>Expense (\$m)</i>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over four years (including \$5.0 million in 2004-05) to expand the National Community Crime Prevention Programme established in the 2004-05 Budget. This includes \$43,000 in capital funding in 2004-05.

Under this programme, grants are made available to community organisations for crime prevention and community safety projects. The Government has already provided an additional \$10.0 million in grant funding over two years, which was reported in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*. The additional \$20.0 million provided under this measure will extend the programme's reach and scope, bringing the total investment in the programme to \$50.0 million over four years.

This measure was announced on 15 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Helping Communities Fight Crime*.

See also the related expense measure titled *National Community Crime Prevention Programme – Western Sydney* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

As the National Community Crime Prevention Programme is expected to underspend in 2004-05, the Government has rescheduled the \$5.0 million additional funding for 2004-05 to 2005-06, resulting in total additional funding of \$10.0 million in 2005-06.

National Community Crime Prevention Programme — Western Sydney

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

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over four years (including \$2.0 million in 2004-05) to establish the National Community Crime Prevention Programme – Western Sydney. This includes \$17,000 in capital funding in 2004-05.

Grants will be made available to community organisations in the Greater Western Sydney region for crime prevention and community safety projects. This funding is in addition to the \$50.0 million over four years the Government has committed to the National Community Crime Prevention Programme.

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This measure was announced on 19 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Western Sydney*.

As the related grant payments will now not be made until 2005-06, the Government has rescheduled the 2004-05 funding to 2005-06, resulting in total funding of \$4 million in 2005-06.

See also the related expense measure titled *National Community Crime Prevention Programme – Australia-wide* in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

National Emergency Volunteers Support Fund — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Attorney-General's Department	4.9	5.0	5.1	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.0 million over four years (including \$1.0 million and \$51,000 in capital funding in 2004-05) to establish a National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund. Grants will be available to volunteer organisations involved in front-line emergency management for equipment and formal emergency skills training.

This measure was announced on 30 September 2004 as part of the Government's *Working Together to Manage Emergencies*.

Office of Local Government Emergency Management

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

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over four years (including \$0.2 million and \$51,000 in capital funding in 2004-05) to establish an Office of Local Government Emergency Management within Emergency Management Australia (EMA). The new office will facilitate improved dialogue between EMA and local governments, and improve the co-ordination of emergency response training and liaison.

This measure was announced on 30 September 2004 as part of the Government's *Working Together to Manage Emergencies* strategy.

Review of criminal penalties in Commonwealth legislation

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

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

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

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

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

Australian Customs Service — biological and chemical agent screening capability

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	4.2	1.9	1.1	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Australian Customs Service	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9

The Government will provide \$14.9 million over five years (including \$4.4 million in 2004-05) to purchase equipment that will improve the ability of the Australian Customs Service to detect chemical substances, drugs and explosives in cargo, mail and passenger baggage. This includes expense funding of \$3.7 million over five years (including \$0.4 million in 2004-05).

This measure was announced on 27 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Stronger Border Protection*.

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Australian Customs Service — new mail screening technology

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Customs Service	-	-	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Customs Service</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>0.8</i>

The Government will provide an additional \$10.1 million over five years (including \$7.3 million in 2004-05) to introduce new x-ray technology at the largest mail handling centres and metal detection technology at all international mailing centres. These technologies will improve the ability of the Australian Customs Service to detect illegally imported explosives, firearms and other weapons. This includes expense funding of \$3.1 million over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2004-05).

This measure was announced on 27 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Stronger Border Protection*.

Australian Institute of Police Management — improved facilities

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Federal Police	6.1	3.4	0.4	-

The Government will provide \$11.2 million over four years (including \$1.4 million in 2004-05) to repair and upgrade training and accommodation facilities at the Australian Institute of Police Management in Manly, NSW.

This measure was announced on 7 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *\$11.2 Million Boost to Police Training*.

Providing for Australia's Security — linguistic capability

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

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

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

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Providing for Australia's Security — business liaison unit

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

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

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

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

Providing for Australia's Security — enhanced border control systems

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ausfilm — continuation of funding

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Australian Film Commission — developing Australian film

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Film Commission	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$17.5 million (including \$2.5 million in 2004-05) over four years to the Australian Film Commission to fund script development for Australian feature films, and to support first-time, low budget, short feature film-makers.

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

Australian Film Commission — Screen Culture

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Books Alive — extension of funding

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

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

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

Community broadcasters — increased assistance with meeting transmission costs

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5

The Government will provide \$7.5 million over five years (including \$1.5 million in 2004-05) to the Community Broadcasting Foundation to assist community radio broadcasters in meeting costs associated with obtaining access to transmission infrastructure.

This measure will enhance the ability of community broadcasters to deliver services to local communities.

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

Community broadcasting — training fund

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

The Government will provide \$2.2 million over four years (including \$0.5 million in 2004-05) to the Community Broadcasting Foundation to establish a national training fund for community broadcasters. This funding will enable the sector to deliver a training programme in broadcasting skills and station management, with a particular focus on regional, rural and remote Australia.

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

Community heritage grants

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

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

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

Deaflympic Games Melbourne 2005

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

The Government will provide \$0.4 million in 2004-05 to support Australian athletes competing in the Melbourne Deaflympic Games in January 2005.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Australian Communities through Sport*.

Elite athlete support — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Sports Commission	3.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.8 million over two years (including \$3.8 million in 2004-05) to assist elite athletes to prepare for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Australian Communities through Sport*.

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Festivals Australia — Australian Stories

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

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

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

Film Australia — Australian Stories

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

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

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

Film Finance Corporation Australia — additional funding

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

The Government will provide \$35.0 million (including \$5.0 million in 2004-05) to the Film Finance Corporation Australia for investment in higher-budget commercial feature films and television drama.

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

Indigenous art — training and facilities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	1.0	1.0	1.0	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years (including \$1.0 million in 2004-05) for the development and promotion of Indigenous art throughout Australia.

Funding will be provided to train young and emerging Indigenous artists and art centre workers, upgrade facilities and fund specific marketing initiatives.

This measure was announced on 17 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Indigenous Australians – Opportunity and Responsibility*.

Kardinia Park redevelopment — contribution

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

The Government will contribute \$2.0 million in 2004-05 towards the Geelong Legends Sporting Boulevard at Kardinia Park, Geelong.

This measure was announced on 30 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *\$2.0 million towards Kardinia Park – Re-development*.

Kogarah Oval upgrade

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

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

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

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Metro Broadband Blackspots Programme

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

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

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

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

NetAlert National CyberSafe Programme — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	1.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million (including \$0.7 million in 2004-05) to NetAlert to inform parents, teachers and relevant community groups on steps they can take to protect children from offensive content when using the internet.

This measure was announced on 5 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *National Child Protection Initiative*.

NewsRadio — extension of transmission areas

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Broadcasting Authority	0.2	0.2	-	-
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total	0.2	0.2	-	-

The Government will provide funding to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) to extend ABC NewsRadio to all transmission areas with populations over 10,000 persons, subject to the availability of spectrum in these areas. Funding for this purpose has been placed in the contingency reserve.

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The Government will also provide funding of \$0.6 million over three years (including \$0.2 million in 2004-05) to the Australian Broadcasting Authority for the planning and allocation of the required spectrum.

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

'Noise' youth arts festival — additional funding

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

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over four years (including \$1.3 million in 2004-05) to continue support for 'Noise', a national media-based arts festival showcasing the work of young Australians.

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

Paralympic sport — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Sports Commission	2.0	2.0	2.0	-

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over four years (including \$2.0 million in 2004-05) for Paralympic sport.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Australian Communities through Sport*.

Penrith stadium upgrade — contribution

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

The Government will contribute \$10.0 million in 2004-05 towards the upgrade of Penrith Stadium in western Sydney.

This measure was announced on 19 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Western Sydney*.

Regional Arts Fund — additional funding

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	1.3	1.4	1.4	-

The Government will provide \$5.4 million over four years (including \$1.3 million in 2004-05) to expand the Regional Arts Fund, which provides grants for local cultural and arts projects in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia.

This measure was announced on 10 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *More Funding for Regional Arts*.

Sporting and recreational organisations and facilities — contribution

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

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

- \$1.0 million for the Brookvale Oval, New South Wales;
- \$250,000 for the Pambula Surf Life Saving Club, New South Wales;
- \$150,000 for the Ridge Hills United Football Club, Queensland;
- \$130,000 for the Peninsula Cricket and Redcliffe Football Clubs, Queensland;
- \$60,000 for the Modbury Junior Football Club, South Australia;
- \$50,000 for the Boronia Football Club, Victoria;
- \$35,000 for the Ingle Farm Football Club, South Australia;
- \$35,000 for the Pooraka Football Club, South Australia;
- \$30,000 for the Golden Grove Football Club, South Australia;
- \$25,000 for the Para Hills Knights Soccer Club, South Australia;
- \$20,000 for the Hurstbridge Junior Football and Cricket Clubs, Victoria;

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

Tough on drugs in sport — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Sports Drug Agency	2.5	2.5	2.5	-
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	1.3	1.3	1.3	-
Total	3.8	3.8	3.8	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$13.3 million over four years (including \$1.9 million in 2004-05) to deter the use of drugs in sport through enhanced testing, investigation, preventative education and research.

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This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Australian Communities through Sport*.

Water and alpine safety

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

The Government will provide additional funding of \$10.0 million over four years (including \$2.5 million in 2004-05) to enhance water and alpine safety.

Funds will support Surf Life Saving Australia, the Royal Life Saving Society Australia, Austswim and the Australian Ski Patrol Association, and enable implementation of the national Water Safety Plan.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Australian Communities through Sport*.

Whitten Oval redevelopment — contribution

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	4.0	-	-	-

The Government will contribute \$8.0 million (including \$4.0 million in 2004-05) towards the redevelopment of Whitten Oval in western Melbourne.

The redevelopment will include a fully-equipped gymnasium. It will also incorporate a family and children's centre to provide professional child care, kindergarten, maternal and child health services, early intervention programmes and other community services.

This measure was announced on 23 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Re-development of Whitten Oval – A Community Partnership*.

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Young and Emerging Artists Initiative — extension of funding

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

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

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

National Museum of Australia — Exhibitions and Public Programmes

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
National Museum of Australia	1.1	3.5	5.2	1.1

The Government will provide \$11.8 million over five years (including \$1.0 million in 2004-05) to enable the National Museum of Australia to redevelop its major galleries and develop a national collection of historically significant objects through targeted acquisition.

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

CROSS PORTFOLIO

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

Expense (\$m)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Various Agencies	-38.9	-93.5	-149.8	-163.2

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

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

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

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

Strengthening Tasmania

Expense (\$m)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Various Agencies	10.2	4.9	1.1	..

The Government will provide \$19.3 million over five years (including \$3.0 million in 2004-05) for projects to enhance infrastructure, service provision and community facilities and services in Tasmania.

This measure was announced on 7 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Strengthening Tasmania's Economy and Building a Better Community*.

The package includes:

- \$4.0 million over three years for the Northern Tasmanian Recreational Precinct;
- \$3.0 million over four years for the Tamar River Pylons Project;
- \$2.0 million over three years for the Devonport/Burnie Infrastructure;
- \$1.8 million over three years for the Trail of the Tin Dragon;

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- \$1.0 million over three years for the Kingborough Sports Centre;
- \$1.0 million over three years for a programme to improve Launceston's air quality;
- \$750,000 over three years for the Willow Court Barracks;
- \$600,000 over three years for Tasmanian economic development;
- \$541,000 over four years for the School of Fine Furniture;
- \$400,000 over two years for the North Esk Rowing Club;
- \$400,000 over four years for the Huon Valley Police and Citizens Club;
- \$370,000 over two years for the Youngtown sports complex;
- \$300,000 over two years for the construction of a gym at Bellerive Oval;
- \$300,000 in 2004-05 for the Tasman Holiday Experience for Children with Disabilities;
- \$262,000 over two years for the Georgetown community football field;
- \$250,000 over three years for The Norfolk Project;
- \$250,000 over three years for the Launceston bike facilities;
- \$250,000 over three years for the Low Head historic precinct;
- \$250,000 over two years for the Devonport Foreshore;
- \$200,000 over three years for the Burnie Rhododendron Gardens;
- \$150,000 over three years for Mentor Resources Ltd;
- \$150,000 over two years for the Axeman's Hall of Fame;
- \$150,000 over two years for the Bridport planning strategy;
- \$110,000 in 2004-05 to the Department of Transport and Regional Services to administer the projects;
- \$102,000 over two years for the Volunteering Resource Kit;
- \$100,000 over two years for the Cradle Mountain Transport System feasibility study;

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- \$100,000 over two years for the Queenstown town hall upgrade;
- \$100,000 over two years for the Scottsdale Hospital;
- \$100,000 over two years for the upgrade of the Oatlands Callington Mill;
- \$70,000 over two years for the Bridport Bowls Club;
- \$66,000 over two years for the Victorian Cross memorial reststops;
- \$60,000 in 2004-05 for Tasmania North Playgroup Association;
- \$50,000 over two years for the Tamar woodworkers centre, Exeter;
- \$25,000 in 2005-06 for the Winnaleah Pool;
- \$25,000 in 2004-05 for the Storage Facility Rocherlea;
- \$20,000 in 2004-05 for the Memorial for Harry Murray VC at Evandale;
- \$15,000 in 2004-05 for a skateboard facility at Queenstown; and
- \$10,000 in 2004-05 for the Legerwood Memorial Trees.

DEFENCE

Australian Defence Medal — establishment

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

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

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

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

Capability and Technology Demonstrator Programme

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

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

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

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

Defence Health — creation of a new leadership position

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

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

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

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

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

Defence industry skills development

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

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

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

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

Former HMAS PLATYPUS, Neutral Bay — site remediation

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

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

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

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

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Joint Combined Training Centres — implementation

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

The Government will provide \$22.9 million over three years from 2005-06 to develop training facilities for joint Australian and United States military exercises. The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

Assistance for isolated children — increasing the Basic Boarding Allowance and the Distance Education Allowance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	17.5	18.1	18.8	19.4

The Government will provide funding of \$82.1 million over five years (including \$8.3 million in 2004-05) to increase the Basic Boarding Allowance and the Distance Education Allowance for students from remote areas. On 1 January 2005, the Basic Boarding Allowance was increased from \$4,446 to \$6,000 and the Distance Education Allowance was increased to \$3,000 per eligible student per year.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing in Stronger Regions*.

Australian network of industry career advisors

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

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

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

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Australian Technical Colleges

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	65.4	86.3	102.5	95.0

The Government will provide funding of \$350.8 million over five years from 2004-05 (including \$1.6 million in 2004-05) to establish 24 technical colleges. The colleges will accommodate up to 7,200 year 11 and 12 students undertaking school-based New Apprenticeships in the trades, as well as providing academic, information technology and business courses relevant to the trades and leading to the Year 12 certificate.

The first Australian Technical Colleges will commence operation from 2006 with all colleges to be in operation by 2008. Colleges will be encouraged to establish relationships with industry to ensure that training is relevant to local business needs, and will have an industry led governing body. The college principals will have the autonomy to manage the colleges and to select the best staff, who will be offered the option of an Australian Workplace Agreement which will include performance-based rewards.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Australian Technical Colleges*.

Charles Darwin University — improved information technology infrastructure

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

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over three years (including \$1.0 million in 2004-05) to improve information technology infrastructure at Charles Darwin University.

This measure was announced on 20 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting the Territory*.

Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	15.3	29.4	30.3	31.1

The Government will provide funding of \$106.3 million over five years (including \$0.2 million in 2004-05) for trade learning scholarships. From 1 July 2005, scholarships of \$500 will be provided to New Apprentices, after the successful completion of their first and second years, in skill shortage trades such as plumbing, carpentry and metalwork.

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

Continuation of the Australian Government Quality Teacher Programme

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

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

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

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

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

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

Indigenous Youth Leadership

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.7

The Government will provide funding of \$12.9 million over five years (including \$1.0 million in 2004-05) to help create opportunities to develop Indigenous youth leaders. This will allow over 250 school and university based scholarships and targeted study tours to be offered to Indigenous young people. Potential scholarship recipients will be nominated by local communities and selected by the Indigenous Elders Advisory Group.

This measure was announced on 17 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Indigenous Australians – Opportunity and Responsibility*.

Indigenous Youth Mobility

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0

The Government will provide funding of \$23.1 million over five years (including \$7.0 million in 2004-05) to introduce an Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme. Over 600 Indigenous people from remote locations will be offered accommodation in capital cities and major provincial centres so they can take up apprenticeships, and other employment and training opportunities. Accommodation will be provided through Aboriginal Hostels Limited.

This measure was announced on 17 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Indigenous Australians – Opportunity and Responsibility*.

Institute for Trade Skill Excellence

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

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

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

James Cook University — Additional Veterinary Science and Tropical Agriculture Places

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

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

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

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

James Cook University — Veterinary Science School

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

The Government will contribute \$12.0 million over two years (including \$6.0 million in 2004-05) towards the development of a new Veterinary Science School at the Tropical Sciences and Innovation Precinct of James Cook University.

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

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New Apprentice poaching — adjusting incentive payments

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

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

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

New Apprentices — increased residential support

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

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

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

New Apprenticeship incentives — broadening eligibility

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

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

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

New Apprenticeships Access Programme — additional places

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	12.6	12.8	13.0	13.2

The Government will provide funding of \$51.7 million over five years (including \$0.1 million in 2004-05) to fund additional places in the New Apprenticeships Access Programme. This funding will assist prospective apprentices gain the skills required to enter the New Apprenticeships Programme. The measure will deliver an additional 5000 places each year, from 1 July 2005, targeting industries and regions with skill shortages.

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

Pre-vocational training in trades

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

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

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

School infrastructure — investing in our schools

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	247.4	271.0	270.7	95.8

The Government will provide funding of \$1,017.0 million over five years (including \$132.0 million in 2004-05) to restore and construct school buildings and grounds.

Government schools will receive \$700.0 million over five years for capital projects identified by school parent committees in conjunction with school principals.

Non-government schools will receive \$300.0 million over five years for capital projects identified by school communities. Within this overall funding, priority will be given to needy Catholic and Independent schools.

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This fulfils the election commitment *\$1 billion Investment In Our School Infrastructure* announced by the Government on 26 September 2004.

Funding of \$17.0 million over five years (including \$2.5 million in 2004-05) will be provided to the Department of Education, Science and Training to administer the programme.

Funding will also include a payment of \$200,000 to upgrade the Hagley Farm Primary School Interpretation Centre in Tasmania and its accommodation facilities for students. This fulfils the election commitment *Strengthening Tasmania's Economy and Building a Better Community* announced by the Government on 7 October 2004.

School term hostels

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.7

The Government will provide funding of \$13.1 million over five years (including \$2.4 million in 2004-05) to pay non-government school term hostels a grant of \$2,500 per eligible student per year.

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 December 2004 issued by the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing in Stronger Regions*.

School-based New Apprentices in the trades — increased opportunities

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

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

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

Tool kits for New Apprentices in skill shortage trades

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	28.7	29.5	30.4	31.2

The Government will provide funding of \$120.2 million over five years (including \$0.4 million in 2004-05) to assist New Apprentices to acquire tools up to \$800 in value that are associated with their trade. This measure will apply to New Apprentices in skill shortage trades who commence their apprenticeship from 1 July 2005.

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

University of Western Sydney — infrastructure projects

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	8.0	8.0	9.0	-

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over three years to the University of Western Sydney for a range of infrastructure projects, including teaching facilities at the Parramatta and Hawkesbury campuses, a new library at the Penrith campus and a medical training facility at the Campbelltown campus.

This measure was announced on 19 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Western Sydney*.

Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy — extending payments to New Apprentices

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Education, Science and Training	117.3	126.8	136.2	142.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Centrelink	2.7	1.2	-	-

The Government will provide income support assistance to apprentices and trainees who do not currently qualify for Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy because they are engaged in full time employment, at an estimated cost of \$530.8 million over five years (including \$8.1 million in 2004-05). Apprentices and trainees will be eligible for payments from 1 July 2005. Eligibility for payments will be means-tested in accordance with normal Centrelink requirements.

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In addition, capital funding of \$6.6 million over three years (including \$2.6 million in 2004-05) will be provided to purchase information technology required by Centrelink to implement this measure.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Extending Youth Allowances to New Apprentices*.

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Australian Workplace Agreements — encouraging uptake by small business

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	3.0	3.0	3.0	-

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over four years (including \$3.0 million in 2004-05) to the Office of the Employment Advocate to improve processing efficiency and promote the advantages of Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs), and for an education program that will help small businesses take advantage of the flexibility of AWAs.

This measure was announced as part of the Government's election commitments *Flexibility and Productivity in the Workplace* on 28 September 2004, and *Small Business, Big Future* on 5 October 2004.

Indigenous entrepreneurs — financial literacy strategy

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	2.0	1.0	1.0	-

The Government will provide \$4.5 million over four years (including \$0.5 million in 2004-05) to improve Indigenous entrepreneurial skills and financial literacy through the provision of economic development, business skills and financial literacy services. The strategy will focus on remote, rural and regional areas, and involve linking emerging Indigenous entrepreneurs with private sector intermediaries possessing financial expertise.

This measure was announced on 17 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Indigenous Australians – Opportunity and Responsibility*.

Occupational Health and Safety Advisers for small business

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	3.5	3.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.0 million over two years to establish a network of advisers to assist small businesses in complying with occupational health and safety laws and standards.

The national network of small business occupational health and safety advisers will be coordinated by a suitable employer, business or other organisation.

This measure was announced on 28 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Flexibility and Productivity in the Workplace*.

Workplace Dispute Settlement Pilot Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Industrial Relations Commission/Australian Industrial Registry	1.3	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.2	-	-	-
Total	1.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over two years (including \$0.4 million in 2004-05 to the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) and \$0.1 million in 2004-05 to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations) to conduct a pilot programme providing small businesses with access to mediation services as a low cost and informal alternative to the AIRC conciliation and arbitration processes.

The pilot will be conducted in Victoria in 2005 and managed by the AIRC/Australian Industrial Registry. The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations will manage an independent evaluation by early 2006.

This measure was announced on 28 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Flexibility and Productivity in the Workplace*.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

Australian Water Fund — Community Water Grants

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	54.9	54.9	54.9	30.0

The Government will provide \$200.0 million over five years (including \$5.3 million in 2004-05) for the Community Water Grants programme. The programme will provide grants of up to \$50,000 to eligible community organisations to encourage sensible water use. Eligible projects may involve increasing efficient water use, improving river or groundwater health, and educating communities on water saving.

The Community Water Grants programme is part of the \$2.0 billion Australian Water Fund. Funding for the Fund includes the reallocation of earlier provisions in the Contingency Reserve for National Competition Policy Payments in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Since the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*, \$1.0 million of the \$54.9 million appropriated for 2005-06 has been brought forward to 2004-05 to allow for the earlier commencement of demonstration projects.

Further information can be found in the Government's election policy documents *Securing Australia's Water Future* and *Water Wise Communities* released on 13 September 2004 and 18 September 2004 respectively.

See also the related expense measure titled *Australian Water Fund – Raising National Water Standards* and *Australian Water Fund – Water Smart Australia* in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	4.8	22.1	22.6	25.2

The Government will provide \$100.0 million over five years (including \$25.3 million in 2009-10) for the Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities programme. Of this funding \$40.0 million will be provided for a Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility to support research relating to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, tropical rainforests and coasts. The remaining \$60.0 million will fund additional environmental research and be allocated nationally on a competitive tender basis in rounds commencing in July 2006 and July 2008.

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

Further information on the Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility component of this measure can be found in the press release of 22 April 2005 issued by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

Green Stamp Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-0.2	-	0.2	-

The Government will provide \$0.9 million over three years to fund a national Green Stamp Programme to encourage recycling in the automotive retail industry.

This measure will involve funding of \$0.4 million in 2005-06, \$0.3 million in 2006-07 and \$0.2 million in 2007-08. The costs will be met through a reprioritisation of \$0.6 million in 2005-06 and \$0.3 million in 2006-07 from the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Programme.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A Sustainable Australia*.

Hydrogen Fuel Depots and Buses — scoping study

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over three years for a scoping study into developing hydrogen fuel depots and buses in Australian capital cities.

This measure will involve funding of \$0.3 million in 2005-06, \$0.4 million in 2006-07 and \$0.3 million in 2007-08. The costs will be funded through a reprioritisation of existing resources in the Alternative Fuels Conversion Programme.

Subject to the findings of the scoping study, the Government will provide funding of up to \$66.0 million between 2007-08 and 2011-12 as a contribution to the costs of developing hydrogen fuel transport and infrastructure. The cost of this component of the measure will be met from existing resourcing within the Environment and Heritage portfolio.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A Sustainable Australia*.

National Recycling Telephone Hotline

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.3 million over three years to develop a national recycling telephone hotline. The hotline will assist the general public to obtain information on recycling in their local communities.

This measure involves funding of \$0.1 million in each year from 2005-06 to 2007-08. The cost of this measure will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing for the Department of the Environment and Heritage.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A Sustainable Australia*.

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Regional marine planning — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	9.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.4 million in 2005-06 to progress the development of regional marine plans for northern, north-western and south-western Australia, and to implement the south-east regional marine plan.

This measure was announced on 7 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Our Plans for Australia*.

St Mary's Cathedral and the Church of St Mary's Star of the Sea — restoration

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	5.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.0 million in 2005-06 for the restoration of St Mary's Cathedral in Perth (\$3.0 million) and the Church of St Mary's Star of the Sea in Melbourne (\$2.0 million). This funding will support efforts to repair and preserve these heritage buildings.

Used oil recycling — uptake of technologies

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Environment and Heritage	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over three years (including \$0.7 million in 2004-05) to develop and promote technologies which enable used oil to be reused as a lubricant.

This measure will involve funding of \$0.7 million in 2004-05, \$0.7 million in 2005-06 and \$0.6 million in 2006-07. The costs of this measure will be fully absorbed within the existing resourcing of the Department of the Environment and Heritage.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *A Sustainable Australia*.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Accommodation bonds — exemption from assets tests

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	9.9	10.8	12.9	15.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2.2	2.3	2.7	3.1
Department of Health and Ageing	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>19.3</i>
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Veterans' Affairs	..	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	..	-	-	-
<i>Total</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$66.3 million over five years (including \$2.9 million in 2004-05) to exempt accommodation bonds from the social security and veterans' entitlements assets tests that apply for income support pensions. This measure includes capital funding of \$0.4 million in 2005-06 for the Department of Health and Ageing, and \$0.3 million for the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

An accommodation bond is an amount that may be paid by a resident when entering low level care or an extra service place in high level care. The exemption will commence on 1 July 2005 and will apply to all accommodation bonds, irrespective of when they are paid. Residents who opt to pay their bond in periodic payments will be able to rent out their former home without the rental payments or the value of their former home affecting the rate of pension.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – Their Needs and Their Carers*.

Carer Payment — increasing opportunities to undertake work, study or training

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	2.4	6.0	10.3	15.4
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	..	..	..	..
Total	2.4	6.0	10.3	15.4

The Government will provide funding of \$34.9 million over five years (including \$0.8 million in 2004-05) to increase the number of hours that carers can work, train or study while maintaining eligibility for Carer Payment, from 20 hours to 25 hours per week. The measure is expected to assist more than 1,000 carers to maintain networks, and develop skills that will assist them with employment.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – Their Needs and Their Carers*.

Community organisations — one-off grants

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

The Government has provided funding of \$565,000 in 2004-05 to meet election commitments to fund small local projects. The community organisations to be funded are as follows:

- Kilburn Blair Athol Community Youth Centre in South Australia – \$250,000;
- Eastern Access Community Health in Victoria – \$165,000;
- Ringwood Skate Park in Victoria – \$50,000;
- Ovingham Sport and Social Club in South Australia – \$30,000;
- 1st Toongabbie Scout Group in New South Wales – \$20,000;
- Blackburn Scouts in Victoria – \$20,000;
- Ringwood Scouts in Victoria – \$15,000; and
- Swan Italian Sporting Club in Western Australia – \$15,000.

Family Tax Benefit Part B Supplement

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	253.5	265.8	271.5	277.8
Australian Taxation Office	177.0	173.7	179.0	183.9
Total	430.4	439.4	450.5	461.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Family and Community Services	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 billion over five years (including \$212.0 million in 2004-05) of which \$2.0 million is capital funding (including \$1.5 million in 2004-05) to increase the rate of Family Tax Benefit Part B by \$300. This will commence with a half year entitlement of \$150 on 1 January 2005. This increased rate of assistance will be paid as a lump sum upon reconciliation of entitlements at the end of the financial year. If required, any family assistance overpayments received by the family will be offset against the supplement.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Extra Assistance to Families*.

Grandparents who care for children — increasing child care assistance

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	18.6	23.6	28.8	30.5

The Government will provide eligible grandparents who are the primary carers of their grandchildren and in receipt of income support with access to a special rate of Child Care Benefit (CCB) called Grandparent CCB — which covers the full cost of child care fees for approved care. The cost of this measure is estimated at \$110.3 million over five years (including \$8.8 million in 2004-05).

The Government has also waived the work, study or training test for grandparents who are the primary carers of their grandchildren. This provides entitlement to CCB for up to 50 hours of child care per week.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Extra Assistance for Families*.

Seniors Concession Allowances for self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	60.2	64.5	69.1	73.8
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6
Total	62.2	66.4	70.9	75.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$333.7 million over five years (including \$58.8 million in 2004-05, of which \$0.1 million is capital funding) for the creation of a Seniors Concession Allowance, payable to self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

The payment will be \$200 a year, paid in two instalments, in June and December each year. The first instalment of \$100 was paid in December 2004.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – Their Needs and Their Carers*.

Stronger Families and Communities Strategy — increased funding for Communities for Children

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	4.9	9.7	9.7	8.1

The Government will provide funding of \$32.6 million over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2004-05) to expand the Communities for Children initiative. Funding will target identified disadvantaged communities and will support the establishment of early childhood development initiatives.

This measure was announced on 23 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Stronger Families and Communities*.

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Stronger Families and Communities Strategy — increased funding for Local Answers

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	8.4	20.8	28.3	19.6

The Government will provide funding of \$77.6 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in 2004-05) to expand the Local Answers initiative. Funding will provide targeted grants to local community organisations to develop small-scale projects responding to local problems.

This measure was announced on 23 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Stronger Families and Communities*.

Stronger Families and Communities Strategy — increased funding for Volunteer Small Equipment Grants

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.1

The Government will provide funding of \$14.6 million over five years (including \$3.6 million in 2004-05) to ensure the continuation of the volunteer small equipment grants programme. These grants will be provided to community organisations for the purchase of equipment that will assist volunteers in their voluntary work.

This measure was announced on 23 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Stronger Families and Communities*.

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Utilities Allowance for senior Australians on income support

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	145.0	151.9	159.5	168.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	24.2	23.7	23.6	22.5
Total	169.3	175.6	183.1	190.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$800.9 million over five years (including \$82.1 million in 2004-05) for the creation of a new Utilities Allowance. The allowance is payable to Australians of age pension age who receive the Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, Veterans' Service Pension or War Widows Pension. This includes capital funding of \$0.3 million in 2004-05.

The Utilities Allowance will be \$100 a year for singles and \$50 a year for each member of a couple. It will be paid in two instalments, in September and March of each year. The first instalment was paid in March 2005.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – Their Needs and Their Carers*.

Women's Leadership and Development Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.6

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over four years for the Women's Leadership and Development programme to encourage greater female participation in all parts of Australian life, including leadership roles.

The programme's activities will include supporting the appointment of women to Australian Government and public company boards, developing a young women's leadership and mentoring programme in rural and remote areas, increasing women's participation in all aspects of sport and providing grants to non-government national women's organisations.

This measure includes commitments announced on 6 October 2004 as part of the Government's election policy *Australian Women – Opportunities for Life*.

Women's Safety Agenda

<i>Expense (\$m)</i>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Family and Community Services	15.2	15.9	15.5	16.1
Department of Health and Ageing	1.0	2.8	3.8	4.9
Health Insurance Commission	0.2	..	..	..
Total	16.4	18.7	19.3	21.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Health Insurance Commission</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$75.7 million over four years (including \$0.1 million in capital funding) for the Women's Safety Agenda, to help address the problems of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The measure will provide funding for the continuation of the Violence Against Women: Australia Says No campaign, training of General Practice nurses in regional and rural areas and training for Mensline counsellors on domestic violence issues. Funding will also be provided for the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault and the new Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearing House.

This measure was announced on 6 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Australian Women – Opportunities for Life*.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Future Fund — implementation and administration

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Future Fund Management Agency	6.3	7.9	7.9	8.1
Department of the Treasury	0.9	-	-	-
Total	7.1	7.9	7.9	8.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Future Fund Management Agency	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will establish the Future Fund, for the purpose of accumulating financial assets to offset the Australian Government's unfunded superannuation liability. The Fund will be managed by a statutory agency overseen by an independent board, which will make investments in accordance with a broad investment mandate issued by the Government.

The Government will provide \$31.2 million over four years from 2005-06 (including \$1 million in capital) to establish the Future Fund Management Agency, which will provide executive support and advice to the Future Fund Management Board.

The cost of contracting out investment activities to fund managers and the remuneration of Board members will be met from the Future Fund.

In addition, the Government will provide \$0.9 million to the Department of the Treasury in 2005-06 to facilitate the implementation of the Fund.

This measure was announced on 10 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing for the Future*.

National Portrait Gallery building

Capital (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Finance and Administration	20.0	30.0	-	-
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Department of Finance and Administration	0.6	0.6	0.3	-

The Government will provide \$58.4 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in capital and \$0.4 million in expense funding in 2004-05) for the construction of a new stand-alone building in the Parliamentary Triangle for the National Portrait Gallery.

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Construction of the building will commence in 2004-05 and will be managed by the Department of Finance and Administration on behalf of the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts. The Department of Finance and Administration will be provided with \$50.5 million in capital funding over three years from 2004-05 for the construction of the building and \$1.8 million in expense funding over four years from 2004-05 to manage the construction.

The gallery will be transferred to the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts upon its completion in 2007-08. Additional funding of \$0.1 million in 2004-05, \$0.4 million in 2005-06, \$0.8 million in 2006-07, \$2.1 million in 2007-08 and \$2.7 million in 2008-09 will be provided to the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts to help meet the current and future operating costs of the gallery.

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

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Export Hubs

Expense (\$m)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Trade Commission	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Australian Trade Commission</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.4 million over five years (including \$1.6 million in 2004-05) to establish eight trade and industry export hubs in Launceston, Bega, Tweed Heads, Ballarat, Darwin, Port Augusta, Bundaberg and Carnarvon. The provision includes \$0.3 million in capital funding in 2004-05.

The export hubs will be established by creating new offices, expanding some existing TradeStart offices and co-locating some TradeStart and AusIndustry offices. This will provide additional assistance for businesses in regional Australia to capitalise on opportunities arising from Australia's new free-trade agreements with the United States, Singapore and Thailand.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Australian Exporters*.

Export Market Development Grants Scheme

Expense (\$m)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Trade Commission	10.0	10.0	-	-

The Government provided an additional \$30.0 million over three years (including \$10 million in 2004-05) for the Export Market Development Grants scheme. The scheme reimburses small and medium sized Australian businesses for a proportion of eligible export promotion costs.

As the scheme is expected to be underspent in 2004-05, the Government has rescheduled the \$10 million additional funding for 2004-05 to 2005-06, resulting in total additional funding of \$20 million in 2005-06.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Trade – Creating Jobs for Australians*.

Trade facilitation — additional export facilitators for the United States market

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Trade Commission	3.0	3.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.0 million over two years to appoint 30 export facilitators to pursue export opportunities arising from the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA). The initiative will help small and medium-sized Australian businesses take advantage of export opportunities, targeting government procurement, agricultural and other niche markets.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Australian Exporters*.

HEALTH AND AGEING

Dementia — a national health priority

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	15.4	16.3	16.6	17.1

The Government will provide \$70.5 million over five years (including \$5.2 million in 2004-05) to make dementia a national health priority. This funding will facilitate research into dementia, including the development of innovative care and treatment programmes.

Complementary initiatives will expand early intervention services for people with dementia and encourage evidence-based prevention activities for people at risk, in addition to providing support to the primary care sector in the diagnosis and management of dementia.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Dementia – A National Health Priority*.

Dementia — Extended Aged Care at Home places

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	15.6	44.0	74.4	91.1

The Government will provide \$225.1 million over four years for a further 2,000 Extended Aged Care at Home places specifically targeted at people with dementia, and to increase the number of hours of support available to recipients of these places. This represents a substantial increase in the number of Extended Aged Care at Home packages. Currently there are 2,728 packages that are being delivered to the community or have been previously announced. Additional funding will also be provided to Aged Care Assessment Teams for care planning and progressive reassessments to ensure appropriate care is provided to recipients of these places.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Dementia – A National Health Priority*.

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Dementia — training for carers

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	4.1	6.8	7.0	7.2

The Government will provide \$25.0 million over four years to provide dementia-specific training for up to 9,000 community and residential care workers, and up to 7,000 carers and community workers such as police and transport workers. This will help to ensure that carers and community workers provide appropriate care to people with dementia in residential care and in the community, building on the Carer Education and Workforce Training Project, for which the Government provided \$1.3 million in 2004-05. The Project currently provides services to approximately 1,200 respite workers and family carers.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Dementia – A National Health Priority*.

Diabetes — support for research

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	5.0	10.4	10.8	7.6

The Government will provide \$34.0 million over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2004-05) to establish an Australian Centre of Excellence in the Research and Treatment of Juvenile Diabetes, and to expand the *Lift for Life* programme for older Australians with diabetes in regional Australia.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Coalition Announces Support for Diabetes Research*.

Fernlea House palliative care hospice

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

The Government will provide \$800,000 over two years to help establish a palliative care hospice at Fernlea House in the Dandenong Ranges area. Of this funding, \$350,000 will be provided in 2004-05; and the remaining \$450,000 will be provided from the 2005-06 Budget measure *Strengthening Cancer Care – palliative care grants programme* which is an element of the Government's *Strengthening Cancer Care* election commitment, announced 4 October 2004.

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Fernlea House provides bereavement support as well as holistic care for those with life-threatening illnesses such as cancer. It also provides respite for carers.

Gippsland Lakes Community Health — contribution

<i>Expense (\$m)</i>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.3	0.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$500,000 over two years to Gippsland Lakes Community Health in Gippsland, Victoria. Gippsland Lakes Community Health offers a wide range of health and support programs, including medical and emergency services, health promotion programmes, child and maternal care and allied health services.

Investing in Stronger Regions — practice nurses in rural areas

<i>Expense (\$m)</i>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.2	3.4	4.7	5.4
Health Insurance Commission	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total	2.4	3.6	5.0	5.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Health Insurance Commission</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$17.8 million (including \$0.9 million of resourcing and \$0.1 million of capital funding in 2004-05) over five years to fund a new Medicare item allowing practice nurses in rural areas to undertake a wider range of procedures, including pap smears and other preventive health checks for women. This measure commenced on 1 January 2005.

The measure will help to provide rural women with the same opportunity to choose a female practitioner as is available to women in metropolitan areas. The measure will also assist in reducing waiting times to see a GP in many rural communities.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing in Stronger Regions*.

Medical Bionics Centre

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

The Government will provide \$0.7 million in 2004-05 towards a new Medical Bionics Centre. The Centre will conduct research to help people with paraplegia recover from spinal cord injury, develop intelligent stents for coronary heart disease, develop brain implants to reverse epilepsy, and create a new generation of cochlear implants and hearing aids.

This measure was announced on 7 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Prime Minister Pledges Funding for Medical Bionics Centre*.

Medicare — eligible Magnetic Resonance Imaging units for Dubbo and Gippsland

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.0	2.3	2.8	2.6
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	2.0	2.4	2.9	2.7

The Government will provide \$13.0 million over five years (including \$3.1 million in 2004-05) to allow Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) access to mobile Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) equipment in Gippsland and southern New South Wales through the use of a mobile MRI unit. In addition, the Government will provide MBS access for procedures performed by an MRI unit located in Dubbo.

Under this measure, communities in these areas will have more convenient access to this clinically important diagnostic technology. Allowing access to a mobile MRI unit in these areas will also serve as a trial of this type of service in Australia.

This measure was announced on 5 and 7 October 2004, as part of the Government's election commitments, by the Member for Gippsland and the Member for Parkes respectively.

Mental health — expansion of Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Initiative

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	8.4	10.5	10.7	10.9

The Government will provide \$42.6 million over five years (including \$2.2 million in 2004-05) for the continuation and expansion of the Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Initiative. This measure will allow the programme to address new issues such as the need for better integration of mental health, drug and alcohol abuse and suicide prevention activities, and provide additional support for general practitioners and their patients in rural and remote communities.

Priority will be given to expanding the Access to Allied Health Services component of the programme, which will enable more general practitioners to access the services of allied health professionals such as psychologists, social workers, mental health workers and occupational therapists on behalf of their patients.

This measure was announced on 29 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Mental Health*.

Mental health — funding for *beyondblue*

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.6

The Government will provide \$39.6 million over five years (including \$6.0 million in 2004-05) for the continued support of *beyondblue* in changing community attitudes towards depression, supporting early intervention, and improving services for people with depression.

This funding will enable *beyondblue* to progress their key priorities, building on their school and youth depression activities and developing prevention programmes for men, the elderly and Indigenous Australians. It will also allow for the establishment of a national preventative postnatal depression screening and follow-up programme for new mothers, and the continued targeting of workplace depression.

This measure was announced on 29 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Mental Health*.

Mental health — youth mental health

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	15.5	15.8	16.1	16.4

The Government will provide \$69.0 million over five years (including \$5.1 million in 2004-05) to address the issue of mental health and addiction in young people. The measure will provide support for general practitioners in the detection, early intervention and ongoing management of young people with mental health problems.

This measure will also enable general practitioners to access advice and services for their young patients from psychiatrists and other allied health professionals through an expansion of existing arrangements under the Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Initiative.

This measure was announced on 29 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Mental Health*.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — price reduction for new brand listings

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-10.3	-20.2	-22.2	-24.2
Department of Health and Ageing	-129.1	-251.6	-276.8	-302.1
Total	-139.4	-271.8	-299.0	-326.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Health and Ageing	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will require a price reduction of at least 12.5 per cent when the first new brand of an existing listed medicine is added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). Flow-on price reductions will apply to other brands of the same medicine and products in related price reference groups. The price reduction will apply for listings after 1 April 2005 and will occur only once within any related group of drugs.

The measure supports affordability of the PBS by reducing the cost to government of subsidised medicines. Savings are estimated to be \$1.0 billion over five years (which are net of amounts to implement the measure, including \$0.3 million in increased expense and \$0.1 million in increased capital in 2004-05).

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment, *Recognising Senior Australians – Their Needs and Their Carers*.

Round the Clock Medicare — After-hours Primary Care Programme

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

The Government will provide \$58.2 million over four years to continue funding for a number of after-hours general practitioner services.

This measure involves funding of \$18.0 million in 2005-06, \$13.1 million in 2006-07, \$13.4 million in 2007-08 and \$13.6 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Round the Clock Medicare – Investing in GP After Hours Services*.

Round the Clock Medicare — grants for after-hours GP services

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	5.2	10.8	11.7	11.9

The Government will provide \$39.7 million over four years to help improve access to after-hours general practitioner (GP) services.

Funding will be provided for up to 30 recurrent operating subsidies to a maximum of \$200,000 per year for new or recently-established after-hours GP clinics and medical deputising services. Funding will also be used to create up to 100 competitive recurrent grants of up to \$50,000 per year, renewable every two years, available to local practices, medical deputising services and cooperatives of GPs that are operating a rostered after-hours service, whether surgery-based or a call out service.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Round the Clock Medicare: Investing in After-Hours GP Services*.

Round the Clock Medicare — investing in after-hours GP services

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	94.5	107.0	121.6	133.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2.4	2.3	2.2	1.9
Health Insurance Commission	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
Total	97.8	110.2	124.7	136.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>Health Insurance Commission</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$516.0 million over five years (including \$46.9 million in resourcing and \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2004-05) to extend the reach of after-hours GP services. From 1 January 2005, a \$10 loading to Medicare rebates will be available for GP services delivered after-hours. In addition, certain non-vocationally registered GPs will be eligible for higher Medicare rebates and the \$10 loading.

The Government has also extended the Strengthening Medicare \$7.65 bulk billing incentive item to medical practitioners providing out-of-surgery after-hours services (for example, Medical Deputising Services and members of GP after-hours cooperatives) in an eligible area, even if the practitioner is not based in an eligible area.

This measure will also invest in after-hours GP infrastructure by providing start-up funding and recurrent grants for newly established after-hours clinics in applicable locations. In addition, for GP cooperatives and established services in outer suburban and regional areas, operating incentives will be provided.

The Government will provide \$70,000 towards computer system changes that the Health Insurance Commission needs to make for processing the additional \$10 loading.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Around the Clock Medicare – investing in after hours GP services*.

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Royal Darwin Hospital — Equipped, Prepared and Ready

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	19.7	13.3	13.7	13.8

The Government provided funding of \$65.8 million over five years (including \$5.4 million in 2004-05) to enable the Royal Darwin Hospital to function as a National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre. The funding will enhance the capacity of the Royal Darwin Hospital to respond to a major incident. This measure includes funds for infrastructure, staffing and coordination.

Subsequent to the announcement of this measure in the 2004-05 MYEFO, there has been a small change in the profile of this funding to \$2.3 million in 2004-05, \$21.7 million in 2005-06, \$13.6 million in 2006-07, \$14.0 million in 2007-08 and \$14.2 million in 2008-09.

This measure was announced on 20 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Royal Darwin Hospital – Equipped, Prepared and Ready*.

Senior Australians — increasing rural and regional respite services

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.4	2.6	2.6	2.7

The Government will provide \$9.3 million over four years for an additional supplement of \$20.45 per day for Multipurpose Services that provide respite services for older Australians and their carers living in rural and remote areas.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – their needs and their carers*.

Senior Australians — overnight cottage respite

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	8.8	17.0	17.3	17.8

The Government will provide \$61.0 million over four years to enable Commonwealth Carer Respite Centres to purchase additional overnight respite in community homes, particularly in areas where respite options are limited.

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This funding will also allow for the development of specific standards of care and reporting requirements for community respite houses to ensure older people in respite are receiving the quality of care they need.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – their needs and their carers*.

Senior Australians — residential respite funding increase

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	5.9	8.4	13.5	13.9

The Government will provide \$41.8 million over four years through the National Respite for Carers Programme to provide an extra \$28 per respite resident per day to aged care providers who dedicate at least 70 per cent of their respite allocations for respite care.

As a result of this measure, the number of high-care residential respite days per year will double from 384,000 days to 768,000 days over the next three years.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – their needs and their carers*.

Senior Australians — respite to assist employed carers

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	13.5	26.7	27.3	28.0

The Government will provide \$95.5 million over four years to increase access of carers in paid employment and carers re-entering the workforce to respite services during working hours. This will involve increasing the funding to Commonwealth Carer Respite Centres and enabling day respite centres for older Australians to extend their hours of operation.

This measure will enable up to 5,000 carers in paid employment and carers re-entering the workforce to access 480 extra hours of respite during working hours each year.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Recognising Senior Australians – their needs and their carers*.

Strengthening Cancer Care — bowel cancer screening

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.6	14.6	16.4	-2.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Department of Health and Ageing	1.5	2.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$43.4 million over three years (including \$4.0 million in capital funding), to phase in a nationally-coordinated, population-based bowel cancer screening programme. This funding includes \$7.8 million over four years transferred from the 2004-05 Budget measure *Preventative Health – Bowel Cancer Screening*, for which provision has already been made in the forward estimates.

This measure builds on the findings of the recent Bowel Cancer Screening Pilot. Bowel cancer can be treated successfully if detected in its early stages, and this screening programme will help improve rates of early detection and reduce the number of Australians who die each year of bowel cancer.

Screening will continue to be phased in and the results will be evaluated fully prior to the 2008-09 Budget, with our aim to extend this screening if successful on clinical grounds to all Australians over 55 and Indigenous Australians over 45. A re-profiling of funding from 2008-09 into prior years creates a saving against the forward estimates in 2008-09.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — Breast Cancer Network Australia

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over four years to support the development of the Breast Cancer Network Australia, which will assist with the further development and dissemination of resources to help women newly diagnosed with breast cancer.

This funding will encourage support networks to help people with cancer during and after treatment.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — Camp Quality and Make-a-Wish Foundation

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

The Government will provide \$2.0 million in 2004-05 to assist Camp Quality and the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Camp Quality is a non-profit organisation dedicated to improving the lives of children with cancer, through ongoing recreational and educational programmes.

The Make-a-Wish Foundation is a non-profit organisation that aims to fulfil the wishes to children under 18 years of age with a life-threatening illness.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — Cancer Australia

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	4.3	2.7	2.7	2.8

The Government will provide \$13.7 million over five years (including \$1.3 million in 2004-05) to establish *Cancer Australia*, an agency that will bring together cancer organisations and the patient community.

This measure addresses a recommendation by the National Cancer Control Initiative, to institute a National Task Force on Cancer to ensure that the entire spectrum of cancer care services throughout Australia is evidence-based and consumer-focused.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — cancer research

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.3

The Government will provide \$17.6 million over four years to establish a dedicated cancer research budget to develop and deliver a research programme that will be guided by Cancer Australia, in conjunction with the National Health and Medical Research Council.

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The initial priorities for this funding will include screening programmes; early detection of breast and ovarian cancers; the application of emerging new treatments and technologies, particularly for bowel and prostate cancer; and improvements in cancer outcomes through better coordination of care and a multi-disciplinary approach.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — Cancer Support Networks

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over five years (including \$0.6 million in 2004-05) to support the development of cancer support networks. Small grants of up to \$90,000 will be available for support groups in the areas of lung, bowel, ovarian and other cancers.

The networks will be linked to Cancer Australia, to provide information and advice regarding quality improvement programmes on prevention and treatment.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — clinical trials

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.4

The Government will provide \$21.7 million over four years to build on Australia's capacity to conduct clinical trials for cancer patients. This investment will be managed by *Cancer Australia*, the new cancer agency that is to provide national leadership in cancer control, in conjunction with the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Clinical trials give the medical profession the opportunity to compare the benefits of different treatments in a practical, real-world situation. These varied treatments may include different medications, surgical procedures, radiotherapy, new technology, counselling and palliative care.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — mentoring for regional hospitals and cancer professionals

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6

The Government will provide \$14.1 million over four years to assist regional hospitals, providers and support networks to develop and implement cancer care mentoring.

This measure will establish a mentoring system linking major urban hospitals in each state and territory with a number of regional and bush nursing hospitals in regional centres. It will encourage specialists and other leading health professionals from centres of excellence (such as the Peter McCallum Cancer Institute) to spend more time in rural and regional areas and to be available to confer with regional colleagues.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — National Breast Cancer Centre

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

The Government will provide an additional \$4.0 million over five years (including \$0.8 million in 2004-05) to the National Breast Cancer Centre, to support improved quality of care, raise awareness about early detection, and identify improved approaches to the early detection and management of breast cancer.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — National Research Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.3	1.7	1.7	1.8

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over four years as start-up funding for a National Research Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases.

The Centre will conduct research to prevent asbestos-related cancer and find cures, guided by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — palliative care grants programme

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9

The Government will provide \$23.1 million over four years to fund a local palliative care grants programme.

The programme will provide grants through a competitive tendering process to help local groups, aged care providers and church and charitable hospices to provide better support to cancer patients and their families. Grants will be available in four streams: purchase of equipment and fit-out; support for pastoral care and counselling staff and training; step-down or transition to home services; and care planning by medical practitioners and allied health professionals. These grants will improve access to appropriate palliative care services in the local community, and encourage communities and organisations to implement their own local visions in caring for their members.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — professional development for cancer professionals

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	3.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.3 million in 2005-06 to improve professional development for cancer professionals, counsellors and general practitioners.

This measure will focus on developing professional education modules in the latest treatments for priority cancers including breast, bowel and prostate cancer, and providing advice and counselling to people with cancer and their families.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — quitting smoking during pregnancy

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	2.1	1.1	1.1	-

The Government will provide \$4.3 million over three years to encourage doctors, health workers and midwives to give advice to pregnant women — particularly Indigenous women — about the damage caused by smoking, and to assist these women to quit smoking and not commence again after giving birth. The initiative will also provide an opportunity to educate partners or family members on their role in supporting a pregnant woman who wants to stop smoking.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — radiation therapy internships and undergraduate places

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
Department of Education, Science and Training	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.6
Total	2.8	3.4	3.6	3.7
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of Education, Science and Training	..	..	..	..

The Government will provide \$14.9 million over five years (including \$1.4 million in 2004-05) to fund undergraduate radiation therapy places and additional radiation therapy workforce measures.

The Department of Education, Science and Training will be provided with a total of \$6.0 million over five years, including \$0.5 million in 2004-05, to fund 37 new undergraduate radiation therapy places each year. This will create 101 places by 2008, distributed across the national higher education sector.

To complement this initiative, the Department of Health and Ageing will be provided with a total of \$8.9 million over five years, including \$0.8 million in 2004-05, to fund necessary additional workforce measures for the radiation therapy oncology sector. This includes subsidising clinical placements, providing incentives for the private sector to offer postgraduate radiation therapy training places, and providing additional training places for medical physicists responsible for the safe operation of radiotherapy equipment.

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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 component of their HELP loan are treated as interest revenue. These payments will impact on the fiscal balance from 2005-06.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne

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

The Government will provide \$10.0 million in 2004-05 to the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne to enable the completion of a world-class children's cancer centre.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — skin cancer national awareness campaign

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	0.6	4.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over two years to deliver a national mass-media skin cancer awareness campaign. The campaign will involve advertisements on television and in suburban and regional press, magazines, and non-English speaking and Indigenous press. Supporting materials will also be produced in various languages to complement the campaign.

This campaign will encourage personal action to prevent unnecessary exposure to ultra-violet rays, and help increase the early diagnosis of skin cancer.

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

Strengthening Cancer Care — Sydney Children's Hospital Magnetic Resonance Imaging unit — Medicare Benefits Schedule eligibility

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4

The Government will provide \$5.1 million over four years to provide assistance to the Sydney Children's Hospital by giving access to recurrent Medicare funding for the hospital's Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) facilities.

This initiative builds on the extension of similar Medicare-funded MRI facilities to three other children's hospitals in 2003.

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

Westmead Hospital — new positron emission tomography scanner

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Health and Ageing	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3

The Government will provide \$8.7 million over five years (including \$4.1 million in 2004-05) to fund the installation of, and provide annual grants towards running costs for a new positron emission tomography scanner at Westmead Hospital. The Government will work with the NSW Government to install the new machine at an appropriate site on the Westmead campus.

This measure was announced on 19 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Western Sydney*.

HUMAN SERVICES

Medicare — two new Medicare offices

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Health Insurance Commission	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
Health Insurance Commission	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.9 million over four years (including \$0.5 million in capital funding) to open two new Medicare offices in Wynnum (Qld) and Tuncurry (NSW). It is anticipated that the offices will open early in 2006.

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Indigenous Australians — improving school attendance in remote areas

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.0 million in 2004-05 to extend the 'No School No Pool' programme currently running in the Northern Territory (NT) to remote communities in other states and territories. Under the programme, funds are provided on a cost-sharing basis to provide a swimming pool in schools in remote communities, on the basis that access to the pool is dependent on attendance at school.

This initiative builds on the success of the NT trial, which has improved school attendance rates and student motivation in remote communities. Funding will be dependent on matched funding from state and territory governments.

This measure was announced on 17 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Indigenous Australians – Opportunity and Responsibility*.

Indigenous Communities — developing a twenty to thirty year vision

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$2.0 million over two years (including \$1.0 million in 2004-05) to assist Indigenous communities to develop a twenty to thirty year vision of their aspirations and priorities. This is part of the Government's approach to capacity building in Indigenous communities, and will help guide future Government investment, providing greater benefit to Indigenous communities as a result.

This measure was announced on 17 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Indigenous Australians – Opportunity and Responsibility*.

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Reconciliation Place in Canberra — continued development

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over two years (including \$1.0 million in 2004-05) to install an additional six artworks at Reconciliation Place, Canberra. This initiative will progress the Government's commitment to the ongoing development of Reconciliation Place as a national symbol of reconciliation.

This measure was announced on 17 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Indigenous Australians – Opportunity and Responsibility*.

INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

Australian Building Codes Board — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over four years (\$1.0 million per annum) to allow for the continuation of the Australian Building Codes Board. The Board works with the building industry and all levels of government to develop nationally-consistent building codes and standards. The cost of this measure will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: the Coalition's Policy for Australian Industry*.

Australian Institute for Commercialisation — Techfast Pilot Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.5 million in 2004-05 to the Australian Institute for Commercialisation to assist the development of the Techfast brokerage project. The Techfast initiative will assist small to medium-sized enterprises to identify and improve their innovation capabilities, by establishing closer links with research institutions.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: The Coalitions' Policy for Australian Industry*.

Australian Made Campaign

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	0.8	0.4	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$2.0 million over three years (including \$0.9 million in 2004-05) for the Australian Made Campaign.

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This assistance will be utilised to stimulate new export activity by increasing the number of Australian manufacturers, particularly small and medium sized enterprises, involved in export using the Campaign's 'Australian Made' logo. Funding will be provided to support marketing activities that promote the logo as an export brand, and will be conditional on the Campaign matching the Government's contribution.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: the Coalition's Policy for Australian Industry*.

Business Entry Point — maintain funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$36.4 million over four years to continue the Business Entry Point website (www.business.gov.au). The Business Entry Point provides a single point of contact for business to deal with all levels of government, including streamlined access to information and online transaction facilities in a range of areas, including start-up advice, taxation and licensing requirements, and business assistance programmes.

This measure involves funding of \$9.0 million in 2005-06, \$9.1 million in 2006-07, \$9.2 million in 2007-08 and \$9.3 million in 2008-09. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Small Business, Big Future*.

Cairns Esplanade — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	3.0	2.0	2.0	-

The Government will provide funding of \$10.0 million over four years (including \$3.0 million in 2004-05) to support the third stage of the Cairns esplanade development, including landscaping, pedestrian pathways, lighting and security.

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

Caravan Safari Trail Project

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

The Government will provide \$0.3 million over two years (including \$0.1 million in 2004-05) towards the development of the Caravan Safari Trail Project. The project will assist the caravan and camping sectors by providing signage and other promotional material for caravan parks and campsites. The cost of this measure will be absorbed within the existing resources of Tourism Australia.

Commercial Ready Programme — reprioritisation

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-3.1	-5.2	-6.3	-5.6

The Government will redirect funding of \$25.0 million over seven years (including \$0.1 million in 2004-05, \$3.1 million in 2009-10 and \$1.6 million in 2010-11) from the Commercial Ready Programme to the new Industry Cooperative Innovation Programme.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: The Coalition's Policy for Australian Industry*.

See also the related expense measure titled *Industry Cooperative Innovation Programme* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio.

Fairbridge Village — redevelopment

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.7 million in 2004-05 to support the fifth stage of the redevelopment of Fairbridge Village in Western Australia, involving further restoration of this heritage site. This measure will be funded through a reprioritisation of funding from Tourism Australia's domestic and regional programme.

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Home-based business seminars

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	0.4	0.4	0.4	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over four years (including \$0.7 million in 2004-05) to continue support for Home-Based Business Seminars, with a focus on businesses in regional areas. The seminars offer advice to home-based entrepreneurs on topics including taxation, marketing, risk management and intellectual property.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Small Business, Big Future*.

Industry Capability Network Limited and Supplier Access to Major Projects Programme — extension

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>				
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-

The Government will provide \$1.3 million per annum over three years from 2005-06 to continue Industry Capability Network Limited (ICNL) and the Supplier Access to Major Projects (SAMP) programme, which assist small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to access supply-chain opportunities in major development projects. ICNL (a company controlled by the Australian, state, territory and New Zealand governments) promotes the capabilities of SMEs to project developers through a national database. The SAMP programme provides grants for consultants to identify and advise on potential Australian suppliers for major investment projects.

ICNL will retain revenues of \$0.3 million per annum from 2005-06 to 2007-08 generated through user-charging arrangements, which would have otherwise been returned to consolidated revenue. The remaining cost of \$1.0 million per annum for three years will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: The Coalition's Policy for Australian Industry*.

Industry Cooperative Innovation Programme

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	3.1	5.2	6.3	5.6

The Government will provide funding of \$25.0 million over seven years (including \$0.1 million in 2004-05, \$3.1 million in 2009-10 and \$1.6 million in 2010-11) for the Industry Cooperative Innovation Programme. This programme will provide grants for cooperative projects between firms which identify, develop and use new technologies, and is aimed at improving business processes and industry productivity. Firms will be required to contribute to the cost of individual projects.

This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: The Coalition's Policy for Australian Industry*.

See also the related expense measure titled *Commercial Ready Programme – reprioritisation* in the Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio.

Kimberley Cultural Tourism Promotion

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$0.2 million over two years (including \$0.1 million in 2004-05) to the Broome Arts and Music Foundation and the Kimberley Cultural Trail to promote cultural tourism and the arts in Broome and the Kimberley region.

This measure was announced on 17 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Kalgoorlie*.

Lancefield Reserve — upgrade of amenities

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10,000 in 2004-05 to upgrade the amenities block at Lancefield Reserve in the Macedon Ranges. The cost of this measure will be absorbed within existing resources of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

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This election commitment was announced on 24 September 2004 by the Minister for Small Business and Tourism, the Hon Fran Bailey MP.

Lancefield Visitor Information Centre

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2004-05 to support the development of a visitor information centre in Lancefield, Victoria. This measure will be funded through a reprioritisation of funding from Tourism Australia's domestic and regional programme.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 by the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.

Queensland Alumina Limited — contribution to the conversion of refinery

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million in 2005-06 as a contribution to the costs of the conversion of Queensland Alumina Limited's refinery from coal to natural gas sourced from the Papua New Guinea Highlands Gas project. The conversion is expected to bring about the abatement of more than 2.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.

The cost of this measure is being fully absorbed from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Further information on this measure can be found in the press release of 27 September 2004 issued by the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	36.3	7.2	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$50.0 million over three years (including \$6.5 million in 2004-05) for a competitive grants programme to encourage local governments to reduce regulatory complexity and compliance requirements for home-based businesses.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Promoting an Enterprise Culture*.

Small Business Assistance Programme — extension

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	14.1	14.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$30.0 million over four years (including \$0.9 million in 2009-10) to continue the Small Business Assistance Programme. The programme provides grants for skills development, small business incubators, mentoring and advisory services to help foster the growth and wealth creation of small businesses.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Small Business, Big Future*.

Small Business Collective Bargaining Campaign

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	0.8	0.8	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$2.0 million over three years (including \$0.5 million in 2004-05) to provide small businesses with information about proposed reforms to the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. These reforms are designed to help assist small businesses to bargain collectively with large businesses.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Small Business, Big Future*.

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Small Business Mentoring and Succession Programme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	2.9	2.7	2.7	0.4

The Government will provide \$9.0 million over five years (including \$0.3 million in 2009-10) for the Small Business Mentoring and Succession Programme, which will help small business owners plan for their retirement through the provision of advice on maximising business value and exit strategies. This initiative will be administered as part of the Small Business Assistance Programme.

This measure was announced on 5 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Small Business, Big Future*.

The Great Green Way — tourism initiative

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	2.0	2.0	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$6.0 million over three years (including \$2.0 million in 2004-05) to support the development of a tourism route between Townsville and Cairns. The assistance will provide funds for items such as signage, camping facilities and information centres.

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

Venture Capital Industry — review

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2004-05 for a review of the venture capital industry in Australia. The review will assess the contribution of the venture capital industry to the Australian economy and examine the effectiveness of current Government initiatives in supporting venture capital investment.

The cost of this measure will be met within the existing resources of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

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This measure was announced on 8 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *From Strength to Strength: the Coalition's Policy for Australian Industry*.

Woodend Bike Trail

<u>Expense (\$m)</u>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.2 million in 2004-05 to support the development of a bike trail in the area of Hanging Rock in Victoria. This measure will be funded through a reprioritisation of funding from Tourism Australia's domestic and regional programme.

This election commitment was announced on 29 September 2004 by the then Minister for Small Business and Tourism, the Hon Joe Hockey MP.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Australian Water Fund — Raising National Water Standards

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
National Water Commission	30.0	40.0	40.0	35.0

The Government will provide \$200.0 million over six years (including \$10.0 million in 2004-05 and \$45.0 million in 2009-10) to improve water management and collection of water data to assist in policy making decisions. Raising National Water Standards will support improved water accounting, strategic groundwater assessment and the conservation of high value water systems.

Raising National Water Standards is part of the \$2 billion Australian Water Fund (AWF). Funding for the AWF includes the reallocation of earlier provisions made in the Contingency Reserve for National Competition Policy Payments in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Since the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*, \$8.7 million of the \$10.0 million appropriated for 2004-05 will now be largely spent in 2005-06, primarily reflecting the expected timing of grant payments.

Further information can be found in the *Securing Australia's Water Future* and *Water Wise Communities* election policy documents released on 13 September 2004 and 18 September 2004 respectively.

See also the related expense measures titled *Australian Water Fund – Water Smart Australia* and *Australian Water Fund – Community Water Grants* in, respectively, the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Environment and Heritage portfolios.

Australian Water Fund — Water Smart Australia

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
National Water Commission	253.0	530.3	520.5	165.7
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>				
<i>National Water Commission</i>	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.6 billion over six years (including \$46.9 million in 2004-05 and \$83.7 million in 2009-10) to the Water Smart Australia programme, including \$51.0 million over six years for the operational costs of the National Water Commission. Water Smart Australia will provide grants to projects that accelerate the use of the smartest water technologies and practices across Australia. Eligible projects may involve increasing on-farm water use efficiency, improving irrigation infrastructure and more efficient storage facilities.

The Water Smart Australia programme includes capital funding of \$2.1 million in 2004-05 to set up the National Water Commission. The Commission, established by the *National Water Commission Act 2004*, will provide advice and recommendations to the Government on potential Water Smart Australia projects.

Water Smart Australia is part of the \$2 billion Australian Water Fund (AWF). Funding for the AWF includes the reallocation of earlier provisions made in the Contingency Reserve for National Competition Policy Payments in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Since the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*, \$34.8 million of the \$46.9 million originally appropriated for 2004-05 will now be largely spent in 2005-06, primarily reflecting the expected timing of grant payments.

Further information can be found in the *Securing Australia's Water Future* and *Water Wise Communities* election policy documents released on 13 September 2004 and 18 September 2004 respectively.

See also the related expense measures titled *Australian Water Fund – Raising National Water Standards* and *Australian Water Fund – Community Water Grants* in, respectively, the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Environment and Heritage portfolios.

TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

AusLink — National Land Transport Network

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	76.0	90.0	70.0	-30.0

The Government will provide an additional \$224.0 million over five years (including \$18.0 million in 2004-05) for projects on the AusLink National Land Transport Network. This funding comprises:

- \$80.0 million for Tully Flood Mitigation;
- \$70.0 million for the Sturt Highway extension;
- \$40.0 million for the Townsville Ring Road;
- \$20.0 million for the Peel Deviation;
- \$4.0 million for the Toowoomba Range Crossing;
- \$3.0 million for the Callemondah Bypass;
- \$3.0 million for Hampstead Road;
- \$2.0 million for the Brisbane TransApex study; and
- \$2.0 million for Miriam Vale safety works.

In addition, the Government will bring forward funding of \$15.0 million from 2007-08 and 2008-09 for the Port River Expressway, \$5.0 million from 2008-09 for the Sturt Highway extension and \$35.0 million from 2007-08 and 2008-09 for the Coolac Bypass.

Further information can be found in the AusLink White Paper released by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services and the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads on 7 June 2004, the Treasurer's press releases of 7 June 2004 and 8 September 2004 and on 15 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Our National Transport Future*.

AusLink — Roads to Recovery

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0

The Government will provide an additional \$150.0 million over five years (including \$30.0 million in 2004-05) to expand the Roads to Recovery Programme.

Of these funds, \$120.0 million will be allocated to local councils for approved local road projects of strategic regional importance. The remaining \$30.0 million will be provided for local road projects in areas of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and the Northern Territory, where there are no local councils.

This measure was announced on 15 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Our National Transport Future*.

Regional Partnerships — icon projects

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	16.0	3.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$27.8 million over three years (including \$7.9 million in 2004-05) to fund six new regional icon projects in New South Wales and Queensland through the Regional Partnerships Programme.

The projects include developing the Mackay Science and Technology Precinct, redeveloping the Buchanan Rodeo Park in Mount Isa, developing the Hinkler Hall of Aviation in Bundaberg, upgrading the Dalby Showgrounds, developing the RM Williams Australian Bush Centre in Eidsvold and developing the Australian Equine and Livestock Centre at Tamworth.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing in Stronger Regions*.

Regional Partnerships — Thuringowa Riverway development

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	2.0	2.0	-	-

The Government will contribute \$6.0 million over three years (including \$2.0 million in 2004-05) towards the development of the Thuringowa Riverway, an urban tourist and cultural development initiative in Townsville.

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

Regional Partnerships Programme — Bank@Post

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	6.1	1.2	1.2	1.2

The Government will provide \$11.9 million over five years, including \$2.2 million in 2004-05, to extend the availability of banking services at an additional 266 licensed post offices in rural and remote areas of Australia.

Licensed post offices with over 12,000 transactions per year already provide banking services. This measure will extend the availability of banking services to licensed post offices in rural and remote Australia processing between 2,500 and 12,000 transactions per annum.

Funding of \$7.3 million will be provided to meet the cost of installing and maintaining Bank@Post equipment at these licensed post offices in rural and remote Australia processing between 2,500 and 12,000 transactions per annum. In addition, \$3.5 million will be provided to meet any shortfalls in transactions costs for licensed post offices processing between 2,500 and 10,000 transactions per year.

Funding for this measure also includes \$1.1 million over five years for the Department of Transport and Regional Services, to administer a contract with Australia Post for the delivery of services.

This measure was announced on 13 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Supporting Regional Post Services*.

Regional Partnerships programme — funding for election commitments

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	2.3	2.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.8 million over two years to contribute to regional infrastructure and community projects. Funding comprises:

- \$2.0 million for the Wallan multi-purpose community centre, Victoria;
- \$600,000 for the East Gippsland rail trail walk, Bairnsdale to Orbost, Victoria;
- \$460,000 for a study of a proposal for recycling of Brisbane water to the Darling Downs, Queensland;
- \$400,000 for the Tathra Wharf, New South Wales;
- \$300,000 for the Adaminaby Snowy Scheme Collection, New South Wales;
- \$250,000 for the Mandurah Memorial, Western Australia;
- \$200,000 for the Memorial Walkway through Bi-Centennial Park, Camden, New South Wales;
- \$200,000 for the Grafton Hockey Club boarding facilities, New South Wales;
- \$125,000 for the Central Coast Volunteer Rescue Squad, New South Wales;
- \$80,000 for the Imlay Special Needs Group Toy Library, New South Wales;
- \$62,000 for the Castledare miniature railway, Western Australia;
- \$60,000 for the Lakes Entrance Safe Beach, Victoria; and
- \$50,000 for the Newman Town Centre revitalisation, Western Australia.

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Road safety — trial for a national driver education scheme

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

The Government will provide \$1.0 million in 2004-05 to establish a trial driver education scheme for new provisional licence holders. The course will assist novice drivers to understand their own limitations and how they can reduce the risks they face on the road. The motor vehicle industry and the New South Wales and Victorian Governments will also contribute to the costs of the trial.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Our National Transport Future*.

Road Safety Black Spot Programme — extension of funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	-	45.0	45.0	-

The Government will provide \$90.0 million over two years from 2006-07 to continue the Road Safety Black Spot Programme. The programme seeks to identify and address dangerous locations on Australia's roads.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Building Our National Transport Future*.

Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	5.0	5.0	5.0	-

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over three years for a new Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will assist rural councils to establish community medical facilities and recruit and retain general practitioners. Funding will help meet the cost of purchasing and fitting out facilities required for general practitioner services.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing in Stronger Regions*.

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Sustainable Regions — Western NSW, Western QLD and Northern Rivers and North Coast of NSW

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Transport and Regional Services	9.4	12.5	9.5	-

The Government will provide \$33.0 million over four years (including \$1.6 million in 2004-05) to expand the Sustainable Regions programme to western New South Wales and western Queensland, and the northern rivers and north coast of New South Wales. The programme helps local advisory committees to develop and recommend projects aimed at assisting regional development, which are then presented to the Government for further funding consideration.

This measure was announced on 24 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Investing in Stronger Regions*.

TREASURY

Exemption of Utilities Allowance and Seniors Concession Allowance

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

The Government has allowed an exemption from income tax for the Utilities Allowance and the Seniors Concession Allowance, with effect from the 2004-05 income year.

The Utilities Allowance of \$100 per year for singles and couples is paid to Australians of age pension age who are receiving income support. This allowance is paid in two instalments with each half yearly pension indexation adjustment, with the first instalment having been paid in March 2005.

The Seniors Concession Allowance of \$200 per year is paid to self-funded retirees with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card. This allowance is also paid in two instalments a year, with the first \$100 instalment having been paid in December 2004.

This measure was announced on 1 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment in *Recognising Senior Australians – Their Needs and Their Carers*.

See also the related expense measures titled *Utilities Allowance for senior Australians on income support* and *Seniors Concession Allowances for self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card* in the Family and Community Services portfolio.

Film Licensed Investment Company scheme — two year extension

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

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

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

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

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

Interaction of the Australian film tax deduction concessions with section 79D foreign loss quarantining

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

The Government will amend the income tax law in regard to the interaction of the foreign loss quarantining rules and the Australian film tax deduction concessions contained in Divisions 10BA and 10B. This will be implemented by removing the quarantining rule for all taxpayers.

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

See the related revenue measure *New international taxation arrangements – removal of foreign loss and foreign tax credit quarantining* in the Treasury portfolio in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2005-06*.

Personal income tax — 30 per cent child care tax rebate

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-280.0	-305.0	-330.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Department of Family and Community Services (a)	12.9	15.6	20.9	25.6
Australian Taxation Office (a)	4.1	2.7	1.6	1.6
<i>Total</i>	17.0	18.3	22.5	27.2

(a) A positive expense estimate indicates a decrease in the fiscal balance.

The Government will provide a non-means tested tax offset of 30 per cent of out-of-pocket child care costs, up to a maximum of \$4,000 per child per annum, for those taxpayers who receive Child Care Benefit (CCB) for approved care and meet the CCB work/training/study test, with effect from 1 July 2004. Out-of-pocket costs are total child care fees less final CCB entitlement.

The offset is non-refundable, however taxpayers with insufficient tax liability to absorb the whole offset will be able to transfer any unused amount to their spouse.

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During the election campaign, the Government announced this policy with effect from 1 January 2005. Subsequently, the Government decided to bring forward the commencement date of this measure so that expenses will be able to be claimed from 1 July 2004. Taxpayers will start receiving the Child Care Tax Rebate in their tax return for the 2005-06 year.

The related expense for the Child Care Tax Rebate includes both an expected increased uptake of CCB, and administration costs, of which \$3.2 million funding will be provided by the Government in 2004-05.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment in *Extra Assistance for Families*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 December 2004 issued by the Treasurer.

Shorter periods of review for most individuals and businesses in the Simplified Tax System

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-6.5	-12.5

The Government will reduce the amendment period in which the Australian Taxation Office can audit and adjust the tax assessments of most individuals and businesses within the Simplified Tax System from the current four years to just two years.

This measure will take effect from the 2004-05 income year and forms part of the Government's *Response to the recommendations arising from the Review of Self-Assessment for income tax returns* reported in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Promoting an Enterprise Culture*.

Simplified tax system — extension to accrual accounting

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-15.0	-125.0	-130.0	-90.5
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Australian Taxation Office (a)	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.9

(a) A positive expense estimate indicates a decrease in the fiscal balance.

The Government has removed the requirement that taxpayers in the simplified tax system (STS) must use the STS accounting method. The measure will have effect for income years commencing on or after 1 July 2005.

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The STS accounting method broadly involves a cash accounting basis for calculating taxable income.

This measure will enable more businesses to access the benefits of the STS as they will have the flexibility to calculate their taxable income using the accounting method most appropriate to their circumstances.

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

Funding of \$3.1 million over five years (including \$0.2 million in 2004-05) will be provided to the Australian Taxation Office to implement and administer the expansion of eligibility for the STS.

This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment in *Promoting an Enterprise Culture*.

Simplified tax system — introducing a 25 per cent entrepreneurs' tax offset

Revenue (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Australian Taxation Office	-	-400.0	-390.0	-370.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>				
Australian Taxation Office (a)	1.9	2.6	2.2	2.2

(a) A positive expense estimate indicates a decrease in the fiscal balance.

The Government has introduced a 25 per cent entrepreneurs' tax offset on the income tax liability attributable to the business income of certain small businesses in the simplified tax system (STS). The measure will have effect for income years commencing on or after 1 July 2005.

The full 25 per cent offset will be available for STS businesses that have an annual turnover of \$50,000 or less. The offset will phase out for STS businesses with annual turnover between \$50,001 and \$75,000.

The measure will provide further incentive and encouragement to small businesses, particularly those that set up and operate from home.

Legislation giving effect to the entrepreneurs' tax offset was included in *Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 7) Act 2005* which received Royal Assent on 1 April 2005.

Funding of \$9.5 million over five years (including \$0.6 million in 2004-05) will be provided to the Australian Taxation Office to implement and administer the new 25 per cent entrepreneurs' tax offset.

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This measure was announced on 26 September 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment in *Promoting an Enterprise Culture*.

Superannuation — splitting of superannuation contributions

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

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

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

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

Tax exemption of Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships

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

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

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

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

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

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

Financial Literacy Foundation

Expense (\$m)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Treasury	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4

The Government will provide additional funding of \$21.0 million over four years to establish the Financial Literacy Foundation. This additional allocation supplements funding of \$5.0 million in 2004-05 (including \$0.8 million in capital funding) provided as part of the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2004-05*.

The Foundation will be responsible for co-ordinating and improving financial education initiatives provided by public, private and community organisations. This includes establishing a website for financial literacy education and information resources, and working with state and territory governments to incorporate financial literacy into school curricula.

This measure was announced on 6 October 2004 as part of the Government election commitment *Super For All and Understanding Money*.

Financial Literacy Information Programme

Expense (\$m)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of the Treasury	8.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide the Department of the Treasury with \$16.0 million over two years, including \$8.0 million in 2004-05, to raise awareness and provide information on consumer financial literacy issues, including superannuation choice. The programme will be administered by the Financial Literacy Foundation.

This measure represents a Government election commitment announced on 6 October 2004 in the *Super For All and Understanding Money* package.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Australian ex-prisoners of war memorial in Ballarat

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

The Government will provide \$300,000 in 2004-05 to the Ballarat City Council for its business plan to complete infrastructure and enhancements of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial in Ballarat, Victoria. This funding is in addition to the funding provided for the construction of the memorial of \$50,000 in 1999-00 and \$150,000 in 2001-02.

This measure was announced by the Treasurer on 7 October 2004.

Bereavement payment for above general rate disability pensioners — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.4

The Government will provide \$19.2 million over five years (including \$1.9 million in 2004-05) to increase the bereavement payment to surviving partners of Above General Rate Disability Pensioners.

The bereavement payment for eligible dependants of those in receipt of the Above General Rate of Disability Pension will equal the total pension received by a veteran at the time of their death and will be paid to the surviving partner for a period of twelve weeks. This measure is expected to increase the bereavement payments for up to 2,500 surviving partners each year.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Saluting Their Service*.

Commemoration programme — additional funding for significant anniversaries in 2005

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$7.8 million (including \$6.4 million in 2004-05) to commemorate a number of significant wartime anniversaries occurring in 2005-06, including the ninetieth anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, the sixtieth anniversary of Victory in Europe, Victory in the Pacific and significant campaigns in Papua New Guinea and Borneo.

The Government will work with the ex-service community to ensure that the commemorative program is appropriate and honours the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Saluting Their Service*.

Ex-Service organisations — additional funding to explain the new Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2.3	2.3	2.3	-

The Government will provide \$9.2 million over four years (including \$2.3 million in 2004-05) to ex-service organisations to assist them to explain to veterans and Defence personnel the services and benefits offered by the new Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme, introduced in 2004. This service will be provided through the existing Building Excellence in Support and Training and the Training and Information programmes.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Saluting Their Service*.

National Peacekeepers' Memorial

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$200,000 in 2005-06 to develop a National Peacekeepers' Memorial in Canberra in honour of those Australians who have served on peace keeping operations around the world.

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This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Saluting Their Service*.

Veterans' Home Care Programme — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	13.1	13.1	13.1	-

The Government will provide \$52.4 million (including \$13.1 million in 2004-05) over four years to provide greater flexibility in meeting the needs of veterans and war widows who currently receive Veterans' Home Care services.

Veterans' Home Care assists veterans and war widows to maintain their health and well-being, and remain living independently in their homes, by providing essential domestic services. The proposal increases resourcing for the programme, which will increase the numbers assisted and the level of assistance provided.

This measure was announced on 4 October 2004 as part of the Government's election commitment *Saluting Their Service*.