

**PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS
2007-08**

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PORTFOLIO**

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Dear Mr President
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements in support of the 2007-08 Additional Estimates for the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio.

These statements have been developed and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the funding requirements being sought for the portfolio.

I present these statements to ensure proper and effective accountability to the Parliament and, through it, the public.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Byrne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anthony Byrne

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**USER GUIDE
TO THE
PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL
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USER GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES), like that of the Portfolio Budget Statements, is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of resources to government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio. However, unlike the Portfolio Budget Statements, the PAES summarise only the changes in resourcing by outcome since the Budget; that is, they do not include a complete resourcing table for each agency. The PAES include new measures, and summarise the changes by Appropriation Bill, and, where relevant, by Special Appropriation and Special Account.

The PAES facilitate understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bills (Nos. 3 and 4) 2007–08. In this sense the PAES is declared by the Additional Estimates Appropriation Bills to be a ‘relevant document’ to the interpretation of the Bills according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Whereas the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007–08* is a mid-year budget report which provides updated information to allow the assessment of the government’s fiscal performance against its fiscal strategy, the PAES update the most recent budget appropriations for agencies within the portfolio.

STRUCTURE OF THE PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES STATEMENTS

The PAES are presented in three parts with subsections.

User guide	
Provides an introduction explaining the purpose of the PAES as well as information in relation to the styles and conventions used.	
Portfolio overview	
Provides an overview of the portfolio, including a chart that outlines the outcomes for agencies in the portfolio.	
Agency additional estimates statements	
A statement (under the name of the agency) for each agency affected by Additional Estimates.	
Section 1: Agency overview, variations and measures	This section details the link between the resources appropriated, savings, the impact of any post-Budget measures, and their application to the outputs and administered items (usually programs) that contribute to the achievement of outcomes. This section also reports changes to receipts from independent sources; changes to estimates of expenses from Special Appropriations; and changes to estimated Special Account flows.
Section 2: Revisions to outcomes, administered items and outputs	This section details changes to planned government outcomes, or to the contributing administered items and agency outputs.
Section 3: Budgeted financial statements	This section contains revisions to the budgeted financial statements in accrual format covering Budget year, previous year and the three out-years for each agency.
Glossary	Explains key terms.

STYLES AND CONVENTIONS USED

(a) The following notations may be used:

NEC/nec	not elsewhere classified
-	nil
..	not zero, but rounded to zero
na	not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
nfp	not for publication
\$m	\$ million

(b) Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

ENQUIRIES

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PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

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The Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio agencies produce a range of outputs needed for well-coordinated, efficient and accountable public administration supported by a values-based Australian Public Service.

The portfolio comprises ten Budget-funded agencies, as follows:

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department)
- Department of Climate Change
- Australian Institute of Family Studies
- Australian National Audit Office
- Australian Public Service Commission
- Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
- Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
- Office of National Assessments
- Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General
- Office of the Privacy Commissioner.

An overview of the structure of the portfolio is provided in Figure 1 below.

Since the publication of the Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements and the passage of Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2007–08, the functions of the portfolio have changed as follows.

- Changes to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s functions:
 - the creation of an Office of National Security to provide coordinated and integrated whole-of-government advice on national security policy and strategic implementation oversight
 - the creation of an Office of Work and Family, incorporating some functions formerly undertaken by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, to provide policy coordination and advice on work and family matters
 - the establishment of the Australian Social Inclusion Board and, within the department, a Social Inclusion Unit
 - the transfer of functions relating to freedom of information and privacy policy from the Attorney-General’s Department

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- the abolition of the Government Communications Unit and the transfer of the aggregate media buying function to the Department of Finance and Deregulation
- the transfer of AUSPIC, the government photographic service, to the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- The Administrative Arrangements Order of 3 December 2007 established the Department of Climate Change as a separate department of state within the portfolio. For budget purposes this department prepares separate documents and further information can be obtained by reference to Department of Climate Change Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2007–08.
- The Australian Institute of Family Studies has transferred to the portfolio from the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio. The Australian Institute of Family Studies is an Australian government statutory agency and is established under the *Australian Family Law Act (1975)*. The Institute was established in February 1980 to promote the identification and understanding of factors affecting marital and family stability in Australia.
- The Office of the Privacy Commissioner has been transferred to the portfolio from the Attorney-General's portfolio. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner is an independent office which has responsibilities under the federal *Privacy Act 1988*. Its purpose is to promote and protect privacy in Australia.

Figure 1: Portfolio structure and outcomes

Prime Minister — <i>The Hon Kevin Rudd MP</i> Minister for Climate Change and Water — <i>Senator The Hon Penny Wong MP</i> Cabinet Secretary – <i>Senator The Hon John Faulkner</i> Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister — <i>The Hon Anthony Byrne MP</i> Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Childcare — <i>The Hon Maxine McKew MP</i> Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Prime Minister for Social Inclusion — <i>Senator The Hon Ursula Stephens</i>	
	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet <i>Acting Secretary: Ms Jenny Goddard</i> Outcome: Sound and well coordinated government policies, programs and decision making processes.
	Department of Climate Change <i>Secretary: Dr Martin Parkinson PSM</i> Outcome: The environment, especially those aspects that are matters of national environmental significance, is protected and conserved.
	Australian Institute of Family Studies <i>Director: Professor Alan Hayes</i> Outcome: Inform governments, policy makers and other stakeholders on factors influencing how families function.
	Australian National Audit Office <i>Auditor-General: Mr Ian McPhee PSM</i> Outcome 1: Independent assessment of the performance of selected Commonwealth public sector activities, including the scope for improving efficiency and administrative effectiveness. Outcome 2: Independent assurance of Commonwealth public sector financial reporting, administration, control and accountability.
	Australian Public Service Commission <i>Commissioner: Ms Lynelle Briggs</i> Outcome: A confident, high quality, values based and sustainable Australian Public Service.
	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman <i>Ombudsman: Professor John McMillan</i> Outcome: Administrative action by Australian government agencies is fair and accountable.
	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security <i>Inspector-General: Mr Ian Carnell</i> Outcome: Assurance that Australia's intelligence agencies act legally, ethically and with propriety.
	Office of National Assessments <i>Director-General: Mr Peter Varghese</i> Outcome 1: Enhanced government awareness of international political and leadership developments, international strategic developments, including military capabilities, and international economic developments. Outcome 2: Enhanced intelligence support for Defence planning and deployments, in peacetime and conflict, to maximise prospects for military success and to minimise loss of Australian lives.
	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General <i>Official Secretary: Mr Malcolm Hazell CVO</i> Outcome: The Governor-General is enabled to perform the constitutional, statutory, ceremonial and public duties associated with the appointment.
	Office of the Privacy Commissioner <i>Privacy Commissioner and CEO: Ms Karen Curtis</i> Outcome: An Australian culture in which privacy is respected, promoted and protected.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS — PORTFOLIO LEVEL

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is being provided with additional funds to meet the new functions outlined above and other requirements as follows:

- to fund increased accommodation costs for former Governors-General
- to fund the Canada Australia Public Policy Initiative
- to support new initiatives arising from the Council of Australian Governments (COAG):
 - to establish the COAG Reform Council
 - to fund the development and implementation of national exercises on elements of the National Action Plan on Pandemic Influenza
 - to fund a scoping study for a framework to improve inter-jurisdictional access to criminal history information by child-related employment screening schemes
 - to support work with the states and territories to consider the need for an additional element of the National Health Security Legislation to respond to public health emergencies and appropriate governance arrangements
- to carry forward an extensive range of COAG work, including a revitalised National Reform Agenda
- to support the government's commitment to regular Community Cabinet meetings
- to meet the government's commitment to undertake a review of homeland security
- to fund the government's commitment to establish and maintain a register of lobbyists
- to implement the government's commitment to establish an Office of National Security within the department
- to implement the government's commitment to establish an Office of Work and Family within the department
- to provide supplementation for changes in accounting standards
- to meet the costs of the Independent Review Panel into Recognition for the Battle of Long Tan
- to implement the government's commitment to establish the Australian Social Inclusion Board and, within the department, a Social Inclusion Unit
- to fund additional costs associated with the additional workload during APEC
- to meet the government's commitment to abolish the Government Communications Unit in the department
- to meet the government's requirement for an additional 2 per cent Efficiency Dividend.

The following tables outline changes in estimates for agencies affected only by the 0.25 per cent increase in Efficiency Dividend at the 2007–08 MYEFO, and the 2 per cent Efficiency Dividend.

Table P.1a: Portfolio agencies affected only by measure relating to 2007–08 MYEFO 0.25 per cent efficiency dividend

	2007–08 (\$'000)	2008–09 (\$'000)	2009–10 (\$'000)	2010–11 (\$'000)
Agency details				
Australian Institute of Family Studies		-11	-11	-10
Australian National Audit Office		-158	-318	-481
Australian Public Service Commission		-45	-90	-137
Office of National Assessments		-80	-160	-240
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman		-45	-91	-137
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		-30	-59	-89
Office of the Privacy Commissioner		-16	-33	-50
Office of the Inspector General of Intelligence and Security		-5	-10	-15

Table P.1b: Portfolio agencies affected only by measure relating to election commitment savings: 2 per cent efficiency dividend

	2007–08 (\$'000)	2008–09 (\$'000)	2009–10 (\$'000)	2010–11 (\$'000)
Agency details				
Australian Institute of Family Studies	-20	-82	-83	-85
Australian National Audit Office	-292	-1262	-1271	-1280
Australian Public Service Commission	-94	-360	-361	-362
Office of National Assessments	-137	-655	-649	-654
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	-82	-358	-363	-366
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	-54	-237	-236	-237
Office of the Privacy Commissioner	-32	-131	-132	-133
Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	-8	-39	-43	-43

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DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Section 1: Agency overview and resources; variations and measures

OVERVIEW

The department's outcome / output group and evaluation framework has changed since the Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements 2007-08 to reflect the new Office of Work and Family (Output 2.2) and the abolition of the Government Communications Unit and the transfer of AUSPIC to the Department of Finance and Deregulation within Output 4.3.

Table 1.1: Agency outcome and output groups

Outcome	Description	Output groups/Administered items
Outcome 1		
Sound and well coordinated government policies, programs and decision making processes	The primary role of the department is to provide support to the Prime Minister and to achieve a coordinated approach to the development and implementation of government policies.	<u>Output Group 1</u> Output 1.1 – Economic and Industry Policy <u>Output Group 2</u> Output 2.1 – Social Policy Output 2.2 – Office of Work and Family <u>Output Group 3</u> Output 3.1 – International Policy Output 3.2 – National Security Policy Administered item – National Counter-Terrorism Committee Output 3.3 – APEC Taskforce <u>Output Group 4</u> Output 4.1 – Cabinet Support Output 4.2 – Machinery of Government Administered item – National Australia Day Council Output 4.3 – See * Output 4.4 – Support to Official Establishments Administered item – Prime Minister's official residences. Output 4.5 – Support for Ministerial Offices Administered item – Allowances and support to former Governors-General Output 4.6 – Ceremonial and Hospitality Administered item – State occasions and official visits.

* With the abolition of the Government Communications Unit and transfer of AUSPIC to the Department of Finance and Deregulation, the remaining functions in this output have been transferred to Output 4.5.

Table 1.1a: Outcomes/functions received

Outcomes/Functions	Agency/Department
Privacy and FOI Policy Branch	Attorney-General's Department

Note: Some of the functions relating to the establishment of the Office of Work and Family within the department were transferred from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs under Administrative Arrangements Order (3 December 2007). The section 32 (FMA Act) funding transfer for these functions is still being finalised.

Table 1.1b: Outcomes/functions transferred

Outcomes/Functions	Agency/Department
AUSPIC	Department of Finance and Deregulation
Media Commissions Special Account	Department of Finance and Deregulation
Campaign Advertising Special Account	Department of Finance and Deregulation

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS TO OUTCOMES

The overall impact on the department's 2007–08 appropriations since the Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements 2007–08 is an increase of \$10.3 million in departmental appropriations and an increase in administered funding of \$0.03 million.

The individual measures and variations are detailed in Tables 1.2 and 1.4.

Table 1.2: Additional estimates and variations to outcomes – measures

	2007–08 (\$'000)	2008–09 (\$'000)	2009–10 (\$'000)	2010–11 (\$'000)
Outcome 1				
Increase in estimates (administered)				
Accommodation costs – former Governors-General	33	411	294	313
Total increase administered	33	411	294	313
Increase in estimates (departmental)				
Canada Australia Public Policy Initiative	412	903	703	921
COAG – COAG Reform Council	877	1,160	1,178	358
COAG – COAG Reform Council – capital	173	28	25	-
COAG – Human Influenza Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness	2,013	2,701	-	-
COAG – Inter-jurisdictional exchange of criminal history information on people working with children	160	-	-	-
COAG – National Health Security Legislation	897	-	-	-
Commonwealth–State Relations and Regulatory Reform	271	-	-	-
Community Cabinets	1,191	2,377	2,399	2,425
Department of Climate Change	1,018	-	-	-
Homeland and Border Security – review	114	-	-	-
Lobbyist Register – establishment	239	248	254	260
Lobbyist Register – capital	99	284	-	-
Office of National Security – establishment	579	821	1,241	1,255
Office of Work and Family – establishment	1,307	2,123	1,453	1,470
One National Circuit – adjustment for Accounting Standards	1,202	1,041	875	704
Review of recognition for the battle of Long Tan	161	-	-	-
Social Inclusion Unit – establishment	1,030	1,873	1,889	1,911
Supplementation for additional workload during APEC	246	-	-	-
Total increase departmental	11,989	13,559	10,017	9,304
Decrease in estimates (departmental)				
Government Communications Unit – abolition	(1,035)	(2,071)	(2,071)	(2,071)
0.25 per cent efficiency dividend (MYEFO) ^a	-	(168)	(167)	(169)
2 per cent efficiency dividend	(616)	(1,283)	(1,282)	(1,289)
Total decrease departmental	(1,651)	(3,522)	(3,520)	(3,529)

a 2007–08 MYEFO increase in efficiency dividend of 0.25%.

Table 1.3: Additional estimates and variations to outcomes – other variations

	2007–08 (\$'000)	2008–09 (\$'000)	2009–10 (\$'000)	2010–11 (\$'000)
Outcome 1				
Resources available at Budget – administered				
Media Commission special account transfer	(2,500)	(5,249)	(5,459)	(5,677)
Resources available at Budget – departmental				
Additional depreciation funding				
COAG Reform Council	57	39	44	10
Lobbyist Register – establishment	7	77	77	77
Machinery of government changes				
Privacy and FOI Policy Branch transfer	623	1,308	1,320	1,332
Goods and services revenue				
AUSPIC transfer	(249)	(502)	(507)	(512)
Campaign Advertising Special Account				
Campaign advertising transfer	(755)	(1,525)	(1,540)	(1,556)

MEASURES — AGENCY SUMMARY

A summary of measures since the 2007–08 Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements is provided in Table 1.6.

Table 1.4: Summary of measures since the 2007–08 Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements

Measure	Outcome	Output groups affected	2007–08 (\$'000)			2008–09 (\$'000)			2009–10 (\$'000)			2010–11 (\$'000)		
			Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total
Expense measures														
Accommodation costs – former Governors-General	1	4.4	33	-	33	411	-	411	294	-	294	313	-	313
Canada Australia Public Policy Initiative	1	4.2	-	412	412	-	903	903	-	703	703	-	921	921
COAG – COAG Reform Council	1	1.1	-	877	877	-	1,160	1,160	-	1,178	1,178	-	358	358
COAG – Human Influenza Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness	1	2.1	-	2,013	2,013	-	2,701	2,701	-	-	-	-	-	-
COAG – Inter-jurisdictional exchange of criminal history information on people working with children	1	4.2	-	160	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COAG – National Health Security Legislation	1	2.1	-	897	897	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commonwealth–State Relations and Regulatory Reform	1	1.1	-	271	271	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Cabinets	1	4.1	-	1,191	1,191	-	2,377	2,377	-	2,399	2,399	-	2,425	2,425
Department of Climate Change	1		-	1,018	1,018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Government Communications Unit – abolition	1	4.3	-	(1,035)	(1,035)	-	(2,071)	(2,071)	-	(2,071)	(2,071)	-	(2,071)	(2,071)
Homeland and Border Security – review	1	3.2	-	114	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lobbyist Register – establishment	1	4.2	-	239	239	-	248	248	-	254	254	-	260	260
Office of National Security – establishment	1	3.2	-	579	579	-	821	821	-	1,241	1,241	-	1,255	1,255
Office of Work and Family – establishment	1	2.2	-	1,307	1,307	-	2,123	2,123	-	1,453	1,453	-	1,470	1,470
One National Circuit – adjustment for Accounting Standards	1	all	-	1,202	1,202	-	1,041	1,041	-	875	875	-	704	704
Review of the recognition of the battle for Long Tan	1	4.2	-	161	161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Measure	Outcome	Output groups affected	2007–08 (\$'000)			2008–09 (\$'000)			2009–10 (\$'000)			2010–11 (\$'000)		
			Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total
Social Inclusion Unit – establishment	1	2.1	-	1,030	1,030	-	1,873	1,873	-	1,889	1,889	-	1,911	1,911
Supplementation for additional workload during APEC	1	3.1	-	246	246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0.25 per cent efficiency dividend (MYEFO) ^a	1	all	-	-	-	-	(168)	(168)	-	(167)	(167)	-	(169)	(169)
2 per cent efficiency dividend	1	all	-	(616)	(616)	-	(1,283)	(1,283)	-	(1,282)	(1,282)	-	(1,289)	(1,289)
Total expense measures			33	10,066	10,099	411	9,725	10,136	294	6,472	6,766	313	5,775	6,088
Capital measures														
COAG – COAG reform council	1	1.1	-	173	173	-	28	28	-	25	25	-	-	-
Lobbyist Register	1	4.2	-	99	99	-	284	284	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total capital measures			-	272	272	-	312	312	-	25	25	-	-	-
Total of all measures			33	10,338	10,371	411	10,037	10,448	294	6,497	6,791	313	5,775	6,088

a 2007–08 MYEFO increase in efficiency dividend of 0.25%.

BREAKDOWN OF ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES BY APPROPRIATION BILL

In the 2007–08 Additional Estimates, the department has estimates in Appropriation Bills Nos. 3 and 4. The only variations from estimates provided in the Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements 2007–08 are outlined in Tables 1.5 and 1.6.

Table 1.5: Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2007–08

	2006–07 available (\$'000)	2007–08 Budget (\$'000)	2007–08 revised (\$'000)	Additional Estimates ^a (\$'000)	Reduced estimates (\$'000)
ADMINISTERED ITEMS					
Outcome 1	8,880	8,908	8,941	33	-
Total	8,880	8,908	8,941	33	-
DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUTS					
Outcome 1	136,089	134,860	145,776	10,916	-
Total	136,089	134,860	145,776	10,916	-
Total administered and departmental	144,969	143,768	154,717	10,949	-

a Includes \$0.6m departmental received in the Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements, Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bills 2007–08.

Table 1.6: Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2007–08

	2006–07 available ^a (\$'000)	2007–08 Budget (\$'000)	2007–08 revised (\$'000)	Additional Estimates (\$'000)	Reduced estimates (\$'000)
Non-operating					
Equity injections					
COAG reform council	-	-	-	173	-
Lobbyist Register	-	-	-	99	-
Loans	-	-	-	-	-
Previous years' outputs	21,465	-	-	-	-
Administered assets and liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet					
Total	21,465	-	-	272	-

a 2006–07 available appropriation is included to allow a comparison of this year's appropriation with what was made available for use in the previous year.

Available appropriation is the amount available to be drawn down, and is equal to: Budget Appropriation + Additional Estimates Appropriation + DIAB + AFM – Savings – Rephasings – Other Reductions +/- Section 32

SUMMARY OF STAFFING CHANGES

Table 1.7: Average staffing level

	2007–08 Budget	2007–08 Revised	Variation
Outcome 1	526	526	-
Total	526	526	-

OTHER RECEIPTS AVAILABLE TO BE USED

Table 1.8: Other receipts available to be used

	Budget estimate 2007–08 (\$'000)	Revised estimate ^a 2007–08 (\$'000)
Departmental other receipts		
Sale of goods and services ^b	497	248
Special Accounts ^c	1,510	755
Total departmental other receipts available to be used	2,007	1,003
Administered other receipts		
Media Commissions Special Account s. 20 FMA Act	5,047	2,547
Total administered other receipts available to be used	5,047	2,547

FMA Act = *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*

- a Part-year estimate only. These accounts have been transferred to the Department of Finance and Deregulation as part of the Administrative Arrangement Orders of 3 December 2007.
- b Sale of goods and services are mainly from AUSPIC photographic services.
- c Contributions from the Campaign Advertising Special Account for central advertising system expenses.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES FROM SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

The estimated expenses for the Allowances to former Governors-General special appropriation is as reported in the 2007–08 Portfolio Budget Statements.

Table 1.9: Estimates of expenses from special appropriations

	Outcome No.	Budget estimate 2007–08 (\$'000)	Revised estimate 2007–08 (\$'000)
Estimated expenses			
Allowances to former Governors-General s. 20 FMA Act	1	909	909
Total estimated expenses		909	909

ESTIMATES OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT FLOWS

Table 1.10: Estimates of special account flows

	Outcome No.	Opening balance 2007–08 (\$'000)	Receipts 2007–08 (\$'000)	Payments 2007–08 (\$'000)	Adjustments ^a 2007–08 (\$'000)	Closing balance 2007–08 (\$'000)
Media Commissions ^b – s. 20 FMA Act (A)	1	13,819	9,127	1,371	21,575	-
Campaign Advertising ^c – s. 20 FMA Act (D)	1	4,652	3,312	402	7,562	-
Services for other Government and Non-Agency Bodies ^d s. 20 FMA Act (D)	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Trust Moneys - s. 20 FMA Act (D)	1	-	-	-	-	-

FMA Act = *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*

D = departmental; A = administered

a Transferred to the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

b Due to difficulties in determining flows to and from these accounts (as such flows are demand driven), the figures here are estimates, based on historical data.

c The balance of the special account has been transferred to the Official Public Account.

d Figures for 2006–07 have been amended to reflect actual flows.

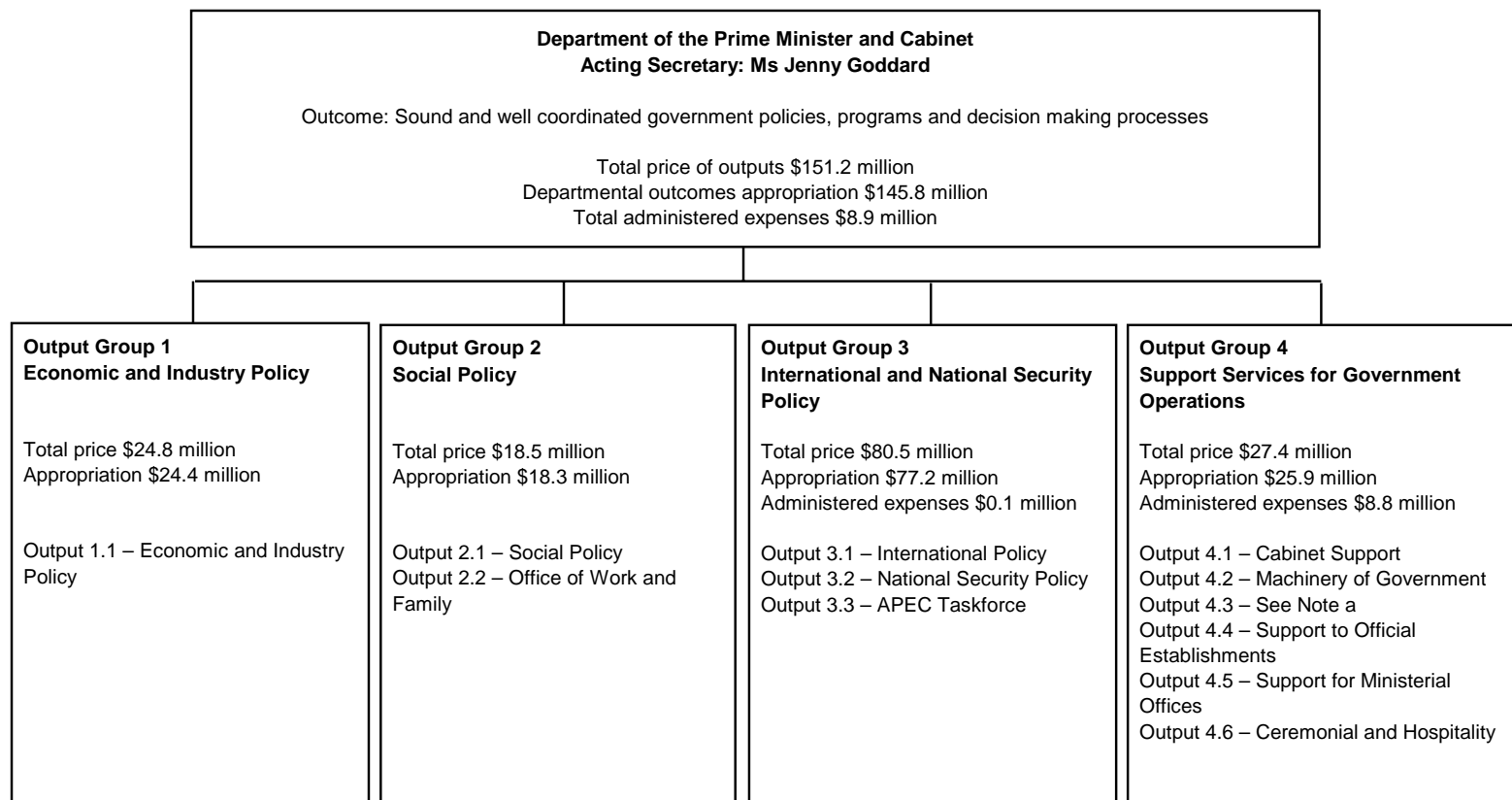
Section 2: Revisions to agency outcomes

OUTCOMES, ADMINISTERED ITEMS AND OUTPUTS

Table 1.1 'Agency outcome and output groups' lists the outcome statements and output groups for the department.

Figure 1 shows the department's amended outcome and output structure.

Figure 1: New outcome and output structure



a With the abolition of the Government Communications Unit and the transfer of AUSPIC to the Department of Finance and Deregulation, the remaining activities in this output have been transferred to Output 4.5.

Revised performance information — 2007–08

The Budget performance information published in the 2007–08 Portfolio Budget Statements is unchanged except for new performance indicators for Output 2.2 – Office of Work and Family, and updated performance indicators for Output 4.2 to include Privacy and Freedom of Information activities. These performance indicators are set out below:

Output Group 2: Social Policy	
Output 2.2: Office of Work and Family	Performance information
<p>Advice, briefing and support to the Prime Minister on work and family issues, including early childhood education and child care and family impact statements, including on presentation of the government's decisions in these areas.</p>	<p><i>Quality:</i> The degree of satisfaction of the Prime Minister, the Minister assisting and the Parliamentary Secretary, their offices and the departmental Executive, as expressed through formal and informal feedback mechanisms, with the quality and timeliness of policy advice and the achievement of key tasks.</p>
Output 4.2: Machinery of Government	Performance information
<p>Advice, briefing and support on parliamentary, machinery of government, privacy, freedom of information, legal and cultural (including the National Australia Day Council) issues, including on presentation of the government's decisions in these areas.</p> <p>Development of international instruments and engagement in international dialogue on privacy matters, in particular through involvement in negotiations in international forums.</p> <p>Scrutiny of Bills and assistance to other agencies in relation to privacy and freedom of information policy.</p>	<p><i>Quality:</i> The degree of satisfaction of the Prime Minister, Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, their offices and the departmental Executive, as expressed through formal and informal feedback mechanisms, with the timeliness and quality of material for the Prime Minister's and other ministers' consideration.</p> <p>Maintenance of clear and up-to-date guidelines for annual reports, caretaker conventions, Guide for Official Witnesses Appearing before Parliamentary Committees and the Legislation Handbook.</p> <p>Extent to which advice on privacy and freedom of information matters assists the government in meeting its objectives and officials in understanding their obligations.</p> <p>Timely introduction of amendments to portfolio legislation, as necessary.</p> <p>Extent to which the interests of the Commonwealth are successfully protected in legal actions involving the department or the portfolio's ministers.</p> <p>The degree of satisfaction of the Parliamentary Business Committee with the timeliness and accuracy of the production and distribution of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the legislation programme • public lists of proposed legislation • reports of unproclaimed legislation.
<p>Policy, coordination and promotion of the national honours system and national symbols.</p>	<p>The degree of satisfaction of the Prime Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, their offices, the departmental Executive and Government House with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the quality and timeliness of policy advice, secretariat support and operational matters • accurate and timely preparation of anniversary messages and flag announcements • effective promotion of national honours and symbols.

Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

ANALYSIS OF BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An analysis of the changes since the Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements 2007–08 in each of the department’s budgeted financial statements and administered schedules is provided below.

Departmental financial statements

Budgeted departmental income statement

The department is budgeting for appropriations of \$146.4 million in 2007–08, representing an increase of \$10.9 million in appropriations since Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates 2007–08. This increase in appropriation is due to new measures of \$11.8 million and machinery of government changes of \$0.6 million. The increase is offset by savings from the abolition of the Government Communications Unit of \$0.8 million and the 2 per cent efficiency dividend of \$0.6 million. Other changes in total income are related to the transfer of the Campaign Advertising Special Account to the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The increase in total income is accompanied by related increases in expenditure. The department does not expect any change to its no gain / no loss operating result.

Budgeted departmental balance sheet

The department’s revised budgeted net asset position of \$53.5 million in 2007–08 represents an increase of \$13.1 million from the 2007–08 Budget. This increase is due to the change in accounting treatment of money held in the Official Public Account (OPA).

Budgeted departmental statement of cash flows

The changes in cash inflows and outflows are attributable to the issues mentioned above.

Departmental statement of changes in equity — summary of movement

The increase in the department’s equity reflects the changes in the balance sheet outlined above.

Departmental capital budget statement

The department will receive an additional \$0.3 million equity injection during 2007–08 for fit-out costs for the COAG Reform Council and register of lobbyists.

Departmental property, plant, equipment and intangibles — summary of movement

The movement in departmental property, plant and equipment is as explained above.

Schedule of administered activity

Schedule of budgeted income and expenses administered on behalf of government

The department will administer \$2.5 million in revenues and \$11.5 million in expenses on behalf of the Australian Government, representing a decrease of \$2.5 million from Budget. This decrease is due to an increase in costs associated with accommodation for former Governors-General (\$0.03 million) offset by reductions in revenue for the Media Commissions Special Account (\$2.5 million).

Schedule of budgeted assets and liabilities administered on behalf of government

Of the \$11.8 million change in administered assets, \$9.0 million is attributable to a change in accounting policy to require the use of fair value as determined by an independent valuer. Other changes are those that would be attributable to normal business activities and the issues outlined above.

Schedule of budgeted administered cash flows

Changes in cash inflows and outflows are primarily attributable to the changes outlined below.

Schedule of administered capital budget

There is no change in this schedule since the 2007–08 Budget Statements.

Schedule of administered property, plant, equipment and intangibles — summary of movement

There is no change to this schedule since the 2007–08 Budget Statements.

Table 3.1: Budgeted departmental income statement (for the period ended 30 June)

	Actual 2006–07 \$'000	Revised budget 2007–08 \$'000	Forward estimate 2008–09 \$'000	Forward estimate 2009–10 \$'000	Forward estimate 2010–11 \$'000
INCOME					
Revenue					
Revenues from government	136,081	146,399	77,968	74,669	74,373
Goods and services	2,923	248	-	-	-
Interest					
Dividends					
Rents					
Royalties					
Other	2,893	2,755	-	-	-
Total revenue	141,897	149,402	77,968	74,669	74,373
Gains					
Net foreign exchange gains					
Reversals of previous asset write-downs					
Net gains from sale of assets					
Other	5,398	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Total gains	5,398	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Total income	147,295	151,202	79,768	76,469	76,173
EXPENSE					
Employees	63,408	56,468	43,027	41,132	41,100
Suppliers	82,992	82,063	27,805	26,396	26,166
Grants	2,542	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Subsidies					
Depreciation and amortisation	5,777	8,861	5,336	5,341	5,307
Finance costs					
Write-down of assets and impairment of assets	96	-	-	-	-
Net losses from sale of assets	257	210			
Net foreign exchange losses					
Other					
Total expenses	155,072	151,202	79,768	76,469	76,173
Net operating result	(7,777)	-	-	-	-
Net surplus or (deficit) attributable to the Australian Government	(7,777)	-	-	-	-

Table 3.2: Budgeted departmental balance sheet (as at 30 June)

	Actual 2006–07 \$'000	Revised budget 2007–08 \$'000	Forward estimate 2008–09 \$'000	Forward estimate 2009–10 \$'000	Forward estimate 2010–11 \$'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	774	193	483	65	462
Receivables	57,319	50,058	51,770	57,750	62,547
Accrued revenues	965	920	922	923	925
Total financial assets	59,058	51,171	53,175	58,738	63,934
Non-financial assets					
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	33,535	28,964	25,940	22,624	19,317
Prepayments	678	696	716	735	755
Other	911	896	902	907	911
Total non-financial assets	35,124	30,556	27,558	24,266	20,983
Total assets	94,182	81,727	80,733	83,004	84,917
LIABILITIES					
Payables					
Suppliers	15,010	14,115	13,319	15,081	16,492
Other payables	1,354	1,354	1,354	1,354	1,354
Total payables	16,364	15,469	14,673	16,435	17,846
Provisions					
Employees	16,951	12,651	12,135	12,614	13,112
Other provisions	83	68	74	79	83
Total provisions	17,034	12,719	12,209	12,693	13,195
Total liabilities	33,398	28,188	26,882	29,128	31,041
Net assets	60,784	53,539	53,851	53,876	53,876
EQUITY^a					
Parent entity interest					
Contributed equity	38,944	31,699	32,011	32,036	32,036
Reserves	4,915	4,915	4,915	4,915	4,915
Statutory funds					
Retained surpluses or accumulated deficits	16,925	16,925	16,925	16,925	16,925
Total parent entity interest	60,784	53,539	53,851	53,876	53,876
Current assets	59,736	29,840	26,823	23,511	20,983
Non-current assets	34,446	51,887	53,910	59,493	63,934
Current liabilities	30,799	25,989	24,785	26,856	28,620
Non-current liabilities	2,599	2,199	2,097	2,272	2,421

a 'Equity' is the residual interest in assets after deduction of liabilities

Table 3.3: Budgeted departmental statement of cash flows (for the period ended 30 June)

	Actual 2006–07 \$'000	Revised budget 2007–08 \$'000	Forward estimate 2008–09 \$'000	Forward estimate 2009–10 \$'000	Forward estimate 2010–11 \$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Goods and services	3,151	262	34	54	2,068
Appropriations	115,475	153,632	76,811	73,673	73,582
Net GST received	9,200	8,144	3,183	2,516	2,511
Other cash received	2,093	2,795			
Total cash received	129,919	164,833	80,028	76,243	78,161
Cash used					
Employees	60,040	60,768	43,543	40,653	40,602
Suppliers	65,513	75,812	21,298	17,164	17,115
Grants	2,797	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Financing costs					
Net GST paid	9,552	8,112	2,739	2,501	2,519
Other cash used		5,377	6,558	10,743	11,928
Total cash used	137,902	153,669	77,738	74,661	75,764
Net cash from or (used by) operating activities	(7,983)	11,164	2,290	1,582	2,397
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	-	272	-	-	-
Total cash received	-	272	-	-	-
Cash used					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	30,101	4,772	2,312	2,025	2,000
Total cash used	30,101	4,772	2,312	2,025	2,000
Net cash from or (used by) investing activities	(30,101)	(4,500)	(2,312)	(2,025)	(2,000)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Appropriations – contributed equity	21,465	(7,245)	312	25	-
Total cash received	21,465	(7,245)	312	25	-
Net cash from or (used by) financing activities	21,465	(7,245)	312	25	-
Net increase or (decrease) in cash held	(16,619)	(581)	290	(418)	397
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	17,393	774	193	483	65
Cash at the end of the reporting period	774	193	483	65	462

Table 3.4: Departmental statement of changes in equity — summary of movement (Budget 2007–08)

	Accumulated results \$'000	Asset revaluation reserve \$'000	Other reserves \$'000	Contributed equity/ capital \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Opening balance as at 1 July 2007					
Balance carried forward from previous period	17,272	2,899	-	38,955	59,126
Adjustment for changes in accounting policies		-	-		
Adjusted opening balance	17,272	2,899	-	38,955	59,126
Income and expense					
Income and expenses recognised directly in equity:					
Gain/loss on revaluation of property	-	1,658	-	-	1,658
Sub-total income and expense recognised directly in equity	-	1,658	-	-	1,658
Net operating result	-	-	-	-	-
Total income and expenses	-	1,658	-	-	1,658
Sub-total income and expense attributable to Australian Government attributable to minority interest					
Transactions with owners					
<i>Distributions to owners</i>					
Returns on capital					
Dividends					
Returns of capital					
Restructuring					
Other:					
<i>Contribution by owners</i>					
Appropriation (equity injection)	-	-	-	272	272
Other: Restructuring					
Sub-total transactions with owners	-	-	-	272	272
Transfers between equity components	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance less minority interests	-	-	-	-	-
Estimated closing balance as at 30 June 2008	17,272	4,557	-	39,227	61,056

Table 3.5: Departmental capital budget statement

	Actual 2006–07 \$'000	Revised budget 2007–08 \$'000	Forward estimate 2008–09 \$'000	Forward estimate 2009–10 \$'000	Forward estimate 2010–11 \$'000
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS					
Total equity injections	21,465	272	312	25	-
Total capital appropriations	21,465	272	312	25	-
Represented by:					
Purchase of non-financial assets	21,465	272	312	25	-
Other					
Total represented by	21,465	272	312	25	-
PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Funded by capital appropriation	34,590				
Funded internally by departmental resources	3,150	4,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total	37,740	4,772	2,312	2,025	2,000

Table 3.6: Departmental property, plant, equipment and intangibles — summary of movement (Budget year 2007–08)

	Other infrastructure plant and equipment \$'000	Heritage and cultural assets \$'000	Computer Software \$'000	Other intangibles \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 1 July 2007					
Gross book value	63,772	-	6,405	-	70,177
Accumulated depreciation	24,675	-	4,161	-	28,836
Opening net book value	39,097	-	2,244	-	41,341
Additions:					
by purchase	4,673	-	99	-	4,772
Depreciation/amortisation expense	1,027	-	525	-	1,552
Other movements	88	-	-	-	88
Disposals:					
from disposal of entities or operations (including restructuring)	7,727	-	-	-	7,727
As at 30 June 2008					
Gross book value	60,806	-	6,504	-	67,310
Accumulated depreciation	25,702	-	4,686	-	30,388
Estimated closing net book value	35,104	-	1,818	-	36,922

Table 3.7: Schedule of budgeted income and expenses administered on behalf of government (for the period ended 30 June)

	Actual 2006–07 \$'000	Revised budget 2007–08 \$'000	Forward estimate 2008–09 \$'000	Forward estimate 2009–10 \$'000	Forward estimate 2010–11 \$'000
INCOME ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT					
Revenue					
Goods and services	8,752	2,547	-	-	-
Total revenues administered on behalf of government	8,752	2,547	-	-	-
Gains					
Other gains	270	-	-	-	-
Total gains administered on behalf of government	270	-	-	-	-
Total income administered on behalf of government	9,022	2,547	-	-	-
EXPENSES ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT					
Grants	2,302	2,370	2,420	2,474	2,528
Subsidies					
Personal benefits	715	-	-	-	-
Employees	918	968	996	1,024	1,083
Suppliers	7,800	7,987	5,674	5,471	5,361
Depreciation and amortisation	155	163	163	163	163
Write-down and impairment of assets	3	-	-	-	-
Losses					
Net loss from sale of assets	1	-	-	-	-
Total expenses administered on behalf of government	11,894	11,488	9,253	9,132	9,135

Table 3.8: Schedule of budgeted assets and liabilities administered on behalf of government (as at 30 June)

	Actual 2006–07 \$'000	Revised budget 2007–08 \$'000	Forward estimate 2008–09 \$'000	Forward estimate 2009–10 \$'000	Forward estimate 2010–11 \$'000
ASSETS ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	21	17	13	21	22
Receivables	830	808	809	811	812
Accrued revenues	2,119	2,143	2,169	2,195	2,223
Total financial assets	2,970	2,968	2,991	3,027	3,057
Non-financial assets					
Land and buildings	40,919	40,878	40,816	40,761	40,681
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	1,026	932	834	732	638
Prepayments	25	37	27	25	26
Total non-financial assets	41,970	41,847	41,677	41,518	41,345
Total assets administered on behalf of government	44,940	44,815	44,668	44,545	44,402
LIABILITIES ADMINISTERED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT					
Provisions					
Employees	178	182	186	190	194
Other provisions	81	85	74	78	58
Total provisions	259	267	260	268	252
Payables					
Suppliers	374	347	348	350	352
Personal benefits payable	12,216	11,307	10,388	9,460	8,512
Taxation refunds due	94	94	94	94	94
Other payables	107	107	107	107	107
Total payables	12,791	11,855	10,937	10,011	9,065
Total liabilities administered on behalf of government	13,050	12,122	11,197	10,279	9,317

Table 3.9: Schedule of budgeted administered cash flows (for the period ended 30 June)

	Actual 2006–07 \$'000	Revised budget 2007–08 \$'000	Forward estimate 2008–09 \$'000	Forward estimate 2009–10 \$'000	Forward estimate 2010–11 \$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Rendering of services	6,735	2,514			
Net GST received	1,500	1,309	1,291	1,308	1,323
Other	104	-	-	-	-
Total cash received	8,339	3,823	1,291	1,308	1,323
Cash used					
Employees	929	964	992	1,020	1,079
Grant payments	2,302	2,370	2,420	2,474	2,528
Personal benefits	784	909	919	928	948
Suppliers	9,038	8,022	5,660	5,475	5,360
Net GST paid	1,473	1,287	1,291	1,310	1,325
Other	-	-	11	-	20
Total cash used	14,526	13,552	11,293	11,207	11,260
Net cash from operating activities	(6,187)	(9,729)	(10,002)	(9,899)	(9,937)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Total cash received					
	-	-	-	-	-
Cash used					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangibles	18	20	10	10	10
Total cash used	18	20	10	10	10
Net cash from investing activities	-18	-20	-10	-10	-10
Net increase or (decrease) in cash held					
	(6,205)	(9,749)	(10,012)	(9,909)	(9,947)
Cash at beginning of reporting period	1	21	17	13	21
Cash from Official Public Account for:					
– appropriations	13,870	16,076	16,545	16,668	16,927
– special accounts					
Transfers from other entities (Finance – whole of government)					
Cash to Official Public Account for:					
– appropriations	7,645	6,331	6,514	6,740	6,973
– special accounts					
Transfers to other entities (Finance – whole of government)					
Cash at end of reporting period	-	-	-	-	-

Table 3.10: Schedule of administered capital budget

	Actual	Revised budget	Forward estimate	Forward estimate	Forward estimate
	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS					
Administered capital	1,370	-	-	-	-
Total capital appropriations	1,370	-	-	-	-
Represented by:					
Purchase of non-financial assets					
Other	1,370	-	-	-	-
Total represented by	1,370	-	-	-	-
PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Funded internally by departmental resources	20	20	10	10	10
Total	20	20	10	10	10

Table 3.11: Schedule of administered property, plant, equipment and intangibles — summary of movement (Budget year 2007–08)

	Land	Buildings	Other infrastructure plant and equipment	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 1 July 2007				
Gross book value	28,000	6,719	1,365	-
Accumulated depreciation	-	2,798	859	-
Opening net book value	28,000	3,921	506	-
Additions:				
by purchase	-	20	-	-
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	70	135	-
As at 30 June 2008				
Gross book value	28,000	6,739	1,365	-
Accumulated depreciation	-	2,868	994	-
Estimated closing net book value	28,000	3,871	371	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of accounting

The department's financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with:

- Finance Minister's Orders; and
- Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AEIFRS) that apply for the reporting period.

Departmental

Revenue

Revenue comprises appropriation revenue, sale of goods and services (AUSPIC), sale of assets, and other (comprising the activities of the Campaign Advertising Special Account and resources received free of charge).

Expenses

Expenses comprise employee expenses and supplier expenses.

Grants relate to research grants on security technology and the grant to the Australian Fund.

Assets

Infrastructure, plant and equipment comprises office fit-out and office equipment.

Intangibles are computer software applications.

Receivables relates to funding for depreciation, employee entitlements and appropriation receivable held in the Official Public Account.

Liabilities

Employee liabilities are provisions for recreation leave, long service leave and accrued salaries.

Suppliers are creditors (usually invoices on hand, but not yet due for payment).

Equity

Reserves are asset revaluation reserves.

Administered

Revenue

Goods and services revenue comes from recovery of expenses arising from state occasions and official visits.

Expenses

Grants relate to grants made to the National Australia Day Council.

Personal benefits relate to the allowances for the former Governors-General. These are adjusted each year in line with an actuarial assessment based on the number of former Governors-General, their and their spouses' life expectancies, and projected increases in their retirement allowances.

Suppliers includes goods and services received for state occasions and official visits, the Prime Minister's official residences and support to former Governors-General.

Depreciation relates to infrastructure, plant and equipment associated with the Prime Minister's official residences and the offices of the former Governors-General.

Assets

Land and buildings are the Prime Minister's official residences: The Lodge and Kirribilli House.

Infrastructure, plant and equipment comprises furniture and fittings within the Prime Minister's official residences and within the offices of the former Governors-General.

Liabilities

Employee liabilities are provisions relating to staff at The Lodge and Kirribilli House.

Personal benefits payable relates to the entitlements of the former Governors-General.

Suppliers are creditors (usually invoices on hand, but not yet due for payment).

GLOSSARY

Accrual accounting	System of accounting where items are brought to account and included in the financial statements as they are earned or incurred, rather than as they are received or paid.
Accumulated depreciation	The aggregate depreciation recorded for a particular depreciating asset.
Additional estimates	Where amounts appropriated at Budget time are insufficient, Parliament may appropriate more funds to portfolios through the Additional Estimates Acts.
Administered items	Expenses, revenues, assets or liabilities managed by agencies on behalf of the Commonwealth. Agencies do not control administered items. Administered expenses include grants, subsidies and benefits. In many cases, administered expenses fund the delivery of third party outputs.
AEIFRS	Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards, which were issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board in July 2004.
Appropriation	An authorisation by Parliament to spend moneys from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for a particular purpose.
Annual Appropriation	Acts of Parliament, which provide appropriation for the government's activities during a specific financial year. Three appropriation Bills are introduced into Parliament in May and comprise the Budget. Further supplementary Bills are introduced later in the financial year as part of the Additional Estimates process. The Parliamentary departments have their own appropriation Bills.
Capital expenditure	Expenditure by an agency on capital projects, for example purchasing a building.
Consolidated Revenue Fund	Section 81 of the Constitution stipulates that all revenue raised or money received by the Commonwealth forms the one consolidated revenue fund (CRF). The CRF is not a bank account. The Official Public Account reflects most of the operations of the CRF.

Glossary

Departmental items	Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses that are controlled by the agency to produce outputs. Departmental items would generally include computers, plant and equipment assets used by agencies in providing goods and services, and most employee expenses, supplier costs and other administrative expenses incurred.
Depreciation	Apportionment of an asset's capital value as an expense over its estimated useful life to take account of normal usage, obsolescence, or the passage of time.
Effectiveness indicators	Indicators to assess the degree of success in achieving outcomes. As outcomes are generally long-term in nature, effectiveness indicators often relate to intermediate outcomes (shorter-term impacts) below the planned outcomes specified.
Efficiency indicators	Measures the adequacy of an agency's management of its outputs and, where applicable, administered items. Includes price, quality and quantity indicators. The interrelationship between the three efficiency indicators of any one output should be considered when judging efficiency.
Equity or net assets	Residual interest in the assets of an entity after deduction of its liabilities.
Expense	Expenses represent the full costs of an activity, that is, the total value of all the resources consumed in producing goods and services or the loss of future economic benefits in the form of reductions in assets or increases in liabilities of the entity. Expenses include cash items, such as salary payments, as well as expenses that have been incurred, such as accruing employee entitlements that will be paid in the future.
Fair value	Valuation methodology: The amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Australian Government entities will move to this method incrementally by 30 June 2006 for valuing most infrastructure, plant and equipment.

Intermediate outcomes	More specific medium-term impacts (eg trend data, targets or milestones) below the level of the planned outcomes specified in the Budget. A combination of several intermediate outcomes can at times be considered as a proxy for determining the achievement of outcomes or progress towards outcomes. <i>See</i> Outcomes.
Operating result	Equals revenue less expenses.
Outcomes	The government's objectives in each portfolio area. Outcomes are desired results, impacts or consequences for the Australian community as influenced by the actions of the Australian Government. Actual outcomes are assessments of the end results or impacts actually achieved.
Output groups	A logical aggregation of agency outputs, where useful, and based either on homogeneity, type of product, business line or beneficiary target group. Aggregation of outputs may also be needed for the provision of adequate information for performance monitoring, or based on a materiality test.
Outputs	The goods and services produced by agencies on behalf of government for external organisations or individuals. Outputs also include goods and services for other areas of government external to the agency.
Price	One of the three key efficiency indicators. The amount the government or the community pays for the delivery of agreed outputs.
Quality	One of the three key efficiency indicators. Relates to the characteristics by which customers or stakeholders judge an organisation, product or service. Assessment of quality involves use of information gathered from interested parties to identify differences between users' expectations and experiences.
Quantity	One of the three key efficiency indicators. Examples include the size of an output; count or volume measures; how many or how much.
Revenue	Total value of resources earned or received to cover the production of goods and services.

Glossary

Special Account	<p>Balances existing within the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) that are supported by standing appropriations (<i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>, ss. 20 and 21). Special accounts allow money in the CRF to be acknowledged as set-aside (hypothecated) for a particular purpose. Amounts credited to a Special Account may only be spent for the purposes of the Special Account. Special Accounts can only be established by a written determination of the Finance Minister (s. 20 FMA Act) or through an Act of Parliament (referred to in s. 21 of the FMA Act).</p>
Special Appropriations (including Standing Appropriations)	<p>An amount of money appropriated by a particular Act of Parliament for a specific purpose and number of years. For special appropriations, the authority to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund does not generally cease at the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Standing appropriations are a subcategory consisting of ongoing special appropriations – the amount appropriated will depend on circumstances specified in the legislation.</p>