

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Changing the profile and skills mix of staff in the Australian Federal Police and increased Australian Federal Police Adjustment Scheme costs

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0

Explanation

This measure has two elements:

- it facilitates the immediate commencement of a programme to re-profile, retain and re-train staff in the Australian Federal Police (AFP). This will further realign the organisation's skills base with its operational requirements in the changing law enforcement environment, including forensic accounting, computer and communications crime. This element of the measure will cost \$1.2 million in 1997-98 and \$3.5 million in 1998-99; and
- it provides additional funding of \$4.2 million in 1998-99 to enable the AFP to meet the forecasted increase in the emerging costs of its Australian Federal Police Adjustment Scheme in that year.

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National Illicit Drugs Strategy - supply reduction - second instalment

Financial Implications (\$m)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Attorney-General's	13.0	11.7	11.9	11.6
Industry, Science and Tourism	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
Total	14.0	12.8	13.2	12.8

Explanation

This measure provides \$52.8 million to fund supply reduction programmes administered in the Attorney-General's Department, and the Department of Industry, Science and Tourism as part of the National Illicit Drugs Strategy (NIDS). Funding is as follows over the four year period:

- \$6.1 million will be provided to establish new Australian Federal Police (AFP) posts in China and Vietnam with additional resources to be provided in Hong Kong;
- \$12.2 million for the AFP to establish strike teams in Perth, Brisbane and Melbourne;

- \$5.7 million for the AFP to develop a law enforcement cooperation programme in the Asia/Pacific region;
- \$21.5 million for the National Crime Authority (NCA) to extend its activities in the investigation of South East Asian organised crime;
- the NCA will provide \$1 million to fund the Asia-Pacific Group Secretariat;
- the Australian Institute of Criminology will participate in a three year international study to identify the use of drugs during criminal activity at a cost of \$1.7 million; and
- the Australian Customs Service will receive \$4.6 million for additional intelligence analysts.

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Additional funding for increased assistance under s.183 of the *Native Title Act 1993*

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
3.3	3.1	3.0	3.1

Explanation

The Government has provided \$12.5 million over four years to allow increased access to financial assistance for parties (including respondents) to native title claims. The Attorney-General issued an amended set of guidelines, effective from 1 January 1998, for the granting of financial assistance in native title cases. The new guidelines permit the grouping of respondents and remove the need for individual assessment under s.183 of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

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Community Legal Services Programme Rural and Network Enhancement

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
3.4	3.1	2.4	2.5

Explanation

Under this initiative, rural communities will be provided with access to the legal services they need by means of a national rural telephone advice service, and new legal centres in high need regional centres. Other initiatives will enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the existing community legal services network through the upgrade of capital infrastructure, the establishment of a programme support fund and development of more and better legal clinics in association with universities.

The vast majority of existing community legal services for disadvantaged members of the community have been established in and around capital cities. This measure addresses the social and economic disadvantage faced by people living in rural areas and issues of national equity.

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Upgrade of the Technical Support Unit in the Australian Security Intelligence Organization

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1.5	0.1	0.0	0.0

Explanation

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the effectiveness of the Technical Support Unit in the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO), particularly in the period leading up to the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games.