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Funding for an education campaign to facilitate community understanding of legislative changes governing country of origin representations

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0

Explanation

This measure will fund an education campaign to ensure that consumers, manufacturers and primary producers understand the meaning and implications of the amended law.

The changes to the law implement a clear two-tiered hierarchy for country of origin representations:

- the “Product of Australia” label will be reserved for goods containing 100 per cent local content or near to it; and
- producers using the “Made in Australia” claim will need to satisfy a substantial transformation test and show that the majority of their cost of production was incurred in Australia.

Under the new law, industry and consumers will also have the flexibility to design their own industry logos which may set even higher standards of Australian content.

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Reform of Australia's Anti-Dumping and Countervailing System

Financial Implications (\$m)

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

Explanation

This measure provides for:

- delivering the Government's election commitment to introduce an investigation period for dumping inquiries of 155 days;
- imposing provisional measures at or after day 60 of an investigation where necessary;
- extending the current responsibilities of the Australian Customs Service (ACS) to all dumping and countervailing investigations; and
- abolishing the Anti-Dumping Authority (ADA) and establishing a statutory appeal mechanism within the Department of Industry, Science and Tourism.

The financial implications reflect administrative savings from streamlining the anti-dumping and countervailing system, and do not include any anticipated change in dumping duty collections as a result of the reforms.

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Sydney 2000 Games - Olympics and Paralympics

Financial Implications (\$m)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Foreign Affairs and Trade	0.7	2.1	1.5	0.0
Health and Family Services	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0
Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Industry, Science and Tourism	8.1	8.1	28.1	0.0
Primary Industries and Energy	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Total	9.0	10.4	32.0	0.0

Explanation

The Commonwealth has approved a number of initiatives relating to the staging of the Sydney 2000 Games (in addition to approximately \$410 million already spent or committed):

Games-related activities, costing \$6.1 million between 1998-99 and 2000-01, to assist with the smooth staging of the Games. These activities are: providing a coordinated visitors' information campaign; providing specific health care access for selected members of the Olympic and Paralympic families; and undertaking Games-related research on performance-enhancing substances and strengthening Australia's anti-doping programme in the period before the Games.

Promoting Australia in the context of the Games, costing \$13.3 million between 1998-99 and 2000-01, through initiatives designed to enhance coverage of Australia overseas and to exploit our economic opportunities provided by the Games. These initiatives are: providing support for unaccredited media personnel at the time of the Games; providing one-stop-shop assistance for Business Club Australia members; and additional funding of Australian Tourist Commission activities.

Subject to the successful conclusion of negotiations with the New South Wales government, the Commonwealth has made a provisional allocation of up to \$32 million, between 1998-99 and 2000-01, to assist the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) to purchase further services for the Games.

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Consumer Information Programme

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0

Explanation

This measure will deliver the final elements of the Government's consumer affairs election policy commitments as set out in its Consumer Affairs Policy Statement *The Consumer Interest*.

This measure aims to provide:

- national consumer information initiatives for business and consumers, with particular reference to people on low incomes, those with limited English, people living in rural and remote areas and older Australians;
- community-based education programmes, and information products targeted at disadvantaged consumer groups, who may not be aware of their rights and responsibilities and who may have difficulty accessing information in a fast changing and increasingly complex marketplace;
- a research-based product safety programme to identify areas of potential risk to consumers and lead to the development of targeted injury prevention strategies for consumers and business; and
- information on industry-based consumer dispute resolution schemes to ensure that consumers know how to use the schemes and that businesses have access to advice on how to set up and deliver such services.

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Automotive Market Access and Development Strategy

Financial Implications (\$m)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Industry, Science and Tourism	7.4	4.6	4.7	2.8
Foreign Affairs and Trade	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1
Total	7.7	4.8	4.9	2.9

Explanation

This measure follows on from the announcement by the Prime Minister, the Treasurer and the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism on 5 June 1997, to implement the Government's Automotive Market Access and Development Strategy.

The objective of this measure is to improve trade prospects for the automotive industry by pursuing trade liberalisation and market access in key markets.

The strategy will coordinate the agenda for market access, industry and technological collaboration, and market development in priority markets. It will bring together the operations of agencies and industry associations in a coherent fashion.

Further Information

Activities to be undertaken from this programme include:

- the establishment of an Automotive Trade Council;
- the appointment of the Prime Minister's special automotive envoy who will have a pivotal role in implementing the strategy;
- the appointment of an automotive market access facilitator in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to pursue market access issues in multilateral, regional and bilateral fora; and
- the establishment of a four year programme of strategic and targeted market development activities, including the placement of specialist automotive representatives in key overseas markets.

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Australian Institute of Marine Science facilities - Capital refurbishment

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
2.0	3.0	3.6	3.0

Explanation

The Government has provided additional funding to the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) to assist with the refurbishment and upgrade of existing infrastructure and research vessels.

Further Information

AIMS is a Commonwealth statutory authority established under the *Australian Institute of Marine Science Act 1972*. The Institute undertakes marine science and technology research to build knowledge and understanding of marine ecosystems, for promoting sustainable development of marine industries and for allowing effective conservation of marine resources. AIMS headquarters and main facilities are at Cape Ferguson, 50 km from Townsville in north Queensland. The Institute also maintains a small facility at Dampier in north Western Australia, where its research programs assist the sustainable development of the Northwest Shelf.

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Australian Satellite Laser Ranging Network

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5

Explanation

This measure involves provision of funding for the operation of the Yarragadee, Western Australia Satellite Laser Ranging Facility, for three years. The current operator of the station, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has decided to withdraw from operation of the facility. The Government will fund continued operation for three years from 1999-2000 to 2001-02. The Australian Surveying and Land Information Group (AUSLIG) will absorb operation costs for 1998-99. It is one of two such facilities in Australia, the other being operated by AUSLIG in the Australian Capital Territory.

Further Information

The station is part of a global network of Satellite Laser Ranging Stations including 43 in the northern hemisphere and only three in the southern hemisphere.

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Space Licensing and Safety Office

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1.3	0.2	0.2	0.2

Explanation

This measure will establish a Space Licensing and Safety Office which will be responsible for the licensing and safety issues for the commercial space launch industry within Australia.

Further Information

There are currently several proposals to develop space launch facilities in Australia.

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Compensation to the Societe Internationale de Telecommunications Aeronautiques

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8

Explanation

This measure will provide compensation to the Societe Internationale de Telecommunications Aeronautiques (SITA) to honour a longstanding commitment by the Commonwealth to exempt SITA from paying various taxes and customs duties in return for SITA having established its regional headquarters in Australia.

The regulations currently exempting SITA from paying various taxes have been deemed to be invalid, and conversion to an outlays program from 1 July 1998 will be necessary to replace the present system of exemptions for SITA.

Further Information

SITA is a not-for-profit cooperative organisation, with its registered office in Brussels. SITA provides an extensive range of telecommunications and information processing services over the world's largest telecommunications network.

In 1989, the Commonwealth offered incentives to attract SITA to establish its Asia Pacific headquarters in Australia. SITA was accorded 'international organisation' status under the International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1963 and granted taxation and customs duties exemptions.

Subsequently, advice was received that regulations conferring the status and privileges were invalid, as SITA did not meet the definition of 'international organisation' under the Act.

This proposal will make payments to SITA equivalent to its liability for customs duties and taxes, including State taxes and charges. This will ensure ongoing delivery of the Commonwealth's commitment to SITA.

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Continued funding of the Building Codes Board

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0

Explanation

This measure continues the Commonwealth's contribution to the operating costs of the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) for a further two years. The work of the ABCB aims to overcome the burden of the regulatory system on both the building industry and the community, and lift performance to increase cost efficiency and innovation by developing nationally consistent and best practice building regulation.

Further Information

The ABCB is a body created by Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers with responsibility for building regulation to progress regulation reform in Australia. The Board receives funding from the Commonwealth and the States, and from cost recovery and royalty payments.

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Interim funding for the Science and Technology Awareness Programme

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0

Explanation

This measure provides interim funding to allow for announcement of the 1999-2000 Australia Prize in 1998-99 under the Science and Technology Awareness Programme prior to a full review of the programme in the context of the 1999-2000 Budget.

The objective of the Programme is to support the development of national science and technology capabilities by increasing Australians' understanding of the central role that science and technology play in national economic and social development.

Activities funded under this Programme include:

- the Australia Prize;
- the National Science Week;
- the Science Now forum; and

- awareness-raising activities undertaken by science communicators, teachers, scientific and academic organisations (via a competitive grants programme).

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Administration of Post 2000 Textile, Clothing and Footwear and Passenger Motor Vehicles Initiatives

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1.8	2.1	1.7	2.1

Explanation

Following on from Industry Commission reports on the Textiles, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) and Passenger Motor Vehicle (PMV) industries, the Government agreed on measures to provide the policy framework for these two industries post 2000. This measure is to provide running costs to implement and administer the post 2000 measures.

The TCF initiatives include:

- TCF Action Agendas;
- the TCF Technology Development Fund;
- extended Overseas Assembly Provisions;
- the Centre for Excellence;
- the Market Development Strategy;
- the review of the TCF tariff anomalies; and
- TCF Strategic Investment Programme.

The PMV initiatives include introduction of a programme to replace the Export Facilitation Scheme when it ends in 2000 (see also revenue measure titled *Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme*).

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Australian Mapping Initiative

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0

Explanation

The Government has provided \$2 million over two years to the Australian Surveying and Land Information Group (AUSLIG) for the revision of a number of 1:100 000 scale maps. Areas to be mapped will be selected following discussions with bushfire and emergency services agencies. Priority will be given to areas likely to be affected by bushfires and other natural disasters and where existing maps are most out-of-date. All map production work will be outsourced under contracts managed by AUSLIG. Funding of \$2 million is expected to enable production of approximately 30 to 40 maps.

Further Information

AUSLIG is a business unit of the Department of Industry, Science and Tourism. It is the Government's primary source of advice on land information matters and is responsible for policy, standards and coordination associated with delivery of national and international land information programmes; management of the national mapping, maritime boundary, remote sensing and geodesy programmes; and implementation of the Australian Spatial Data Infrastructure.

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Tourism package - Increased funding for tourism promotion and development

Financial Implications (\$m)

1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
12.0	12.2	12.5	12.8

Explanation

In recognition of the importance of the tourism industry and the adverse impact of the Asian crisis on the growth of overseas visitors to Australia, the Government will provide additional funding to the Australian Tourist Commission (ATC) and the Department of Industry, Science and Tourism (DIST) to more effectively market Australia as a tourist destination and develop the tourism potential of regional Australia.

The ATC will be given an additional \$41.2 million over four years for increased promotional activity in traditional high yield tourism markets including the USA, the UK and Europe and to offset the increase in promotional costs in these countries. The additional funding will also be used to develop new market segments in these countries

and to establish a presence in emerging markets such as China (where Australia has been recently granted official destination status), India, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

DIST will be allocated \$8.3 million over four years to enhance the tourism potential of regional and rural Australia with the view to developing niche markets and encouraging increased tourism beyond the major gateways.