AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Section 1: Overview, variations and measures

AGENCY OVERVIEW

There has been no change to the overview included in the *2003-04 Portfolio Budget Statements* (page 49).

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS TO OUTCOMES

The following variations contributed to a net increase in agency outputs of $0.540 million for the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Measures

Outcome 1 — Informed decision making, research and discussion within governments and the community based on the provision of a high quality, objective and responsive national statistical service

	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000	2005-06 $'000	2006-07 $'000
Outcome 1				
Budget estimates - enhanced quality and timeliness	180	131	131	131
Budget estimates - enhanced quality and timeliness *(Related capital)*	247	-	-	-

Budget estimates — enhanced quality and timeliness

The Government will provide additional funding to agencies of $88.5 million over five years (including $0.1 million in 2007-08) to implement the Budget Estimates and Framework Review (BEFR) recommendations. This funding includes capital of $7.4 million over four years.

In the 2003-04 Budget the Government made provision for $78 million over five years to improve the accuracy, responsiveness and effectiveness of agencies' contribution to the Commonwealth's budget estimates and framework system and to assist agencies to drive improved financial management and reporting within their organisations. The Government has provided an extra $10.5 million over five years to fund agencies to implement the BEFR recommendations.

Other variations to appropriations

The ABS is seeking additional price of outputs funding of $0.360 million for the increase to the Comcover premium.

MEASURES — AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS SUMMARY

Table 1.1: Summary of measures since the 2003-04 Budget

Measure	Outcome	Output Groups affected	2003-04 appropriations budget $'000			2004-05 appropriations forward estimate $'000			2005-06 appropriations forward estimate $'000			2006-07 appropriations forward estimate $'000		
			Admin items	Agency outputs	Total	Admin items	Agency outputs	Total	Admin items	Agency outputs	Total	Admin items	Agency outputs	Total
Budget estimates - enhanced quality and timeliness	1	1.1	-	180	180	-	131	131	-	131	131	-	131	131
Budget estimates - enhanced quality and timeliness *(Related capital)*	1	1.1	-	247	247	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Map 2: Outcomes and output groups

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Statistician: Mr Dennis Trewin

Overall outcome

Strong, sustainable economic growth and the improved wellbeing of Australians

Outcome 1

Informed decision making, research and discussion within governments and the community based on the provision of a high quality, objective and responsive national statistical service

Total price of outputs: $270.1 million
Agency outcomes appropriation: $251.0 million

Output Group 1.1

Australian Bureau of Statistics - National Statistical Service

Output 1.1.1

Economic statistics

Output 1.1.2

Population and social statistics

BREAKDOWN OF ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES BY APPROPRIATION BILL

Table 1.2: Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2003-04

	2002-03 available $'000	2003-04 budget $'000	2003-04 revised $'000	Additional estimates $'000	Reduced estimates $'000
AGENCY OUTPUTS					
Outcome 1					
Informed decision making, research and discussion within governments and the community based on the provision of a high quality, objective and responsive national statistical service	253,501	250,441	250,981	540	-
Total	253,501	250,441	250,981	540	-

Table 1.3: Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2003-04

	2002-03 available $'000	2003-04 budget $'000	2003-04 revised $'000	Additional estimates $'000	Reduced estimates $'000
Non-Operating					
Equity injection	-	-	247	247	-
Total capital	-	-	247	247	-
Total	-	-	247	247	-

SUMMARY OF STAFFING CHANGES

Table 1.4: Average staffing level (ASL)

	2003-04 budget	2003-04 revised	variation
Outcome 1			
Informed decision making, research and discussion within governments and the community based on the provision of a high quality, objective and responsive national statistical service	2,825	2,825	-
Total	2,825	2,825	-

AGENCY REVENUES

Table 1.6: Agency revenues

	2003-04 budget estimate $'000	2003-04 revised estimate $'000
ESTIMATED AGENCY REVENUES		
Non-appropriation agency revenues		
Goods and services	18,310	18,859
Proceeds from sales of assets	204	205
Other	90	90
Total non-appropriation agency revenues	18,604	19,154
Appropriation revenue	250,441	250,981
Total estimated agency revenues	269,045	270,135

ESTIMATED SPECIAL ACCOUNT FLOWS

Table 1.8: Estimated special account flows

		opening balance $'000	receipts $'000	payments $'000	closing balance $'000
	A(1)	**2003-04**	**2003-04**	**2003-04**	**2003-04**
	B(1)	2002-03	2002-03	2002-03	2002-03
SPECIAL ACCOUNTS					
Other Trust Monies(2)		**16**	**-**	**-**	**16**
		14	6	4	16
Total special accounts		**14**	**14**	**14**	**14**

(1) The revised Opening Balance for 2003-04 (reference A) is the same as the final actual closing balance for 2002-03 (reference B). This balance may have changed from that shown in the *2003-04 Portfolio Budget Statements* as the actual for 2002-03 will have been updated to reflect the final budget outcome for the year.

(2) This special account is departmental in nature and is governed by the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

Section 2: Revisions to outcomes and outputs

OUTCOMES AND OUTPUT GROUPS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has not made any changes to its outcome or outputs since the *2003-04 Portfolio Budget Statements.*

Table 2.1: Total resources for Outcome 1

	2003-04 budget estimate $'000	2003-04 revised estimate $'000
Agency appropriations		
Output Group 1.1 - Australian Bureau of Statistics		
Output 1.1.1 - Economic statistics	131,286	131,567
Output 1.1.2 - Population and social statistics	119,155	119,414
Total revenues from government (appropriations) contributing to price of agency outputs	250,441	250,981
Revenue from other sources		
Goods and services	18,310	18,859
Proceeds from sales of assets	204	205
Other	90	90
Total revenue from other sources	18,604	19,154
Total price from agency outputs (Total revenues from government and from other sources)	269,045	270,135
Total estimated resourcing (Total price of outputs and administered appropriations)	269,045	270,135

	2003-04	2003-04
Average staffing level (number)	2,825	2,825

Revised performance information and level of achievement – 2003-04

The ABS has not made any changes to its performance information since the *2003-03 Portfolio Budget Statements.*

Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

AGENCY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Budgeted agency statement of financial performance

This statement provides a picture of the expected financial results for the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) by identifying full accrual expenses and revenues, which highlight whether the ABS is operating at a sustainable level.

The budgeted financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the goods and services tax (GST) accounting guidelines of the Urgent Issues Group (UIG) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The UIG consensus requires that expenses and assets be accounted for net of recoverable GST, revenues be accounted for net of GST payable, and that cash flows and accounts payable and receivable be reported gross. Appropriations are thus net of recoverable GST amounts.

Budgeted agency statement of financial position

This statement shows the financial position of the ABS. It enables decision-makers to track the management of the agency's assets and liabilities.

Budgeted agency statement of cash flows

Budgeted cash flows, as reflected in the statement of cash flows, provides important information on the extent and nature of cash flows by categorising them into expected cash flows from operating activities, investing activities and financing activities.

Agency capital budget statement

Shows all planned agency capital expenditure (capital expenditure on non-financial assets), whether funded either through capital appropriations for additional equity or borrowings, or funds from internal sources.

Agency non-financial assets — summary of movement

This statement shows the movement in ABS's non-financial assets during the budget year.

Table 3.1: Budgeted Agency Statement of Financial Performance (for the period ended 30 June)

	2002-03 actual $'000	2003-04 revised budget $'000	2004-05 forward estimate $'000	2005-06 forward estimate $'000	2006-07 forward estimate $'000
REVENUES					
Revenues from ordinary activities					
Revenues from government	253,501	250,932	264,893	300,044	384,779
Goods and services	24,607	18,859	15,887	15,968	15,960
Interest	378	-	-	-	-
Revenue from sales of assets	150	205	207	205	202
Other	1,013	90	90	90	90
Revenues from ordinary activities	279,649	270,086	281,077	316,307	401,031
EXPENSES					
Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)					
Employees	180,200	185,838	189,405	200,666	283,794
Suppliers	57,362	54,025	61,026	82,747	83,956
Depreciation and amortisation	26,893	29,392	28,532	30,249	30,772
Write-down of assets	1,106	6	8	10	40
Value of assets sold	372	7	4	10	8
Other	6,029	-	-	-	-
Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)	271,962	269,268	278,975	313,682	398,570
Borrowing costs expense	980	818	645	531	440
Operating surplus or deficit from ordinary activities	6,707	-	1,457	2,094	2,021
Changes in accounting policies	(2,338)	-	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in asset revaluation reserve	(1,166)	-	-	-	-
Net surplus or deficit	3,203	-	1,457	2,094	2,021
Capital Use Charge	-	-	-	-	-
Net surplus or deficit attributable to Commonwealth	3,203	-	1,457	2,094	2,021

Table 3.2: Budgeted Agency Statement of Financial Position (as at 30 June)

	2002-03 actual $'000	2003-04 revised budget $'000	2004-05 forward estimate $'000	2005-06 forward estimate $'000	2006-07 forward estimate $'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets					
Cash	12,771	13,395	7,756	10,783	14,465
Receivables	5,575	4,216	3,994	4,193	8,168
Accrued revenues	266	286	286	286	286
Total financial assets	18,612	17,897	12,036	15,262	22,919
Non-financial assets					
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	41,193	37,542	37,859	39,770	38,517
Inventories	58	58	58	58	58
Intangibles	76,797	76,972	77,405	76,745	76,125
Other	8,834	8,466	8,100	7,732	7,407
Total non-financial assets	126,882	123,038	123,422	124,305	122,107
Total assets	145,494	140,935	135,458	139,567	145,026
LIABILITIES					
Interest bearing liabilities					
Loans	11,150	10,033	8,846	7,585	6,245
Leases	2,938	973	254	70	25
Other	383	29	-	-	-
Total interest bearing liabilities	14,471	11,035	9,100	7,655	6,270
Provisions					
Employees	63,923	65,550	60,618	62,298	63,870
Total provisions	63,923	65,550	60,618	62,298	63,870
Payables					
Suppliers	4,379	2,954	3,102	3,996	3,998
Other	6,576	5,004	4,789	5,675	8,924
Total payables	10,955	7,958	7,891	9,671	12,922
Total liabilities	89,349	84,543	77,609	79,624	83,062
EQUITY					
Parent equity interest					
Contributed equity	11,250	11,250	11,250	11,250	11,250
Capital injections by owners	-	247	247	247	247
Reserves	7,519	7,519	7,519	7,519	7,519
Retained surpluses or accumulated deficits	37,376	37,376	38,833	40,927	42,948
Total parent equity interest	56,145	56,392	57,849	59,943	61,964
Total equity	56,145	56,392	57,849	59,943	61,964
Current liabilities	43,811	40,239	33,881	36,445	40,064
Non-current liabilities	45,538	44,304	43,728	43,179	42,998
Current assets	27,504	26,371	20,094	22,901	30,183
Non-current assets	117,990	114,564	115,364	116,666	114,843

Table 3.3: Budgeted Agency Statement of Cash Flows (for the period ended 30 June)

	2002-03 actual $'000	2003-04 revised budget $'000	2004-05 forward estimate $'000	2005-06 forward estimate $'000	2006-07 forward estimate $'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Appropriations	253,501	250,981	264,943	300,094	384,828
Goods and services	26,758	18,355	15,821	15,959	15,195
Interest	432	-	-	-	-
Other	8,593	6,990	7,794	9,924	10,133
Total cash received	289,284	276,326	288,558	325,977	410,156
Cash used					
Employees	185,708	189,833	194,827	204,794	293,681
Suppliers	69,784	49,994	60,519	75,303	72,571
Borrowing costs	980	1,989	710	172	42
Other	9,928	7,298	7,875	10,114	10,134
Total cash used	266,400	249,114	263,931	290,383	376,428
Net cash from/(used by) operating activities	22,884	27,212	24,627	35,594	33,728
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	337	205	207	205	202
Total cash received	337	205	207	205	202
Cash used					
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	22,219	25,923	29,287	31,511	28,907
Total cash used	22,219	25,923	29,287	31,511	28,907
Net cash from/(used by) investing activities	(21,882)	(25,718)	(29,080)	(31,306)	(28,705)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Capital Injections	-	247	-	-	-
Total cash received	-	247	-	-	-
Cash used					
Repayments of debt	3,301	1,117	1,186	1,261	1,341
Capital use charge paid	6,700	-	-	-	-
Other	1,266	-	-	-	-
Total cash used	11,267	1,117	1,186	1,261	1,341
Net cash from/(used by) financing activities	(11,267)	(870)	(1,186)	(1,261)	(1,341)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(10,265)	624	(5,639)	3,027	3,682
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	23,036	12,771	13,395	7,756	10,783
Cash at the end of the reporting period	12,771	13,395	7,756	10,783	14,465

Table 3.4: Agency Capital Budget Statement

	2002-03 actual $'000	2003-04 revised budget $'000	2004-05 forward estimate $'000	2005-06 forward estimate $'000	2006-07 forward estimate $'000
PURCHASE OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Funded by capital appropriations	-	247	-	-	-
Funded internally by agency resources	22,219	25,676	29,287	31,511	28,907
Total	22,219	25,923	29,287	31,511	28,907

Table 3.5: Agency Non-financial Assets — Summary of Movement (Budget year 2003-04)

	Land	Buildings	Specialist military equipment	Other infrastructure plant and equipment	Heritage and cultural assets	Computer software	Other intangibles	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Carrying amount at the start of year	-	-	-	76,842	-	158,916	-	235,758
Additions	-	-	-	10,537	-	15,386	-	25,923
Disposals	-	-	-	(10,657)	-	-	-	(10,657)
Revaluation increments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoverable amount write-downs	-	-	-	-	-	(330)	-	(330)
Net transfers free of charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	-	-	(49,830)	-	(97,330)	-	(147,160)
Write-off of assets	-	-	-	10,650	-	330	-	10,980
Carrying amount at the end of year	-	-	-	37,542	-	76,972	-	114,514
Total additions								
Self funded	-	-	-	10,537	-	15,139	-	25,676
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	247	-	247
Total	-	-	-	10,537	-	15,386	-	25,923

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of accounting

The agency budget statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and in accordance with historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which are at valuation.

Budgeted agency financial statements

Under the Commonwealth's accrual budgeting framework, and consistent with Australian Accounting Standards, transactions that agencies control (agency transactions) are budgeted and reported separately from transactions agencies do not have control over (administered transactions). This ensures that agencies are only held fully accountable for the transactions over which they have control.

Agency assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses in relation to an agency are those that are controlled by the agency. Agency expenses include employee and supplier expenses and other administrative costs, which are incurred by the agency in providing its goods and services.

Budgeted agency statement of financial performance

Revenues

Appropriations in the accrual budgeting framework

Under the Commonwealth's accrual budgeting framework, the ABS is appropriated only for the price of its outputs, which represent the Government's purchase of these agreed outputs.

Revenue from other sources

The decrease in revenue from other sources in 2003-04 is due to the additional revenue associated with sales of census output during the last financial year.

Other

This category includes resources received free of charge.

Expenses

Employees

This includes wages and salaries, superannuation, provision for annual leave and long service leave, and workers compensation. Employee entitlements were based on leave patterns of ABS employees. Accrued salaries and employer superannuation contributions were based on daily salary expense and the number of days owing at 30 June in each budget year.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciable assets are written off over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method, which is consistent with the consumption of the service potential of the depreciable assets of the ABS.

Budgeted agency statement of financial position

Non-financial assets

Intangibles

These include software developed in-house.

Inventory

The inventory levels in the organisation were reduced in the 2001-02 financial year to reflect the move to 'print on demand'. ABS inventory include publications of statistics both in print and on CD. These levels are expected to remain stable in the outyears.

Other

This category includes prepayments.

Debt

Loans

The ABS received a loan of $13.2 million in 2001-02. This loan was used to partially fund the fitout of the ABS's new national office accommodation. Loan repayments will be made over a ten year period and are being met by the ABS from within its ongoing operational funding levels.

Leases

These include lease incentives in the form of a rent-free period and/or a contribution to fitout costs. Lease incentives are recognised as a liability, which is reduced by allocating lease rental payments between interest, rental expense and reduction of the liability.

Provisions and payables

Employees

The liability for employee entitlements includes provision for annual leave and long service leave. No provision has been made for sick leave as all sick leave is non-vesting.

The non-current portion of the liability for long service leave is recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows in respect of all employees.

Asset valuation

Commonwealth agencies and authorities are required to value property, plant and equipment and other infrastructure assets using the fair value method of valuation. This essentially reflects the current cost the entity would face in replacing that asset. Non-information technology assets have been revalued to fair value. Information technology assets will be revalued to this basis in the 2004-05 financial year when they are next due for revaluation.

Capital budget statement

This shows proposed capital expenditure for the ongoing replacement programme of non-financial assets. This asset replacement programme is funded internally.

Purchase of non-financial assets

These include:

- 2002-03 intangibles of $15.7 million, infrastructure, plant and equipment of $6.5 million;
- 2003-04 intangibles of $15.1 million, infrastructure, plant and equipment of $10.5 million, which includes fitout to the Western Australian and Queensland offices of $1.2 million;
- 2004-05 intangibles of $15.8 million, infrastructure, plant and equipment of $13.5 million, which includes fitout to the New South Wales, Tasmanian and Queensland offices of $8 million;
- 2005-06 intangibles of $15.1 million, infrastructure, plant and equipment of $16.4 million, which includes fitout to the Queensland office of $2.9 million; and
- 2006-07 intangibles of $15.2 million, infrastructure, plant and equipment of $13.7 million, which includes fitout to the South Australian, Australian Capital Territory and Tasmanian offices of $6.2 million.