

APPENDIX A: POLICY DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE 2008-09 BUDGET

Revenue Measures

Table A1: Revenue measures since the 2008-09 Budget^(a)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
	<i>Australian Customs Service</i>					
119	Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement	-	-1.9	-4.0	-4.3	-4.5
	Portfolio total	-	-1.9	-4.0	-4.3	-4.5
	FINANCE AND DEREGULATION					
	<i>Department of Finance and Deregulation</i>					
160	National intergovernmental telepresence system(b)	-	0.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
	Portfolio total	-	0.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
	HEALTH AND AGEING					
	<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
171	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – extension to the listing of Humira® (adalimumab)(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
	Portfolio total	-	-	-	-	-
	IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP					
	<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>					
155	Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme – establishment(b)	-	..	0.1	0.2	0.3
176	Work and Holiday visa – expansion(b)	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Portfolio total	-	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7
	TREASURY					
	<i>Australian Office of Financial Management</i>					
191	Purchase of residential mortgage-backed securities(c)	-	*	*	*	*
	<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
184	Council of Australian Governments – implementing a national approach to the regulation of consumer credit(b)	-	*	*	*	*
	<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
	Capital gains tax					
120	– amend the application date of the earlier measure relating to employee share schemes	..	..	..	..	..
120	– demutualisation of friendly societies	-	*	*	*	*
121	– increase access to the small business concessions	*	*	*	*	*
121	– removal of trust cloning exception	-	*	*	*	*
121	– variations to the demutualisation of health insurer amendments	-	-	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0

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	TREASURY (continued)					
143	Drought assistance – Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers and small business – definition of income(b)	-	-	*	*	*
147	Family Law amendments – State references of power on de facto property and spouse maintenance(b)	-	-2.5	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
124	Interest withholding tax – extending eligibility for exemption to state government bonds	-	-7.0	-17.0	-19.0	-21.0
150	Iraq – contribution to international stabilisation activities(b)	-	-10.8	-	-	-
	Luxury car tax					
124	– fuel efficient car limit	-	-8.5	-9.2	-10.1	-11.0
124	– other amendments	-	*	*	*	*
125	– refunds for primary producers and eligible tourist operators	-	*	*	*	*
125	Means testing of government support – expanded definitions of income to include reportable fringe benefits	-	-	-	-3.5	-3.5
126	Personal income tax – increasing the Medicare levy surcharge thresholds	-	-	90.0	110.0	100.0
	Philanthropy					
126	– changes to prescribed private funds	-	-6.7	-73.2	-25.1	-26.1
126	– updating the list of deductible gift recipients	-	-	-1.5	-1.6	-1.7
127	Superannuation – variations to the temporary residents' superannuation measure	-	-64.0	-67.0	-76.0	-46.0
151	Timor-Leste – reduced Australian Defence Force presence(b)	-	0.8	0.1	-	-
	<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
122	Guarantee of deposits of authorised deposit-taking institutions	-	*	*	*	*
123	Guarantee of wholesale funding of authorised deposit-taking institutions	-	*	*	*	*
	Portfolio total	-	-98.7	-84.8	-31.3	-15.3
	Decisions taken but not yet announced	-	-	-	10.8	17.6
	Total impact of revenue measures(d)	-	-99.8	-87.0	-22.9	-0.1

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

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

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(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in revenue, no sign before an estimate indicates a gain in revenue.

(b) Details of these measures can be found in Appendix A under Expense Measures.

(c) Details of these measures can be found in Appendix A under Capital Measures.

(d) Measures may not add due to rounding.

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Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Customs Service	-	-1.9	-4.0	-4.3	-4.5

On 27 May 2008, the governments of Australia and Chile concluded negotiations on the Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement. Under the Agreement, both parties agreed to eliminate tariffs on all imports from the other country by 2015. Both parties are committed to completing their respective domestic processes so as to give effect to the agreement from 1 January 2009. The cost to revenue is estimated at \$14.7 million over the forward estimates period.

Under the agreement, most agricultural and manufactured goods imported into Australia from Chile will be duty-free from 1 January 2009. Remaining tariffs will be phased out from 1 January 2009, with all goods imported from Chile duty-free by 2015.

TREASURY

Capital gains tax — amend the application date of the earlier measure relating to employee share schemes

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	..	..	..	..	..

The Government has amended the application date of the 2008-09 Budget measure removing double taxation that arises in relation to certain employee share schemes that use an employee share trust. This measure applied to capital gains tax (CGT) events occurring after 7.30 pm (AEST) on 13 May 2008.

The existing application time and date will be retained but, in relation to earlier CGT events, taxpayers will be provided with a choice to apply the Budget amendment for assessments for the 1998-99 and later income years.

This change will ensure that the measure to remove double taxation applies appropriately to earlier transactions.

Capital gains tax — demutualisation of friendly societies

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will provide relief from capital gains tax (CGT) when friendly societies, including joint health and life insurers, demutualise to for-profit entities, with effect from 1 July 2008.

The Government will disregard any capital gains or losses that arise to the friendly society's policyholders when they receive shares in the demutualised entity. In addition, the Government will provide a cost base for these shares that reflects the market value of the health insurance business and the embedded value of any other business of the friendly society.

To ensure neutrality between policyholders who receive shares under the demutualisation and policyholders who receive cash, the Government will provide an equivalent cost base to any rights that a policyholder exchanges for this payment.

To provide flexibility in how the friendly society may choose to demutualise, the Government will also provide CGT relief for a number of transactions that are related to its demutualisation.

Capital gains tax — increase access to the small business concessions

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*	*

The Government will treat an individual's spouse or child (under 18 years of age) as an affiliate of the individual for the purposes of determining whether the individual is eligible for the small business capital gains tax (CGT) concessions. The change applies where one entity owns a CGT asset and that asset is used, or held ready for use, in the course of carrying on a business by another entity. This change modifies the measure announced in the 2008-09 Budget so that it operates more effectively, with effect from 1 July 2007.

The Government will make a number of other minor changes to refine and clarify aspects of the existing small business CGT concessions to remove anomalies and ensure that the concessions operate as intended.

Capital gains tax — removal of trust cloning exception

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will remove the capital gains tax (CGT) trust cloning exception to CGT events E1 and E2, with effect after 31 October 2008.

The trust cloning exception provides that when a trust is created over an asset (CGT event E1) or an asset is transferred from one trust to another (CGT event E2), no CGT taxing point arises, on the condition that the beneficiaries and terms of both the trusts are the same. This allows for a change in the effective economic ownership of the asset, without triggering a CGT taxing point. Removing the trust cloning exception will clarify and simplify the CGT law and ensure that CGT is payable where the effective economic ownership of a trust asset changes.

Capital gains tax — variations to the demutualisation of health insurer amendments

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0

The Government has improved and clarified the tax relief that is available when a health insurer demutualises to a for-profit entity, with effect from 1 July 2007.

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This measure disregards from capital gains tax (CGT) all capital gains and losses that arise to policyholders under their insurer's demutualisation, including those that arise when a policyholder receives a cash payment. All policyholders who receive shares in the demutualised private health insurer will receive a market value cost base for those shares.

In addition, this measure extends the CGT relief to the executor and beneficiary of a deceased policyholder's estate. The measure also extends the exemption to the share capital tainting rules that applies to demutualisations so that it covers health insurer demutualisations.

Other amendments refine and clarify aspects of the relief and provide flexibility in how the health insurer may choose to demutualise.

Guarantee of deposits of authorised deposit-taking institutions

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Treasury	-	*	*	*	*

The Government has introduced a guarantee of deposits in authorised deposit-taking institutions in Australia. This measure will ensure that depositors in authorised deposit-taking institutions have absolute confidence that they will have timely access to their money, having regard to the current global financial market turmoil.

Until midnight on 27 November 2008, all deposits held in eligible institutions will be guaranteed without charge. From 28 November 2008, a threshold of \$1.0 million will be applied per customer. Deposits below this threshold will continue to be guaranteed without charge. Deposits above this threshold and any deposits held in foreign bank branches will only be guaranteed if the institution has applied for the guarantee and agreed to pay the relevant fee.

The guarantee fee for deposits above the \$1.0 million threshold will initially be set at 70 basis points per annum for AA-rated institutions, 100 basis points for A-rated institutions, and 150 basis points for BBB-rated and unrated institutions. This schedule may be revised in light of market developments and advice from financial regulators.

The amount of revenue collected from the guarantee fee cannot be quantified at this time. Revenue collections will depend on the level of uptake by institutions.

This measure creates a remote and unquantifiable contingent liability. For further details see Appendix C: Statement of risks.

Further information can be found in the press release of 12 October 2008 issued by the Prime Minister and the press release of 24 October 2008 issued by the Treasurer.

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Guarantee of wholesale funding of authorised deposit-taking institutions

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Treasury	-	*	*	*	*

The Government has introduced a guarantee of eligible wholesale funding of authorised deposit-taking institutions in Australia. This initiative is designed to maintain institutions' access to new funding during the international financial market turbulence and support continued lending to Australian corporations, businesses and households.

Until midnight on 27 November 2008, all eligible wholesale funding will be guaranteed without charge. From 28 November 2008, wholesale funding will only be guaranteed if the institution has applied for the guarantee and agreed to pay the relevant fee.

The guarantee fee will initially be set at 70 basis points per annum for AA-rated institutions, 100 basis points for A-rated institutions, and 150 basis points for BBB-rated and unrated institutions. This schedule may be revised in light of market developments and advice from financial regulators.

The amount of revenue collected from the guarantee fee cannot be quantified at this time. Revenue collections will depend on the duration of the guarantee facility and the level of uptake by institutions.

This measure creates a remote and unquantifiable contingent liability. For further details see Appendix C: Statement of risks.

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Interest withholding tax — extending eligibility for exemption to state government bonds

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-7.0	-17.0	-19.0	-21.0

The Government will extend eligibility for exemption from interest withholding tax to bonds issued in Australia by State and Territory central borrowing authorities. This measure will apply to interest paid on or after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation. This measure is estimated to have a cost to revenue of \$64 million over the forward estimates period.

This initiative will improve depth and liquidity in state government bond markets, contributing to financial market stability.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 May 2008 issued by the Treasurer.

Luxury car tax — fuel efficient car limit

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-8.5	-9.2	-10.1	-11.0

The Government has introduced a 'fuel efficient car limit' that provides a higher luxury car tax threshold for cars with a fuel consumption of 7 litres per 100 kilometres or less, with effect from 3 October 2008. This measure is estimated to have a cost to revenue of \$38.8 million over the forward estimates period.

The fuel efficient car limit is initially set at a threshold of \$75,000 for 2008-09 and indexed annually in the same manner as the general luxury car tax threshold (currently \$57,180). Fuel consumption is determined as the combined rating under vehicle standards in force under Section 7 of the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*.

Luxury car tax — other amendments

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government agreed to a number of amendments to the 2008-09 Budget measure, *Increasing the Luxury Car Tax*. These amendments were:

- an exemption from the luxury car tax increase for contracts to make the taxable supply or taxable importation of a luxury car that were entered into before 7.30 pm on 13 May 2008; and

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- on and after 1 July 2012, the luxury car tax threshold will be indexed by the Consumer Price Index unless Parliament agrees to another approach. The threshold is currently indexed by the motor vehicle purchase component of the Consumer Price Index.

The future operation and indexation of the luxury car tax will be considered by the Australia's Future Tax System review.

Luxury car tax — refunds for primary producers and eligible tourist operators

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government agreed to an amendment to the 2008-09 Budget measure *Increasing the Luxury Car Tax*, so that from 1 July 2008, a refund of the increase in the luxury car tax rate is available when an eligible four-wheel or all-wheel drive car is acquired by a primary producer or eligible tourist operator. The refund is limited to \$3,000 per annum for one vehicle for primary producers and \$3,000 per vehicle for tourist operators.

Means testing of government support — expanded definitions of income to include reportable fringe benefits

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-3.5	-3.5

The Government has varied the 2008-09 Budget measure *Means testing of government support — expanded definitions of income to include reportable fringe benefits* so that the non-grossed value of fringe benefits is included in relevant income tests with effect from 1 July 2009. This variation has an ongoing cost to revenue which is estimated to be \$7.0 million over the forward estimates period.

The variation will affect the income tests used to determine eligibility for the senior Australians tax offset, pensioner tax offset and dependency tax offsets.

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Personal income tax — increasing the Medicare levy surcharge thresholds

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	90.0	110.0	100.0
<i>Related expense (\$m)</i>					
Department of Health and Ageing	-	140.8	50.5	26.5	1.4

The Government has increased the Medicare levy surcharge (MLS) threshold to \$70,000 for singles and \$140,000 for members of a family, with effect from 1 July 2008. In future years, the singles threshold will be indexed by Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings (AWOTE) and will increase in \$1,000 increments (rounding down). The threshold for families will be double the threshold for singles. Under transitional arrangements taxpayers who were exempted from the MLS under the thresholds as announced at the 2008-09 Budget will avoid the MLS for the period 1 July 2008 through to 31 December 2008 if they obtain appropriate private health cover before 1 January 2009.

This measure is estimated to increase revenue by \$300 million and increase expenditure on the private health insurance rebate by \$219.2 million over the forward estimates period.

Philanthropy — changes to prescribed private funds

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-6.7	-73.2	-25.1	-26.1

Since the 2008-09 Budget, 148 funds have been approved for prescription as prescribed private funds (PPFs), and three funds have been declared no longer to be PPFs. These changes are estimated to have a cost to revenue of \$131.1 million over the forward estimates period.

Philanthropy — updating the list of deductible gift recipients

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-1.5	-1.6	-1.7

Taxpayers may claim an income tax deduction for certain gifts of money or property to deductible gift recipients (DGRs). Since the 2008-09 Budget there have been:

- Thirty admissions to, and six removals from, the Register of Environmental Organisations;

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- Thirty-four admissions to, and seven removals from, the Register of Cultural Organisations;
- Five admissions to the Register of Harm Prevention Charities; and
- Eight admissions to the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme.

These changes are estimated to have a cost to revenue of \$4.8 million over the forward estimates period.

The Register of Environmental Organisations can be found on the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts website at www.environment.gov.au. The Register of Cultural Organisations can be found on the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts website at www.arts.gov.au. The Register of Harm Prevention Charities can be found on the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs website at www.fahcsia.gov.au. The list of developing country relief funds on the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme can be found on the AusAID website at www.ausaid.gov.au.

Superannuation — variations to the temporary residents' superannuation measure

Revenue (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Taxation Office	-	-64.0	-67.0	-76.0	-46.0

The Government has varied the temporary residents' superannuation measure originally announced by the previous government in the *2007-08 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook*. The key differences between the previous measure and the current measure are that the unclaimed superannuation of temporary residents will be paid to the Commonwealth after they depart Australia (and not while they are still in the country), and there will be no time limit for them to claim back their money. This measure is estimated to have a cost to revenue of \$253.0 million over the forward estimates period.

The superannuation of a temporary resident (who is not a New Zealand citizen, retirement visa holder or applying for permanent residency) will be deemed to be 'unclaimed' after they have left Australia, ceased to hold a temporary visa, and at least six months has passed and they have not taken their superannuation. Temporary residents can claim back their unclaimed superannuation at any time, subject to the existing departing Australia superannuation payment (DASP) tax. The DASP tax rates will be increased by 5 per cent.

Key features of the measure will commence from the date of proclamation of the enabling legislation.

Expense Measures

Table A2: Expense measures since the 2008-09 Budget^(e)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY					
	<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>					
	Drought assistance					
143	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers	3.8	361.5	-	-	-
143	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers and small business – definition of income	-	-	*	*	*
144	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small business	0.1	20.9	-	-	-
145	Small block irrigators – exit grant package	-	0.5	-	-	-
145	Tackling Climate Change – Climate Change Research Program	-	-	-	-	-
146	Wheat exports – transitional package	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	3.9	383.0	-	-	-
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
	<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
147	Family Law amendments – State references of power on de facto property and spouse maintenance	-	-	1.4	1.4	1.4
147	National Security – enhancing chemicals security	-	1.4	4.8	6.2	-
	Portfolio total	-	1.4	6.3	7.6	1.4
	CLIMATE CHANGE					
	<i>Department of Climate Change</i>					
148	Climate change – raising public awareness	-	14.0	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	14.0	-	-	-
	DEFENCE					
	<i>Department of Defence</i>					
149	Afghanistan – helicopter capability	-	3.0	-	-	-
149	Australian Strategic Policy Institute – continuation of funding	-	-	-	-	-
150	Electronic countermeasures equipment	-	-	-	-	-
150	Iraq – contribution to international stabilisation activities	-	87.8	-	-	-
150	Operations in the Middle East – relocation project	-	-	-	-	-
151	Timor-Leste – reduced Australian Defence Force presence	-	-5.1	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	85.6	-	-	-

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Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
	<i>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
152	Closing the Gap – Indigenous early childhood development – children and family centres	-	17.5	74.6	67.8	55.2
	Drought assistance					
143	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers	0.1	9.9	-	-	-
144	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small business	..	0.5	-	-	-
152	Early childhood education and care – information for parents	-	2.6	1.9	-	-
	Economic Security Strategy					
140	– lump sum payment to pensioners, seniors and carers	-	92.0	-	-	-
139	– Productivity Places Program – 56,000 additional places	-	117.3	69.9	-	-
153	Indigenous non-government school education programs – application of indexation	-	1.4	3.9	6.0	8.4
153	Indigenous secondary scholarships corporate partnership	-	-	12.5	2.5	5.0
154	Maximum level of socio-economic status funding entitlement for non-government schools with a high proportion of Indigenous students	-	0.5	1.2	1.4	1.5
154	Non-Government Schools Establishment Assistance – offset	-	-0.5	-1.2	-1.4	-1.4
155	Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme – establishment	-	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.6
155	Productivity Places Program – 15,000 additional places	-	44.9	-	-	-
158	Retention of current fringe benefit tax treatment for family assistance customers	-	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6
156	Transitional project assistance – National Indigenous Literacy and Numeracy Strategy – offset	-	-	-	-	-0.1
	<i>Office of the Workplace Ombudsman</i>					
155	Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme – establishment	-	0.5	1.0	1.4	1.5
	Portfolio total	0.1	291.9	169.4	83.8	76.2
	ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS					
	<i>Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</i>					
145	Small block irrigators – exit grant package	-	57.1	-57.1	-	-
157	Solar Homes and Communities Plan – additional funding	-	101.0	-33.0	-	-
164	Special Envoy – Whale Conservation	-	0.1	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	158.2	-90.1	-	-

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	FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
	<i>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>					
152	Closing the Gap – Indigenous early childhood development – children and family centres	-	-	-	-	-
	Economic Security Strategy					
140	– lump sum payment to pensioners, seniors and carers	-	4,372.9	-	-	-
141	– one-off lump sum payment of \$1,000 per child to low and middle income families	-	3,851.0	..	-	-
186	Partner Service Pension – age related arrangements for married partners of veterans who are separated but not divorced	-	-4.2	-9.4	-10.4	-11.5
158	Retention of current fringe benefit tax treatment for family assistance customers	-	57.5	59.0	60.5	62.1
	Portfolio total	-	8,277.2	49.6	50.1	50.5
	FINANCE AND DEREGULATION					
	<i>Comsuper</i>					
190	Australian Government Superannuation – termination of information technology project(f)	-	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-
159	Australian Government Superannuation Schemes – consolidation of governance and administration arrangements	-	0.3	0.8	-	-
	<i>Department of Finance and Deregulation</i>					
159	Australian Government Superannuation Schemes – consolidation of governance and administration arrangements	-	2.8	-	-	-
159	Government communications advice	-	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.8
160	National intergovernmental telepresence system	-	3.2	4.2	2.4	2.4
160	Property management – improved framework	-	1.8	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	9.6	6.6	3.8	4.2
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
	<i>AusAID</i>					
164	World Bank Clean Technologies Fund – Australia's contribution	-	100.0	-	-	-
165	World Bank Global Food Crisis Trust Fund – Australia's contribution	-	50.0	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
161	Asia Pacific Community – regional consultations	-	0.5	-	-	-
161	Australian Embassy to the Holy See – appointment of a resident Ambassador	-	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.2

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Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (continued)					
162	Bali Democracy Forum – Australian contribution	-	1.9	-	-	-
162	Fiji – upgrade of security at Australian High Commission	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
163	International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament – establishment	-	3.5	-	-	-
163	Pacific Engagement Strategy – implementation	-	1.3	-	-	-
155	Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme – establishment	-	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
164	Special Envoy – Whale Conservation	-	0.3	-	-	-
164	United Nations Security Council – candidacy	-	1.9	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	161.7	3.0	3.1	3.0
	HEALTH AND AGEING					
	<i>Cancer Australia</i>					
168	National Breast Cancer Foundation – cohort study	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
166	Antenatal care for Indigenous women – increasing access	-	-	15.4	20.2	23.3
	Drought assistance					
143	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers	-	2.1	-	-	-
144	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small business	-	0.1	-	-	-
166	Health and Hospital Reform – additional places for the Prevocational General Practice Placement Program	-	-	-	-	-
167	Life Saving Drugs Program – funding for Elaprase® (idursulfase)	-	4.2	8.0	8.5	8.9
167	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and revised listings	-	9.6	13.4	13.9	14.3
168	National Immunisation Program – purchase of vaccines	-	2.2	0.3	-	-
169	Organ and tissue donation – national plan to increase organ donation and save lives	-	17.4	37.7	39.0	40.4
126	Personal income tax – increasing the Medicare levy surcharge thresholds(g)	-	140.8	50.5	26.5	1.4
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
170	– changes to the administration of funding for Highly Specialised Drugs	-	-	-2.8	-8.0	-14.0
170	– extension of access to the safety net to include couples separated by illness	-	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
171	– extension to the listing of Humira® (adalimumab)	-	14.6	26.6	40.1	50.7
172	– minor new listings	-	17.0	21.5	23.7	26.1

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Table A2: Expense measures since the 2008-09 Budget^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)					
173	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and National Diabetes Services Scheme – extension of access to government employees living overseas	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
173	Reciprocal health care agreement with Slovenia	-	..	..	..	..
	Portfolio total	-	208.3	172.0	165.3	152.3
	HUMAN SERVICES					
	<i>Centrelink</i>					
	Drought assistance					
143	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers	-	3.6	-	-	-
144	– Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small business	-	0.1	-	-	-
	Economic Security Strategy					
140	– lump sum payment to pensioners, seniors and carers	-	8.4	-	-	-
141	– one-off lump sum payment of \$1,000 per child to low and middle income families	-	7.9	0.6	0.2	-
158	Retention of current fringe benefit tax treatment for family assistance customers	-	0.3	-	-	-
145	Small block irrigators – exit grant package	-	4.0	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Human Services</i>					
174	Fraud and non-compliance – Department of Human Services coordination	-	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7
	<i>Medicare Australia</i>					
167	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and revised listings	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
170	– changes to the administration of funding for Highly Specialised Drugs	-	1.0	2.0	1.7	1.6
171	– extension to the listing of Humira® (adalimumab)	-	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
172	– minor new listings	-	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
173	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and National Diabetes Services Scheme – extension of access to government employees living overseas	-	..	..	..	..
	Portfolio total	-	26.1	3.7	3.0	2.7
	IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP					
	<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>					
175	Australian Multicultural Advisory Council – establishment	-	-	-	-	-
175	Non-statutory refugee status assessment process – improvement	-	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7
155	Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme – establishment	-	1.5	3.1	3.9	3.8
176	Work and Holiday visa – expansion	-	..	..	..	..
	Portfolio total	-	2.6	3.8	4.6	4.5

Table A2: Expense measures since the 2008-09 Budget^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT					
	<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government</i>					
177	Transport review – heavy vehicles, rail safety and maritime safety	-	4.7	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	4.7	-	-	-
	INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH					
	<i>Australian Research Council</i>					
178	Australian Laureate Fellowships	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>					
178	Automotive Components Limited (ACL Bearings) – additional assistance	-	-	-	-	-
179	Global financial crisis – assistance for small businesses	-	2.0	2.0	-	-
179	Green Car Innovation Fund – Toyota Australia	-	-	20.0	15.0	-
180	North East Tasmania development program	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	2.0	22.0	15.0	-
	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
	<i>Australian National Audit Office</i>					
159	Government communications advice	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
	<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
181	Australia Day 2009 events – additional funding	-	0.9	-	-	-
	<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>					
175	Non-statutory refugee status assessment process – improvement	-	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
	<i>Old Parliament House</i>					
181	Old Parliament House – establishment as an Executive Agency	-	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.1
	Portfolio total	-	4.4	3.0	3.0	3.0
	RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM					
	<i>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism</i>					
182	Ethanol Distribution Program – additional funding	-	6.0	-	-	-
182	Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
183	National Low Emission Coal Initiative	-	-6.3	-18.8	-18.8	-20.0
183	Queensland tourism – additional assistance	-	2.0	-	-	-
	<i>Tourism Australia</i>					
183	Queensland tourism – additional assistance	-	2.0	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	103.7	81.3	81.3	80.0

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Table A2: Expense measures since the 2008-09 Budget^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	TREASURY					
	<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>					
185	Global financial crisis – additional funding for regulators and the Treasury	-	9.0	18.5	9.0	9.0
	<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
184	Council of Australian Governments – implementing a national approach to the regulation of consumer credit	-	1.6	12.7	25.6	25.9
185	Global financial crisis – additional funding for regulators and the Treasury	-	10.0	20.0	-	-
	<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
184	Council of Australian Governments – implementing a national approach to the regulation of consumer credit	-	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7
142	Economic Security Strategy – First Home Owners Boost	-	1,184.9	353.6	-	-
185	Global financial crisis – additional funding for regulators and the Treasury	-	2.5	5.0	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	1,209.0	410.9	35.4	35.6
	VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
	<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
	Economic Security Strategy					
140	– lump sum payment to pensioners, seniors and carers	-	401.4	-	-	-
141	– one-off lump sum payment of \$1,000 per child to low and middle income families	-	..	-	-	-
167	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and revised listings	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
	Partner Service Pension					
186	– age related arrangements for married partners of veterans who are separated but not divorced	-	4.2	9.4	10.4	11.5
186	– arrangements for the partners of seriously disabled veterans	-	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
170	– extension of access to the safety net to include couples separated by illness	-	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
171	– extension to the listing of Humira® (adalimumab)	-	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7
172	– minor new listings	-	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.7
	Portfolio total	-	407.5	12.0	13.4	14.9

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Table A2: Expense measures since the 2008-09 Budget^(a) (continued)

Page	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Decisions taken but not yet announced	-	61.0	315.9	271.4	410.9
Depreciation expense	-	0.6	2.6	2.6	2.1
Total impact of expense measures(h)	4.0	11,412.5	1,172.0	743.3	841.5

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

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

nfp not for publication.

(e) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in expenses, no sign before an estimate indicates increased expenses.

(f) Details of these measures can be found in Appendix A under Capital Measures.

(g) Details of these measures can be found in Appendix A under Revenue Measures.

(h) Measures may not add due to rounding.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT

Economic Security Strategy

The global financial crisis continues to present significant risks to the world outlook. Australia is not immune from the effects of the international slowdown, with these global difficulties having real impacts on jobs, confidence and growth.

The Government's Economic Security Strategy will provide \$10.4 billion in immediate support to those sectors of the economy most affected by the deterioration in global economic conditions. The package of measures particularly targets slowing consumption and dwelling construction – two key engines of the Australian economy.

To support household consumption and assist those who are struggling to meet the rising costs of living, the Government will provide \$4.9 billion to Australia's four million pensioners, carers, seniors and veterans. This represents an immediate down-payment on the pension reform the Government intends to deliver as part of the Harmer Review. During December eligible pensioners and seniors will receive a \$1,400 payment for singles or a \$2,100 payment for couples. People receiving the Carers Allowance will also receive a \$1,000 payment per person in their care.

The Government will also provide support to around two million families with \$3.9 billion in one-off payments. Recipients of Family Tax Benefit (A) and families of dependent children receiving Youth Allowance, Abstudy or a benefit from the Veterans' Children's Education Scheme payment will receive a payment of \$1,000 for each eligible child. These payments will all be made in December.

A temporary First Home Owners Boost will provide support to the construction industry and first home buyers. The Government will provide an extra \$7,000 to those buying an established home (taking the total grant to \$14,000) and an extra \$14,000 to those who purchase a newly-constructed home (taking the total grant to \$21,000). This additional assistance will be available to eligible first home buyers who enter into a contract between 14 October 2008 and 30 June 2009 inclusive. The Government will invest \$1.5 billion over two years through this initiative.

An additional \$187 million in funding to the Productivity Places Program will fund 56,000 new training places in 2008-09. This is in addition to the 57,000 places already delivered with the commencement of the program in April 2008. The strong demand for these places to date, and the interest of Australians in upgrading their skills, is a very encouraging sign. Additional places will help build further capacity in key industries.

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The Government has also committed to accelerate the implementation of the Government's nation building agenda, bringing forward the commencement of investment in national building projects to 2009.

The Economic Security Strategy will provide an injection of \$10.4 billion directly into the economy. Additionally, Centrelink will be provided with \$17.1 million, the Department of Veterans Affairs with \$0.6 million and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Service and Indigenous Affairs with \$0.3 million, to cover the costs of administering the Strategy.

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Table A4: Economic Security Strategy

	2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	Total \$m
EXPENSE MEASURES						
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS						
<i>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</i>						
Economic Security Strategy						
– lump sum payment to pensioners, seniors and carers	-	92.0	-	-	-	92.0
– Productivity Places Program – 56,000 additional places	-	117.3	69.9	-	-	187.2
Sub Total	-	209.3	69.9	-	-	279.2
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS						
<i>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</i>						
Economic Security Strategy						
– lump sum payment to pensioners, seniors and carers	-	4,372.9	-	-	-	4,372.9
– one-off lump sum payment of \$1,000 per child to low and middle income families	-	3,851.0	..	-	-	3,851.1
Sub Total	-	8,223.9	..	-	-	8,224.0
HUMAN SERVICES						
<i>Centrelink</i>						
Economic Security Strategy						
– lump sum payment to pensioners, seniors and carers	-	8.4	-	-	-	8.4
– one-off lump sum payment of \$1,000 per child to low and middle income families	-	7.9	0.6	0.2	-	8.7
Sub Total	-	16.3	0.6	0.2	-	17.1
TREASURY						
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>						
Economic Security Strategy						
– First Home Owners Boost	-	1,184.9	353.6	-	-	1,538.5
Sub Total	-	1,184.9	353.6	-	-	1,538.5
VETERANS' AFFAIRS						
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>						
Economic Security Strategy						
– lump sum payment to pensioners, seniors and carers	-	401.4	-	-	-	401.4
– one-off lump sum payment of \$1,000 per child to low and middle income families	-	..	-	-	-	..
Sub Total	-	401.4	-	-	-	401.4
Total Expense measures	-	10,035.8	424.1	0.2	-	10,460.2

Table A4: Economic Security Strategy (continued)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPENSE MEASURES (continued)						
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE						
<i>Total expense measures</i>	-	10,035.8	424.1	0.2	-	10,460.2
<i>Total capital measures</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	-	10,035.8	424.1	0.2	-	10,460.2
<i>Total revenue measures</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net additional expenditure	-	10,035.8	424.1	0.2	-	10,460.2

Economic Security Strategy — Productivity Places Program — 56,000 additional places

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	117.3	69.9	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$187.2 million over two years for an additional 56,000 places at the Certificate II, III and IV levels in 2008-09 and 2009-10. This includes 10,000 Structural Adjustment Places at the Certificate III level to provide specific retraining opportunities and targeted support for displaced workers. These places were announced as part of the \$10.4 billion Economic Security Strategy package to strengthen and protect the Australian economy from the global financial crisis.

The Skilling Australia for the Future initiative will now provide up to 701,000 training places over the five years from 2007-08 to 2011-12 to ensure that Australians can develop the skills that industry needs. These places will comprise up to 309,000 Job Seeker and up to 392,000 Existing Worker places.

These places are in addition to the 15,000 Job Seeker places announced on 10 September 2008 by the Deputy Prime Minister. See also the related expense measure titled *Productivity Places Program – 15,000 additional places* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 October 2008 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Treasurer.

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Economic Security Strategy — lump sum payment to pensioners, seniors and carers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	4,372.9	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	401.4	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	92.0	-	-	-
Centrelink	-	8.4	-	-	-
Total	-	4,874.6	-	-	-

As a part of the Economic Security Strategy, the Government will provide \$4.9 billion, including administrative costs, in 2008-09 for a one-off lump sum payment to pensioners, seniors and carers. A lump sum payment of \$1,400 for singles and \$2,100 for couples combined will be paid to recipients of the:

- Age Pension;
- Disability Support Pension;
- Carer Payment;
- Wife Pension;
- Widow B Pension;
- Partner Allowance;
- Widow Allowance;
- Bereavement Allowance;
- Veterans' Affairs Service Pension;
- Veterans' Income Support Supplement;
- Parenting Payment, Special Benefit or Austudy if the recipient is over Age Pension age; and
- Seniors Concession Allowance, paid to holders of a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and eligible Veterans' Affairs Gold Card holders.

In addition, people who are receiving Carer Allowance will receive \$1,000 for each eligible person in their care.

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This measure is directed to assisting pensioners, seniors and carers to manage their costs of living pressures and to provide a fiscal stimulus to support economic growth. The payment is not taxable and will not be counted as income for social security or veterans' affairs purposes.

In addition to payments to individuals as part of the Government's \$10.4 billion Economic Security Strategy, the measure includes administrative funding for Centrelink of \$8.4 million and the Department of Veterans' Affairs of \$0.6 million.

These payments will be made from 8 December 2008.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 October 2008 issued by the Prime Minister and the Treasurer.

Economic Security Strategy — one-off lump sum payment of \$1,000 per child to low and middle income families

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	3,851.0	..	-	-
Centrelink	-	7.9	0.6	0.2	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	..	-	-	-
Total	-	3,859.0	0.6	0.2	-

As part of the Economic Security Strategy, the Government will provide \$3.9 billion in 2008-09 to provide a one-off payment of \$1,000 to families for each eligible child in their care who attracts Family Tax Benefit Part A, and each dependent child who does not attract Family Tax Benefit A, but attracts Youth Allowance, Abstudy or the Veterans' Children Education Scheme payment.

The payment is non-taxable and will not be counted as income for social security, family assistance or veterans' affairs purposes.

A small number of eligible beneficiaries, who claim Family Tax Benefit A as a lump sum, will receive their one-off payments from Centrelink in 2009-10 or 2010-11, after their 2008-09 tax returns have been processed by the Australian Taxation Office. The relevant expenses are recognised in accrual terms in 2008-09, with the associated payments recorded in cash terms when payments are made.

In addition to payments to individuals as part of the Government's \$10.4 billion strategy, the measure includes Centrelink funding of \$7.9 million in 2008-09, \$0.6 million in 2009-10 and \$0.2 million in 2010-11 to deliver the payments.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 October 2008 issued by the Prime Minister and the Treasurer.

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Economic Security Strategy — First Home Owners Boost

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Treasury	-	1,184.9	353.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 billion over two years to temporarily supplement the First Home Owners Scheme grant to stimulate housing activity and assist first home buyers enter the housing market. The First Home Owners Boost will:

- increase the grant from \$7,000 to \$14,000 for the purchase of established homes; and
- increase the grant from \$7,000 to \$21,000 for the purchase of new homes.

The grants will be available for eligible first home buyers entering into contracts between 14 October 2008 and 30 June 2009 inclusive.

Further information on the First Home Owners Boost can be found in the press release of 14 October 2008 issued by the Prime Minister, the Treasurer and the Minister for Housing.

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Drought assistance — Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	3.8	361.5	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	0.1	9.9	-	-	-
Centrelink	-	3.6	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	2.1	-	-	-
Total	3.9	377.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$381.0 million over two years to continue support for primary producers in regions that have been declared eligible for Exceptional Circumstances assistance.

Exceptional Circumstances assistance provides interest rate subsidies and income support to assist viable farm businesses and farm families who have been adversely affected by the prolonged drought. Eligible recipients are also provided with a health care concession card and access to Youth Allowance for their children.

Further information can be found in various press releases issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Drought assistance — Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers and small business — definition of income

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	*	*	*
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	*	*	*

The Government will exclude certain salary sacrifice contributions to superannuation from the income test used to determine eligibility for Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payments and Exceptional Circumstances Interim Income Support. The expanded definition of income used to determine eligibility for a range of government support payments was announced in the 2008-09 Budget under the measure titled *Means-testing of government support – expanded definitions of income to include certain ‘salary sacrificed’ contributions to superannuation*.

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This measure may have an ongoing unquantifiable expense impact from 1 July 2009. As a result, there may be an ongoing unquantifiable impact to revenue arising from the fact the affected payments are taxed concessionally.

Drought assistance — Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small business

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.1	20.9	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	..	0.5	-	-	-
Centrelink	-	0.1	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total	0.1	21.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$21.8 million over two years to continue support for farm-dependent small businesses in regions that have been declared eligible for Exceptional Circumstances assistance.

The small business assistance provides interest rate subsidies and income support to assist viable farm-dependent businesses and families who have been adversely affected by the prolonged drought. Eligible recipients are also provided with a health care concession card and access to Youth Allowance for their children.

Further information can be found in various press releases issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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Small block irrigators — exit grant package

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	57.1	-57.1	-	-
Centrelink	-	4.0	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	0.5	-	-	-
Total	-	61.6	-57.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$61.6 million in 2008-09 to assist small block irrigators in the Murray-Darling Basin affected by drought and climate change who wish to cease irrigation farming but stay on the farm. The program provides taxable exit grants of up to \$150,000 to eligible irrigators with permanent water entitlements of at least 10 megalitres, on properties of 15 hectares or less, who sell their water entitlements to the Commonwealth and cease irrigation farming. The program also provides two complementary taxable grants of up to \$10,000 each for advice and training, and removal of permanent plantings and other production-related infrastructure.

The Government will bring forward \$57.1 million of funding from 2009-10 under the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure program administered by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts to provide funding for this measure. This measure includes funding of \$4.0 million in 2008-09 for Centrelink to deliver the program.

Implementation of the program will be linked to water reforms agreed between the Australian Government and the relevant state governments.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 September 2008 issued by the Minister for Climate Change and Water.

Tackling Climate Change — Climate Change Research Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$46.2 million over four years to help prepare Australia's primary industries for climate change by supporting further research and development. The program will support projects in three key areas: reducing greenhouse pollution; better soil management; and adapting to a changing climate.

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Funding of \$15.0 million will be allocated from the *Tackling Climate Change – Climate Change and Productivity Research Program* and an additional \$31.2 million will be provided from the *Tackling Climate Change – Australia's Farming Future – Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships Program* announced in the 2008-09 Budget.

Further information can be found in the press release of 7 July 2008 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Wheat exports — transitional package

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.3 million over three years to assist with the transition to the new wheat export marketing system introduced on 1 July 2008. This includes initial funding for the new industry regulator, Wheat Exports Australia, and funding for grower information sessions, promotion of the industry code of conduct and technical market support grants for growers.

Provision of \$5.0 million in 2008-09 has already been included in the forward estimates. The remaining cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Further information can be found in the press release of 23 June 2008 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Family Law amendments — State references of power on de facto property and spouse maintenance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	1.4	1.4	1.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-2.5	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0

The Government will provide \$4.3 million over three years commencing in 2009-10 for legal aid services as a consequence of New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania referring to the Commonwealth their legislative powers in relation to de facto property settlements and spousal maintenance. These States' reference of powers in de facto matters will permit separating de facto couples to apply for Commonwealth legal aid on the same basis as married couples. There will be no eligibility for Commonwealth legal aid for de facto property and spouse maintenance matters in South Australia and Western Australia as these States have not referred their powers in this area.

This measure will have a cost to revenue estimated at \$17.5 million over the forward estimates period, as a consequence of extending capital gains tax and superannuation splitting provisions to property settlements between de facto couples.

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 June 2008 issued by the Attorney-General.

National Security — enhancing chemicals security

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Attorney-General's Department	-	1.4	4.8	6.2	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	-	0.1	1.1	0.2	-

The Government will provide \$13.9 million over three years (including \$1.5 million in capital funding for fit-out and computer equipment) to create a chemical security coordination unit within the Attorney-General's Department. The unit will establish a chemical security management framework, which will develop a national approach to help prevent the use of chemicals that could harm the Australian community, industry and infrastructure. The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to the establishment of the framework in response to the report of the Review on the Management of Chemicals of Security Concern.

Further information can be found in the COAG Communiqué of 2 October 2008.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change — raising public awareness

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Climate Change	-	14.0	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$14.0 million in 2008-09 for a national advertising campaign to raise public awareness of climate change and the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. The campaign is being conducted through print, radio and television advertisements, a new website and publications for schools and households. The campaign aims to increase community understanding of the causes and impacts of climate change on Australia and to encourage participation in the development of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

DEFENCE

Afghanistan — helicopter capability

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	3.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million in 2008-09 as Australia's contribution to the United Kingdom led initiative to augment helicopter capability in Afghanistan. The contribution gives effect to a commitment made at the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation summit held in Bucharest in April 2008. The contribution will fund advanced pilot training and technical upgrades to enable more North Atlantic Treaty Organisation helicopters to be deployed to Afghanistan in support of International Security Assistance Force operations.

Australian Strategic Policy Institute — continuation of funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.8 million in 2008-09 to support the work of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

The Australian Strategic Policy Institute produces independent analysis of defence and security issues relevant to Australia to support government decision-making on strategic and defence issues.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

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Electronic countermeasures equipment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Defence</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$76.2 million (including capital funding of \$67.2 million) over two years from 2008-09 for electronic countermeasures equipment. This equipment is for the protection of Australian Defence Force personnel, including in Afghanistan and Iraq. The equipment will provide an enhanced level of protection against Improvised Explosive Devices.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

Iraq — contribution to international stabilisation activities

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	87.8	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-10.8	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Defence</i>	-	4.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$92.3 million in 2008-09 (including \$4.5 million for capital) for the net additional costs of extending Operation CATALYST until 30 June 2009. This operation is Australia's military contribution to stabilisation and reconstruction activities in Iraq.

This measure is expected to lead to a reduction in revenue of \$10.8 million in 2008-09 as Australian Defence Force personnel are taxed concessionally on their base pay and allowances while on deployment.

Operations in the Middle East — relocation project

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million over two years to deploy a project survey and negotiation team to the Middle East. The team will investigate options to relocate Australian Defence Force personnel supporting operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

Timor-Leste — reduced Australian Defence Force presence

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Defence	-	-5.1	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	0.8	0.1	-	-

The Government has decided that the Australian Defence Force presence in Timor-Leste will be reduced to approximately 650 personnel by early 2009, reflecting improvements in the country's security situation. This reduction is expected to lead to a saving of \$5.1 million in 2008-09 in respect of allowances and logistics support costs.

This measure is expected to increase taxation revenue by \$0.9 million over two years, as Australian Defence Force personnel are taxed concessionally on their base pay and allowances while on deployment.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 October 2008 issued by the Minister for Defence.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Closing the Gap — Indigenous early childhood development — children and family centres

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	17.5	74.6	67.8	55.2
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	17.5	74.6	67.8	55.2

The Government will provide \$292.6 million over six years from 2008-09 (including \$38.8 million in both 2012-13 and 2013-14) to improve access to child care and early childhood services for Indigenous Australians. This measure will contribute to the establishment and operation of 15 new children and family centres in urban areas and will expand the Government's contribution to the establishment and operation of 20 centres in rural and remote communities that have high Indigenous populations. The centres will deliver integrated services that offer early learning, child care, and parenting and family support programs, and facilitate access to maternal and child health services and other support services. This will contribute to strengthening health and education outcomes for Indigenous children.

This measure forms part of a National Partnership agreement with the States and Territories, agreed by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). Further information can be found in the COAG communiqué of 2 October 2008.

Early childhood education and care — information for parents

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.6	1.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.5 million over two years from 2008-09 to improve the information available to parents on child care services through the establishment of the mychild.gov.au website. The information on the website will include the fees charged by services, service vacancies, quality and other information relevant to parents' decision making in selecting a suitable child care service.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 October 2008 issued by the Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Indigenous non-government school education programs — application of indexation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	1.4	3.9	6.0	8.4

The Government will provide \$24.5 million over five years from 2008-09 (including \$4.8 million in 2012-13) to apply the Average Government School Recurrent Cost index to Indigenous-specific non-government school education programs. The programs affected, which include Supplementary Recurrent Assistance, Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme, Whole of School Intervention Strategy — Homework Centre and English as a Second Language — Indigenous Language Speaking Students, are currently indexed under other arrangements.

The Average Government School Recurrent Cost index is applied to recurrent funding provided to government and non-government schools. The index is a schools specific index which is calculated annually based on average state government expenditure on schools.

This measure will form part of the new National Education Agreement with the States and Territories, to be negotiated by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) for commencement on 1 January 2009.

Indigenous secondary scholarships corporate partnership

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	12.5	2.5	5.0

The Government will provide \$20 million over three years from 2009-10 as a contribution towards secondary school scholarships for Indigenous students to attend boarding schools. The funds will be invested and managed by the Australians Indigenous Education Foundation, with additional funds which more than match the Government contribution expected to be raised from corporate, philanthropic and private sources over the life of the initiative.

The first scholarships will be provided in 2009 for the 2010 school year. Using the investment earnings, and capital funding as necessary, the Foundation aims to provide up to 2,000 scholarships to students of up to six years duration over the next two decades.

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Maximum level of socio-economic status funding entitlement for non-government schools with a high proportion of Indigenous students

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.5	1.2	1.4	1.5

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over five years (including \$0.8 million in 2012-13) to ensure that the maximum level of socio-economic status funding is provided to non-government schools with high enrolments of Indigenous students. This will apply to schools with 80 per cent or more Indigenous student enrolments or to schools in very remote areas with 50 per cent or more Indigenous student enrolments. Eligibility for maximum funding in any calendar year will be based on the Indigenous student enrolment level in the previous calendar year.

See also the related savings measures titled *Transitional project assistance – National Indigenous Literacy and Numeracy Strategy – offset* and *Non-Government Schools Establishment Assistance – offset* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Non-Government Schools Establishment Assistance — offset

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-0.5	-1.2	-1.4	-1.4

The Government will redirect funding from the Non-Government Schools Establishment Assistance program. This measure will provide savings of \$5.3 million over five years from 2008-09 (including \$0.7 million in 2012-13) to offset the Government's commitment to ensure that the maximum level of socio-economic status funding is provided to non-government schools with high enrolments of Indigenous students.

See also the related expense measure titled *Maximum level of socio-economic status funding entitlement for non-government schools with a high proportion of Indigenous students* and savings measure titled *Transitional project assistance – National Indigenous Literacy and Numeracy Strategy – offset* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

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Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	1.5	3.1	3.9	3.8
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.6
Office of the Workplace Ombudsman	-	0.5	1.0	1.4	1.5
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Total	-	3.4	5.8	7.2	7.2
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>

The Government will provide \$23.6 million over four years to support the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme. This measure will allow up to 2,500 workers from Kiribati, Tonga, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea to be employed in the Australian horticulture sector over three years. The Government is conducting the pilot to examine whether a seasonal worker scheme could contribute to foreign aid objectives and assist Australian employers.

Further information can be found in the press release of 17 August 2008 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Productivity Places Program — 15,000 additional places

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	44.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$44.9 million in 2008-09 to provide an additional 15,000 Job Seeker places, at the Certificate III level qualification, under the Productivity Places Program.

This measure increases the number of training places provided under the Skilling Australia for the Future initiative to 701,000 over the five years from 2007-08 to 2011-12 to ensure that Australians can develop the skills that industry needs. See also the related expense measure titled *Productivity Places Program — 56,000 additional Places* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 10 September 2008 and 17 September 2008 issued by the Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

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Transitional project assistance — National Indigenous Literacy and Numeracy Strategy — offset

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-0.1

The Government will redirect funding from the National Indigenous Literacy and Numeracy Strategy program. This measure will provide savings of \$0.2 million over two years from 2011-12 (including \$0.1 million in 2012-13) to offset the Government's commitment to ensure that the maximum level of socio-economic status funding is provided to non-government schools with high enrolments of Indigenous students.

See also the related expense measure titled *Maximum level of socio-economic status funding entitlement for non-government schools with a high proportion of Indigenous students* and savings measure titled *Non-Government Schools Establishment Assistance – offset* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS

Solar Homes and Communities Plan — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	101.0	-33.0	-	-

The Government will bring forward funding of \$48.8 million from 2009-10 to 2008-09 and provide additional funding of \$68.0 million over two years to meet the increased demand for household rebates under the Solar Homes and Communities Plan. The program provides rebates of up to \$8,000 for the installation of solar power panels in homes and grants for up to half the cost of a 2 kilowatt system for community buildings.

FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Retention of current fringe benefit tax treatment for family assistance customers

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	57.5	59.0	60.5	62.1
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6
Centrelink	-	0.3	-	-	-
Total	-	62.1	63.4	65.0	66.7

The Government has decided not to proceed with a component of the measure *Child Support Reforms – aligning income definitions* announced in the 2006-07 Budget. This component would have changed the way fringe benefits are assessed for the purpose of calculating adjusted taxable income to determine eligibility for personal benefit payments (such as Family Tax Benefit). It would have meant that the calculation of adjusted taxable income was based on what the employee would have to earn in after-tax income to afford the fringe benefit (the grossed-up value), rather than the value of the fringe benefit itself (the net value). The measure was scheduled to commence from 1 July 2008.

The use of the net value of the fringe benefit will be retained in the definition of adjusted taxable income for family assistance.

The Government has requested that the Australia's Future Tax System Review examine the complexity of existing fringe benefit arrangements and make recommendations to improve equity and simplicity in the longer term.

This measure will cost \$257.2 million over four years, and includes Centrelink funding of \$0.3 million in 2008-09.

Further information can be found in the press release of 26 June 2008 issued by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

FINANCE AND DEREGULATION

Australian Government Superannuation Schemes — consolidation of governance and administration arrangements

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	2.8	-	-	-
Comsuper	-	0.3	0.8	-	-
Total	-	3.2	0.8	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.1 million to the Australian Reward Investment Alliance, the Military Superannuation and Benefits Board and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority (with funding provided via ComSuper) to cover the costs of consolidating these existing trustee arrangements to become one trustee board from 1 July 2010.

The Government will also provide \$2.8 million to the Department of Finance and Deregulation to review the current administration arrangements relating to the main civilian and military schemes, including long term information technology requirements.

See also the related capital measure titled *Australian Government Superannuation – termination of information technology project* in the Finance and Deregulation portfolio.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 31 October 2008 issued by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law.

Government communications advice

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.8
Australian National Audit Office	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Total	-	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.4

The Government will provide \$8.9 million over four years to establish new guidelines and governance structures to oversee government campaign advertising.

The measure includes funding of \$6.5 million over four years for the Department of Finance and Deregulation to establish a Communications Advice Branch to support agencies in developing advertising campaigns.

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Funding of \$2.5 million over four years will be provided to the Australian National Audit Office for the Auditor-General to provide a report to responsible Ministers on compliance with the guidelines for advertising campaigns with expenditure in excess of \$250,000 (and campaigns of less than \$250,000 if requested by Ministers).

Further information can be found in the press release of 2 July 2008 issued by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State.

National intergovernmental telepresence system

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	3.2	4.2	2.4	2.4
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	0.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	6.1	..	..	..

The Government will provide \$13.8 million over four years (including \$6.2 million in capital funding) to establish a national intergovernmental telepresence system between the Commonwealth and the states and territories. The proposal will provide high-quality, secure telepresence video facilities connecting the Commonwealth and state and territory governments. The system will be used in inter-jurisdictional meetings, including Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and Ministerial Council meetings.

The telepresence system will reduce interstate travel, thereby reducing travel costs and greenhouse gas emissions and improving productivity.

The proposal also includes \$4.6 million over four years in funding to be provided by the states and territories in relation to the system.

Property management — improved framework

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	1.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.8 million in 2008-09 in order to develop the Commonwealth Property Management Framework. The Framework will outline a whole of government policy and governance arrangements that will improve coordination and property-specific planning and enhance the Government's property management capability.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Asia Pacific Community — regional consultations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	0.5	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	-	..	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.5 million in 2008-09 for the initial regional consultations phase of the proposal to create an Asia Pacific Community. The establishment of an Asia Pacific Community would enable regional, political, economic and security dialogue, and where agreed, common action. Regional consultations, led by a high-level envoy Mr Richard Woolcott AC, are being held in 2008-09 to obtain regional views in relation to the Asia Pacific Community.

Further information can be found in the transcript of the Prime Minister's speech of 4 June 2008.

Australian Embassy to the Holy See — appointment of a resident Ambassador

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	-	3.4	-	-	..

The Government will provide \$11.5 million over four years (including \$3.4 million in capital funding in 2008-09) for the appointment of a resident Ambassador to the Holy See and the establishment of a new Chancery. The appointment will deepen Australia's relations with the Vatican and facilitate dialogue in areas including human rights, political and religious freedom, food security, arms control, refugees and anti-people trafficking.

Further information can be found in the press release of 21 July 2008 issued by the Prime Minister.

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Bali Democracy Forum — Australian contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	1.9	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	-	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.9 million in 2008-09 (including \$50,000 in capital funding in 2008-09) to contribute to the costs of organising the initial regional democracy forum in Bali in late 2008. The forum will be co-chaired by Indonesia and Australia. The forum aims to support emerging democracies in the region and strengthen existing democratic institutions. This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance. Funding will be partially assigned (\$1.3 million in 2008-09) from the unallocated provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve.

Further information can be found in the transcript of the Prime Minister's joint press conference with the President of the Republic of Indonesia on 13 June 2008.

Fiji — upgrade of security at Australian High Commission

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	-	3.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.9 million over four years (including \$3.0 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to improve security for the Australian High Commission and staff in Fiji.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 May 2008 issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	3.5	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	-	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.8 million in 2008-09 (including \$0.2 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to establish the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament. The Commission, which will be co-chaired by Australia and Japan, aims to reinvigorate the global effort against the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and to strengthen the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty by seeking to shape a global consensus in the lead-up to the 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference.

Further information can be found in the press release of 9 July 2008 issued by the Prime Minister.

Pacific Engagement Strategy — implementation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	1.3	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	-	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.6 million in 2008-09 (including \$0.3 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to implement its Pacific Engagement Strategy. The strategy involves negotiating Partnerships for Development with Pacific island countries and seeking to secure Pacific Island Forum countries' formal agreement to commence negotiation of a comprehensive free trade agreement between Australia and New Zealand and Forum island countries.

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Special Envoy — Whale Conservation

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	0.3	-	-	-
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total	-	0.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.3 million in 2008-09 to meet the costs of engaging and supporting Australia's Special Envoy for Whale Conservation, Mr Sandy Hollway AO. The engagement of a Special Envoy will intensify Australia's diplomatic efforts to bring an end to lethal scientific and commercial whaling.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 October 2008 issued by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.

United Nations Security Council — candidacy

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	1.9	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	0.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.9 million in 2008-09 (including \$0.1 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to support initial efforts promoting Australia's candidacy for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council for the 2013-14 term. The candidacy demonstrates the Government's commitment to the United Nations. Membership of the United Nations Security Council will give Australia a greater ability to shape international responses to security issues.

World Bank Clean Technologies Fund — Australia's contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	100.0	-	-	-

The Government will contribute \$100.0 million to the World Bank's Clean Technology Fund. The Clean Technology Fund will help fund transformative investment by developing countries in low carbon technologies in the transportation and power sectors, and energy efficiency in buildings, industry and agriculture, by offering development finance at highly concessional rates.

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This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance tackling Climate Change internationally. Funding will be assigned from the unallocated provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve.

World Bank Global Food Crisis Trust Fund — Australia's contribution

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
AusAID	-	50.0	-	-	-

The Government will contribute \$50.0 million in 2008-09 to the World Bank's Global Food Price Crisis Response Core Multi-Donor Trust Fund. This fund will be used to help stimulate agricultural production in developing countries adversely affected by higher global food prices. Activities of the Multi-Donor Trust Fund will include improving access for small farmers to seeds and fertilisers for the upcoming planting season.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's overseas development assistance. Funding will be assigned from the unallocated provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve.

Further information can be found in the press release of 13 July 2008 issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

HEALTH AND AGEING

Antenatal care for Indigenous women — increasing access

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	15.4	20.2	23.3

The Government will provide \$108.4 million over five years (including \$24.3 million in 2012-13 and \$25.3 million in 2013-14) to facilitate improved access to antenatal care for Indigenous women. Payments to the states and territories will enable each jurisdiction to analyse local barriers to access and reform their service delivery arrangements to address these barriers. The funding will also enable jurisdictions to promote the importance of early antenatal care, provide incentives to health service providers to identify young Indigenous expectant mothers, and support young Indigenous women to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.

This measure will complement existing Commonwealth programs such as Healthy for Life, Health@Home, and Child and Maternal Health Services which aim to increase the availability and quality of child and maternal health services for Indigenous Australians.

This measure forms part of a National Partnership agreement with the States and Territories, which has been agreed by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). Further information can be found in the COAG communiqué of 2 October 2008.

Health and Hospital Reform — additional places for the Prevocational General Practice Placement Program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$7.5 million in 2008-09 to increase the number of places available under the *Prevocational General Practice Placement Program*. The *Prevocational General Practice Placement Program* provides opportunities for junior doctors to gain clinical experience in primary care with the aim of encouraging them to take up general practice as a career. This measure will enable approximately 80 more places to be offered under the program in response to increased demand for these training positions. This measure will be funded under the 2008-09 Budget measure *Better Outcomes for Hospitals and Community Health*.

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Further information can be found in the press release of 22 September 2008 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

Life Saving Drugs Program — funding for Elaprase® (idursulfase)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	4.2	8.0	8.5	8.9

The Government will add Elaprase® (idursulfase) to the *Life Saving Drugs Program* for the treatment of Mucopolysaccharidosis Type II, from 1 December 2008, at an estimated cost of \$29.6 million over four years.

Mucopolysaccharidosis Type II is an extremely rare life threatening enzyme deficiency disorder that progressively affects multiple organ systems and tissues. Elaprase® will be made available to those eligible under approved treatment guidelines. The Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee determined that Elaprase® was clinically effective but did not meet the necessary cost-effectiveness requirements to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

The average cost per patient through the listing of Elaprase® on the *Life Saving Drugs Program* is approximately \$636,500 per year.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 August 2008 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

Medicare Benefits Schedule — new and revised listings

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	9.6	13.4	13.9	14.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Medicare Australia	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	-	10.1	13.9	14.4	14.8

The Government has added new and revised items to the Medicare Benefits Schedule and Veterans' benefits at an estimated cost of \$53.1 million over four years. These changes include:

- revised items for diagnosing and monitoring patients with colon, skin and ovarian cancer;
- new items for diagnosing and monitoring patients at risk of developing breast cancer;

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- new items for diagnosing and monitoring patients receiving chronic hepatitis B viral treatment;
- a new item for diagnosing and monitoring patients at risk of developing heart failure;
- new and revised items for anaesthetists; and
- revised items for providing temporary pain relief for cerebral palsy patients with foot deformities.

Further information is available in the summary of changes included in the 1 November 2008 Medicare Benefits Schedule issued by the Department of Health and Ageing.

National Breast Cancer Foundation — cohort study

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Cancer Australia	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over five years (including \$0.5 million in 2012-13) to the National Breast Cancer Foundation to assist in the establishment of a national cohort study. The study will seek information from up to 100,000 Australian women to support a wide range of breast cancer projects, with the aim of reducing the impact of breast cancer in the community.

The funding for this measure will be managed by Cancer Australia. The cost will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Further information can be found in the press release of 1 October 2008 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

National Immunisation Program — purchase of vaccines

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	2.2	0.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.6 million over two years to change the way in which vaccines are purchased for distribution under the National Immunisation Program. Under the National Immunisation Program, the Australian Government provides funding to State and Territory governments for the purchase of vaccines listed on the National Vaccine Schedule. The state and territory governments arrange for these vaccines to be provided free of charge to eligible patients.

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From 1 July 2009, under the new arrangements, the Commonwealth will purchase the vaccines centrally for distribution to the states and territories. The new arrangements are expected to generate savings in the medium term through competitive tendering for the supply of vaccines. Funding will be provided to the Department of Health and Ageing to enable it to implement the changes, including management of the tender process.

Organ and tissue donation — national plan to increase organ donation and save lives

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	17.4	37.7	39.0	40.4
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Health and Ageing	-	1.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$151.1 million over four years to increase the number of life-saving organ donation transplants in Australia. This comprehensive set of reforms includes establishing the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority. The Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority, to be established on 1 January 2009, will coordinate clinicians and other hospital staff dedicated to organ and tissue donation in hospitals across Australia; oversee a new national network of state and territory organ and tissue donation agencies; lead ongoing community awareness programs about organ and tissue donation and transplantation; and work with clinicians and professional organisations in developing clinical practice protocols and standards. The package will also fund:

- dedicated organ donation specialist doctors and other staff to work closely with emergency department and intensive care unit teams in selected public and private hospitals across Australia;
- additional staffing, bed and infrastructure costs associated with organ donation in hospitals;
- raising community awareness and building public confidence in organ donation and transplantation; and
- counselling and support of potential donor families.

The new national reform package includes additional funding of \$136.4 million over four years.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 18 September 2008 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Health and Ageing, and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — changes to the administration of funding for Highly Specialised Drugs

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Medicare Australia	-	1.0	2.0	1.7	1.6
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-2.8	-8.0	-14.0
Total	-	1.0	-0.8	-6.3	-12.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Medicare Australia	-	1.1	0.2	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.6 million over four years to Medicare Australia to introduce and administer a new payment system for claims under the Highly Specialised Drugs Program. This measure is expected to provide net savings of \$17.2 million over four years as a result of increased compliance for the prescribing of medications and correct application of patient co-payments made possible through Medicare Australia's online processing, allowing real time patient eligibility checking.

Currently a majority of claims for the use of highly specialised drugs by public hospitals are submitted via state and territory governments to the Australian Government. From 1 July 2009, under the new arrangements both public and private hospitals will directly submit claims to the Australian Government through Medicare Australia.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — extension of access to the safety net to include couples separated by illness

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	-	0.1	1.1	1.1	1.1

The Government will provide \$3.4 million over four years to extend joint access to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme safety net benefits to couples living apart due to illness. In Australia, approximately 24,000 couples need to live apart due to the need for at least one member of the couple to receive medical treatment and support. This measure will ensure that these couples receive the same benefits they would otherwise be entitled to if they were living together.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — extension to the listing of Humira® (adalimumab)

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	14.6	26.6	40.1	50.7
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7
Medicare Australia	-	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Total	-	14.9	27.2	40.9	51.6
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Department of Health and Ageing	-	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government has extended the listing of Humira® (adalimumab) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme from 1 August 2008 at an estimated cost of \$134.6 million over four years. This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia. A pricing agreement negotiated between the Government and the drug manufacturer allows for offsets to the gross cost of Humira®.

The extension of the listing will provide subsidised access for adults who suffer from moderate to severe Crohn's disease and who are unresponsive to treatment with conventional therapy. Crohn's disease is an inflammatory disorder of the gastrointestinal tract.

Each patient requires approximately 13 scripts per year resulting in an annual average cost to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme of approximately \$21,300 per patient. General consumers will pay a \$31.30 co-payment per prescription and concession card holders will pay a \$5.00 co-payment per prescription.

Further information can be found in the press release of 1 August 2008 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — minor new listings

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	17.0	21.5	23.7	26.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.7
Medicare Australia	-	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Total	-	18.5	23.3	25.5	28.0

The Government has agreed to a number of minor new listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme since the 2008-09 Budget, at a cost of \$95.3 million over four years. This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia.

The minor new listings (including extensions to current listings) are medicines that have been listed at either no additional cost to the budget (because they replace existing listings) or at an estimated cost each of less than \$10.0 million per annum.

Minor new listings include:

- Fludara® for the treatment of advanced or progressive B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukaemia;
- Tarceva® for the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer; and
- Glivec® for the treatment of patients with four types of rare, potentially cancerous diseases.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 1 August 2008, 1 September 2008 and 1 October 2008 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing and the updates to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits issued by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and National Diabetes Services Scheme — extension of access to government employees living overseas

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Medicare Australia	-	..	..	..	..
Total	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over four years to extend access to medicines and diabetes supplies subsidised under the Pharmaceutical Benefits and National Diabetes Services Schemes to government employees who are working overseas and their partners and dependants who are living with them.

This measure will allow government employees to continue to receive benefits that they would otherwise be entitled to were they living in Australia. Approximately 3,000 people are expected to benefit each year, including members of the Australian Federal Police and eligible family of Australian Defence Force members.

Reciprocal health care agreement with Slovenia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Health and Ageing	-	..	..	..	..

The Government will provide \$28,000 over four years from 2008-09 to cover health care costs for visitors from Slovenia under a reciprocal health care arrangement.

The reciprocal health care agreement between Australia and Slovenia will allow visitors from Slovenia to be eligible for Medicare assistance for immediate necessary medical treatment in Australia, with reciprocal arrangements applying to Australian visitors to Slovenia.

HUMAN SERVICES

Fraud and non-compliance — Department of Human Services coordination

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Human Services	-	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7

The Government will provide \$2.3 million over four years to enable the Department of Human Services to coordinate a more strategic approach to managing fraud and non-compliance detection and prevention activities across Australian Government social, health and welfare payments. This proposal will enable the Department of Human Services to monitor the performance of existing activities and develop strategies to address new or emerging fraud and compliance risks.

The establishment of a central coordination role will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of all fraud and non-compliance measures across social, health and welfare payments through centralisation of compliance planning and increased flexibility in the deployment of compliance resources.

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Australian Multicultural Advisory Council — establishment

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over four years to establish an Australian Multicultural Advisory Council. The Council will provide advice to the Government on social cohesion matters relating to cultural and religious diversity; overcoming intolerance and racism in Australia; communicating the social and economic benefits of Australia's cultural diversity to the broad community; and social and civic participation of migrants in Australian society.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Non-statutory refugee status assessment process — improvement

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	-	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Total	-	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	0.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.2 million over four years (including \$0.2 million capital funding in 2008-09) to improve the non-statutory refugee status assessment process that applies to people who arrive unauthorised at an excised place (Australian territory excised from the Migration Zone for the purposes of applying for a visa, under the *Migration Act 1958*). This measure will strengthen procedural guidance for decision makers and introduce an independent advice and merits review process.

This measure also includes the establishment of an independent review panel and extends the existing Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme.

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Work and Holiday visa — expansion

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	..	..	..	..
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide \$0.1 million over four years to expand capped annual Work and Holiday visa (Subclass 462) places with Chile and Thailand; and introduce new reciprocal Work and Holiday visa arrangements with Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Malaysia.

The Work and Holiday visa allows tertiary students and young professionals, aged 18 to 30 years, from partner countries to work and travel in Australia for up to 12 months. Reciprocal arrangements apply for young Australians. The capped annual places have been increased for Chile (from 1,000 to 1,500) and Thailand (from 200 to 500). The new reciprocal arrangements with Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Malaysia will be capped at 100 places per year.

The costs of this measure will be offset by an increase in Visa Application Charge revenue of \$1.3 million over four years.

Further information can be found in various press releases issued by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship and the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Transport review — heavy vehicles, rail safety and maritime safety

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	4.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.5 million in 2008-09 for regulatory impact assessments of the proposed development of single national regulatory systems within the transport sector to cover heavy vehicles (including registration and licensing), maritime safety and rail safety. The Council of Australian Governments will consider these assessments at its first meeting in 2009. This measure also includes \$0.2 million for the initial set up costs of a National Road Safety Council.

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 July 2008 issued by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Australian Laureate Fellowships

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Research Council	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$239.0 million over five years to establish the Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme to attract researchers of international repute to Australia to conduct research of significant national economic, environmental, cultural and social benefit. The cost of this measure will be met from within existing resources of the Federation Fellowships program, which the Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme replaces.

Australian Laureate Fellows will receive a salary supplement from the Australian Research Council of around \$100,000 per annum and be supported for a period of up to five years. The Australian Research Council may also provide Australian Laureate Fellows with project funding of up to \$300,000 per annum and additional funding to appoint up to two postdoctoral research associates and up to two postgraduate researchers.

Further information can be found in the press release of 3 September 2008 issued by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

Automotive Components Limited (ACL Bearings) — additional assistance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$2.0 million in 2007-08 to ACL Bearings to enable the company to implement a strategy for restructuring and improving efficiency that was developed by Automotive Supplier Excellence Australia. The company is Australia's sole manufacturer of precision engine bearings.

The cost of this measure was met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

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Global financial crisis — assistance for small businesses

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	2.0	2.0	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$4.0 million over two years for the Business Enterprise Centres program and for other registered business organisations to provide small businesses with support and advice, particularly during the global financial crisis. The Business Enterprise Centres, which received additional funding in the 2008-09 Budget, will provide advice on how to set up a business, public liability insurance, GST bookkeeping, marketing and sales promotion.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 October 2008 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy.

Green Car Innovation Fund — Toyota Australia

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	20.0	15.0	-

The Government will provide \$35.0 million to Toyota Australia to assist with the manufacture of hybrid Camrys in Australia from 2010.

The cost of this measure will be met by bringing forward funding from the Green Car Innovation Fund to 2009-10 and 2010-11. This will reduce existing funding for the Green Car Innovation Fund by \$8.75 million per year from 2012-13 onwards. See also the related 2008-09 Budget expense measure titled *Tackling Climate Change – Green Car Innovation Fund* in the Climate Change portfolio.

Further information can be found in the transcript of the press conference of 10 June 2008 held by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

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North East Tasmania development program

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over two years to establish the North East Tasmania Innovation and Investment Fund (\$3.7 million) and the North East Tasmania Micro Credit Scheme (\$0.3 million). The North East Tasmania Innovation and Investment Fund will be aimed at projects creating sustainable employment opportunities, particularly for those workers displaced due to the closure of Auspine's Tonganah sawmill. The North East Tasmania Micro Credit Scheme will be administered by the Tasmanian government on behalf of the Commonwealth. This Scheme will provide small grants to potential and existing business operators wishing to develop new business opportunities or expand existing businesses — particularly initiatives that involve value adding to the region's timber resources. The Tasmanian government will provide an additional \$0.3 million in 2009-10 for the Scheme.

The cost of this measure will be met from the existing resourcing of the Scottsdale Innovation and Community Development Fund Program which the North East Tasmania Innovation and Investment Fund and North East Tasmania Micro Credit Scheme replaces.

Further information can be found in the press release of 13 August 2008 issued by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Australia Day 2009 events — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	0.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.9 million in 2008-09 to enable the National Australia Day Council to provide the Australia Day Live Concert and other Australia Day activities in the national capital on 25 and 26 January 2009. The concert is the centrepiece of the Australia Day celebrations in Canberra and has contributed to the increased national profile of the Australian of the Year Awards.

Old Parliament House — establishment as an Executive Agency

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Old Parliament House	-	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Old Parliament House</i>	-	0.6	0.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.7 million (including capital funding of \$0.7 million) over four years for the establishment of Old Parliament House as an Executive Agency. Old Parliament House was previously part of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

This measure includes funding for Old Parliament House to improve its education and public programs.

RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM

Ethanol Distribution Program — additional funding

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	6.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$6.0 million in 2008-09 for the Ethanol Distribution Program to meet higher than expected demand for grant payments under the program. The Ethanol Distribution Program provides grants of up to \$20,000 for retail service stations as a contribution towards the cost of installing or converting the infrastructure necessary to supply ethanol blended petrol, and thus encouraging the take-up of those fuels.

Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The Government will provide \$400.0 million over four years to establish a Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute. The Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute will accelerate the take up of carbon capturing projects by facilitating demonstration projects and identifying and supporting necessary research on related topics including regulatory settings and frameworks. Details of the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute and its operations will be developed in consultation with stakeholders that have an interest in carbon capture and storage, including foreign governments, industry and various international bodies.

Part of this measure will be funded from the redirection of funds from the *National Low Emission Coal Initiative* (formerly known as the *National Clean Coal Fund*). See also the related expense measure titled *National Low Emission Coal Initiative* in the Resources, Energy and Tourism portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 September 2008 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Resources, Energy and Tourism.

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National Low Emission Coal Initiative

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-6.3	-18.8	-18.8	-20.0

The Government will redirect funding of \$100.0 million over seven years (including \$20.0 million in 2012-13 and \$15.2 million in 2013-14) from the National Low Emission Coal Initiative (formerly known as the *National Clean Coal Fund*), to fund the initial cost of establishing the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute.

The National Low Emission Coal Initiative, detailed in the 2008-09 Budget, will provide funding of \$500 million over eight years to support clean coal and advanced fossil fuel technology development. See also the related expense measure titled *Global Carbon Capture Storage Institute* in the Resources, Energy and Tourism portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 September 2008 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Resources, Energy and Tourism.

Queensland tourism — additional assistance

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	2.0	-	-	-
Tourism Australia	-	2.0	-	-	-
Total	-	4.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million in 2008-09 to assist the Queensland tourism industry. The Queensland government will match the Commonwealth contribution with a further \$4.0 million to implement the measure. Assistance provided will be used to fund marketing initiatives that will help generate sustainable growth for the tourism industry in Queensland and particularly the Tropical North Queensland region.

Further information can be found in the press release of 11 June 2008 issued by the Minister for Resources, Energy and Tourism.

TREASURY

Council of Australian Governments — implementing a national approach to the regulation of consumer credit

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	1.6	12.7	25.6	25.9
Department of the Treasury	-	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7
Total	-	2.6	13.8	26.4	26.6
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	*	*	*	*
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	0.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$70.2 million over four years (including \$0.8 million in capital funding in 2008-09) to implement the decision of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to transfer responsibility for regulating all consumer credit to the Commonwealth. The *Corporations Act 2001*, *Australian Securities and Investments Act 2001* and *Trade Practices Act 1974* will be amended where necessary to establish a uniform consumer credit law, replacing regulation in six States and two Territories. This will establish a national licensing regime applying to all credit providers, advisers and brokers with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission as the sole regulator. It will also regulate mortgages, margin lending, personal and business loans, credit cards and pay day lending.

The funding for this measure will be partially offset by revenue raised from licensing fees from 2009-10.

An implementation plan to give effect to the transfer of regulatory responsibility to the Commonwealth was agreed by COAG in October 2008.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 3 July 2008 and 3 October 2008 issued by the Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law.

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Global financial crisis — additional funding for regulators and the Treasury

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	10.0	20.0	-	-
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	-	9.0	18.5	9.0	9.0
Department of the Treasury	-	2.5	5.0	-	-
Total	-	21.5	43.5	9.0	9.0

The Government will provide \$83.0 million over four years to ensure Australia's financial regulators continue to have the resources to maintain the strength of Australia's financial system during the global financial crisis.

This measure will enable the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority to meet the increased demands being placed on it to undertake a range of additional supervisory activities including stress-testing, reviews of funding plans and responding to applications from entities seeking to become authorised deposit-taking institutions.

The measure will provide the Australian Securities and Investments Commission with additional front-line resources to undertake market monitoring and enforcement activities in order to build confidence in the soundness and integrity of Australia's financial markets.

The measure will also allow the Department of the Treasury to ensure Australia's regulatory environment continues to be world's best practice and to pursue reform of the global financial architecture.

Further information can be found in the press release of 28 October 2008 issued by the Prime Minister and the Treasurer.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Partner Service Pension — age related arrangements for married partners of veterans who are separated but not divorced

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	4.2	9.4	10.4	11.5
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-4.2	-9.4	-10.4	-11.5
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$35.6 million over four years to ensure that separated but not divorced partners of veterans, who have reached Age Pension age (65 years for men and 63.5 years for women), remain eligible for the Partner Service Pension.

The cost of this measure will be offset from within existing resourcing of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, as these separated but not divorced partners of veterans will no longer need to transfer to the Age Pension.

This measure modifies the 2008-09 Budget measure *Partner Service Pension – cease payment to married partners who are separated but not divorced*.

Partner Service Pension — arrangements for the partners of seriously disabled veterans

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5

The Government will provide \$1.2 million over four years to allow partners of the most seriously disabled veterans to continue to be able to access the Partner Service Pension at the age of 50 years. This includes partners of veterans who receive less than the Special Rate of the Disability Pension but more than the General Rate of the Disability Pension, or who receive the Temporarily Totally Incapacitated Special Rate of the Disability Pension, and those assessed at 80 or more impairment points under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*. This measure will take effect from 1 January 2009 and recognises the significant caring role often undertaken by the partners of seriously disabled veterans.

This modifies the 2008-09 Budget measure *Partner Service Pension – align partner and veteran age eligibility*.

Capital Measures

Table A3: Capital measures since the 2008-09 Budget⁽ⁱ⁾

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
	<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
147	National Security – enhancing chemicals security(j)	-	0.1	1.1	0.2	-
	<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
189	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation – additional funding for new accommodation	-	-4.6	49.2	38.1	-41.2
	Portfolio total	-	-4.4	50.3	38.3	-41.2
	DEFENCE					
	<i>Department of Defence</i>					
150	Electronic countermeasures equipment(j)	-	-	-	-	-
150	Iraq – contribution to international stabilisation activities(j)	-	4.5	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	4.5	-	-	-
	FINANCE AND DEREGULATION					
	<i>Comsuper</i>					
190	Australian Government Superannuation – termination of information technology project	-	-3.9	-14.7	-10.4	-
	<i>Department of Finance and Deregulation</i>					
189	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation – additional funding for new accommodation	-	-17.3	48.3	43.4	19.1
160	National intergovernmental telepresence system(j)	-	6.1	..	..	..
	Portfolio total	-	-15.1	33.6	33.0	19.1
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
	<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
161	Asia Pacific Community – regional consultations(j)	-	..	-	-	-
161	Australian Embassy to the Holy See – appointment of a resident Ambassador(j)	-	3.4	-	-	..
162	Bali Democracy Forum – Australian contribution(j)	-	0.1	-	-	-
162	Fiji – upgrade of security at Australian High Commission(j)	-	3.0	-	-	-
163	International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament – establishment(j)	-	0.2	-	-	-
163	Pacific Engagement Strategy – implementation(j)	-	0.3	-	-	-
164	United Nations Security Council – candidacy(j)	-	0.1	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	7.1	-	-	..

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Table A3: Capital measures since the 2008-09 Budget^(a) (continued)

Page		2007-08 \$m	2008-09 \$m	2009-10 \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m
	HEALTH AND AGEING					
	<i>Department of Health and Ageing</i>					
169	Organ and tissue donation – national plan to increase organ donation and save lives(j)	-	1.9	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	1.9	-	-	-
	HUMAN SERVICES					
	<i>Medicare Australia</i>					
170	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – changes to the administration of funding for Highly Specialised Drugs(j)	-	1.1	0.2	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	1.1	0.2	-	-
	IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP					
	<i>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i>					
175	Non-statutory refugee status assessment process – improvement(j)	-	0.2	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	0.2	-	-	-
	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
	<i>Office of National Assessments</i>					
189	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation – additional funding for new accommodation	-	-8.6	9.7	7.0	3.1
	<i>Old Parliament House</i>					
181	Old Parliament House – establishment as an Executive Agency(j)	-	0.6	0.1	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	-8.0	9.8	7.0	3.1
	TREASURY					
	<i>Australian Office of Financial Management</i>					
191	Purchase of residential mortgage-backed securities	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
184	Council of Australian Governments – implementing a national approach to the regulation of consumer credit(j)	-	0.8	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	-	0.8	-	-	-
	Decisions taken but not yet announced	-	14.1	-	-	-
	Depreciation expense	-	-0.6	-2.6	-2.6	-2.1
	Total capital measures(k)	-	1.6	91.4	75.8	-21.1

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

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

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(i) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in capital, no sign before an estimate indicates increased capital.

(j) Details of these measures can be found in Appendix A under Expense Measures.

(k) Measures may not add due to rounding.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and the Office of National Assessments — additional funding for new accommodation

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	-4.6	49.2	38.1	-41.2
Office of National Assessments	-	-8.6	9.7	7.0	3.1
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	-17.3	48.3	43.4	19.1
Total	-	-30.5	107.1	88.5	-19.0

The Government will provide an additional \$146.2 million over four years for the construction of new central office accommodation for the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and the Office of National Assessments. This funding will provide a high quality, secure building designed and fitted out for the specialised needs of these intelligence agencies. Some of the additional funding is provided to the Department of Finance and Deregulation, for the construction of the building.

The financial impacts shown in the above table reflect the additional \$146.2 million in funding and revisions to the expenditure profile for the building (which reduces expenditure in 2008-09 but increases it in subsequent years). The total budgeted expenditure for the building will now be \$606.2 million compared with \$460.0 million announced in the 2006-07 Budget measure *National Security — new accommodation for the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and the Office of National Assessments*.

FINANCE AND DEREGULATION

Australian Government Superannuation — termination of information technology project

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Comsuper	-	-3.9	-14.7	-10.4	-
Related expense (\$m)					
Comsuper	-	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-

The Government will not proceed with the measure *Australian Government Superannuation – strengthening information technology capacity* announced in the 2007-08 Budget. This measure will provide savings of \$29.3 million over three years (including \$0.3 million in operational savings over three years from 2008-09). Longer term information technology requirements for ComSuper will now be considered as part of the review of the administration arrangements relating to the main civilian and military schemes.

See also the related expense measure titled *Australian Government Superannuation Schemes – consolidation of governance and administration arrangements* in the Finance and Deregulation portfolio.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 31 October 2008 issued by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law.

TREASURY

Purchase of residential mortgage-backed securities

Capital (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Australian Office of Financial Management	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related revenue (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Office of Financial Management</i>	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will invest a total of \$8.0 billion in Australian residential mortgage-backed securities which will be financed from cash deposits held by Australian Office of Financial Management. This initiative will assist liquidity in the residential mortgage-backed securities market and support competition in mortgage lending in Australia. The securities purchased through this initiative will be held until market conditions normalise.

Residential mortgage backed securities purchased under this initiative are treated as financial assets and therefore do not impact on the fiscal balance. Interest earned on the securities is offset by interest forgone from the deposits used to finance the securities' purchase. The difference in interest earnings will result in a variation in non-taxation revenues which is accounted for in the budget estimates.

The administrative costs of this measure will be met from within existing resourcing of the Australian Office of Financial Management.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 26 September 2008 issued by the Treasurer and 12 October 2008 issued by the Prime Minister.

