APPENDIX A: PART 2 — POLICY DECISIONS TAKEN BETWEEN THE 2010-11 BUDGET AND THE 2010 PRE-ELECTION ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK (PEFO)

Revenue measures

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Passionfruit marketing levy

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government introduced a passionfruit marketing levy and export charge, with effect from 1 July 2010. The levy is 20 cents per 18 litre carton of fresh passionfruit or $15 per tonne where the fruit is directed to processing. The levy is expected to raise $72,000 each year, which will be used to fund passionfruit industry marketing through Horticultural Australia Limited.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

TREASURY

Consolidation — operation of the rules following a demerger

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will extend the demerger relief provisions so that, when entities with net liabilities demerge from a consolidated group and immediately form a new consolidated group, capital gains that arise for the old group are disregarded and the new group retains the tax costs of its assets, with effect from the date of announcement. Transitional rules will apply where capital gains have arisen because entities with net liabilities demerged from a consolidated group and immediately formed a new consolidated group prior to the date of announcement. This measure has no revenue impact.

This measure will remove tax impediments that arise for consolidated groups following a demerger.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Corporations law amendments — consequential amendment to the tax law

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government has amended the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to clarify that the assessable income of shareholders includes dividends that are paid by companies out of something other than profits, with effect from 28 June 2010. This measure will have an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development — increased capital

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of the Treasury	14.1	-	-	-	-

As part of a general capital increase for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) an additional 1,010 paid-in shares at €10,000 per share were provided to the Government. These additional shares were worth A$14.1 million when they were received.

Australia will also join with other countries in increasing its uncalled capital subscription by €90.0 million. The EBRD has never drawn on its uncalled capital subscriptions.

This is consistent with Australia's G-20 commitment to ensure that the multilateral development banks are adequately resourced.

Exempting from taxation laws certain transactions involving security agencies

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*	*
Related expense ($m)					
Department of the Treasury	*	*	*	*	*

The Government has provided the heads of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and the Australian Secret Intelligence Service with the power to declare that Commonwealth tax laws do not apply to a specified entity in relation to a specified transaction. This ensures that the tax authorities will not need to obtain information that should remain secret in the interests of national security. This measure will have an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

International tax — additional benefits agreement between Australia and the Marshall Islands

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	..	..	..	..

The Government has signed an additional benefits agreement with the Marshall Islands. This agreement allocates taxing rights over certain income derived by individuals between Australia and the Marshall Islands. This measure will have an ongoing negligible revenue impact.

This agreement allocates taxing rights over income from pensions, annuities, government services and certain payments made to visiting students and business apprentices. The agreement also establishes an administrative mechanism to help resolve transfer pricing disputes between Australia and the Marshall Islands.

This agreement was signed in conjunction with a tax information exchange agreement, which provides for the full exchange of information in relation to Australia's federal taxes and the taxes of the Marshall Islands.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

International tax — amending the withholding tax definition of a managed investment trust

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government has amended the withholding tax definition of a managed investment trust. The definition has been amended to include wholesale and government owned trusts, a requirement that a substantial proportion of the investment management activities in relation to Australian assets be carried out in Australia, a trading trust exclusion, a closely held exclusion and recognition of the widely held nature of certain types of investors. This measure will have an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact.

Certain distributions by managed investment trusts to foreign investors of countries with which Australia has exchange of information on tax matters are subject to a reduced final withholding tax of 15 per cent (typically from 2009-2010) and ultimately 7.5 per cent (typically from 2010-2011). Foreign investors of countries with which Australia does not have exchange of information will be subject to a 30 per cent final withholding tax.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 June 2010 issued by the former Assistant Treasurer.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

International tax — tax information exchange agreement with the Marshall Islands

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government has signed a tax information exchange agreement with the Marshall Islands. This agreement will enter into force after both jurisdictions advise that they have completed their domestic requirements. This measure will have an ongoing small but unquantifiable revenue impact.

This measure allows for the full exchange of information in relation to Australia's federal taxes and the taxes of the Marshall Islands.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Minor amendments to the GST Regulations

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-
Related expense ($m)					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will make minor amendments to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regulations to correct references to the Corporations Law. GST regulations currently refer to the Corporations Law, however when the Corporations Act was passed in 2001, the Corporations Law was repealed. While a number of consequential amendments were made to the GST Act at the time, references in the GST regulations were not amended. These minor amendments are part of the Government's commitment to the care and maintenance of the tax law. This measure has no revenue impact.

This measure was originally reported in the Economic Statement.

Minor refinements to taxation of financial arrangements provisions

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*	*

The Government will make minor policy and technical refinements to the taxation of financial arrangements provisions to provide certainty and clarity on the operation of the law. This measure will have an ongoing unquantifiable but negligible revenue impact.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 June 2010 issued by the former Assistant Treasurer.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Personal income tax — exemption of pay and allowances for Operation RIVERBANK personnel

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	..	..	..	-

The Government has extended the income tax exemption for base pay and allowances paid to Australian Defence Force personnel deployed on Operation RIVERBANK until 31 December 2011. This measure will have a cost to revenue expected to be negligible over the forward estimates period.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Philanthropy — updating the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	..	-1.3	-1.3	-0.1

Between the 2010-11 Budget and the 2010 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook, the following organisations were approved as deductible gift recipients (DGRs):

- One Laptop per Child Australia Ltd, from 27 May 2010 until 30 June 2012;
- The Charlie Perkins Trust for Children and Students, from 2 August 2010 until 2 August 2013; and
- The Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation, from 2 August 2010 until 2 August 2013.

Taxpayers may claim an income tax deduction for certain gifts of money or property to DGRs. This measure has an estimated cost to revenue of $2.7 million over the forward estimates period.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Reportable employer superannuation contributions — clarification of the 2008-09 Budget measure

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will amend the definition of reportable employer superannuation contributions to confirm that it does not include employer superannuation contributions prescribed by law or other requirement that the employee and their employer cannot directly control. Legislation to give effect to this measure will apply from 1 July 2009 which is when the definition commenced. The measure will have no revenue impact.

Reportable employer superannuation contributions are assessed in determining eligibility for means-tested government assistance programs. They are superannuation contributions made on behalf of an individual over which the individual has capacity to influence.

Further information can be found in the press release of 30 June 2010 issued by the former Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law and Minister for Human Services.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Stronger, fairer, simpler — improved resource taxation arrangements

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-1,000.0	-6,500.0

The Government will implement improved resource taxation arrangements for Australia's largest and most profitable commodities: iron ore, coal, oil and gas. These new arrangements will ensure that the Australian community receives a fairer share of resource profits gained from these non-renewable resources. Together, they represent three-quarters of the value of our resource operating profits and exports and account for an even greater share of resource rents in the mining industry.

From 1 July 2012:

- a new Minerals Resource Rent Tax (MRRT) regime will apply to the mining of iron ore and coal in Australia; and
- the current Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) regime will be extended to all Australian onshore and offshore oil and gas projects, including the North West Shelf.

The MRRT will apply at an internationally competitive rate of 30 per cent to taxpayers with MRRT assessable profits above a $50 million per annum threshold. In addition, the MRRT will provide a 25 per cent extraction allowance to further shield the contribution of the miner's expertise to profits at the mine gate from the tax.

To ensure a smooth implementation of the new arrangements the Government is establishing a Policy Transition Group, which will consult with industry and advise the Government on the implementation of the new MRRT and PRRT arrangements.

Further information is available in the joint press release of the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and Minister for Resources and Energy, of 2 July 2010, and the *A New Resource Taxation Regime* fact sheet, available at www.futuretax.gov.au.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Stronger, fairer, simpler — early cut to the company tax rate for small business companies

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	200.0	150.0

As a result of the new resource taxation arrangements, the Government will amend the measure relating to the reduction of the company tax rate for small business companies announced in the 2010-11 Budget. As announced on 2 July 2010, the Government will proceed with an early cut in the company tax rate cut for small business companies to 29 per cent, rather than 28 per cent (as announced on 2 May 2010), from the 2012-13 income year. This measure will result in a gain to revenue estimated to be $350 million over the forward estimates period.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Stronger, fairer, simpler — revised company tax cut

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	600.0

As a result of the new resource taxation arrangements, the Government will amend the measure relating to the reduction in the company tax rate previously announced in the 2010-11 Budget. As announced on 2 July 2010, the company tax rate will be reduced to 29 per cent in the 2013-14 income year but will not be further reduced to 28 per cent in the following 2014-15 income year. This measure will result in a gain to revenue estimated to be $600 million over the forward estimates period.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Stronger, fairer, simpler — revised growth dividend

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Customs Service	-	-	-	-1.0	-3.0
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-99.0	-197.0
Total	-	-	-	-100.0	-200.0
Related expense ($m)					
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	*-16.0*	*-31.0*

The estimated value of the growth dividend associated with the Government's tax plan announced in the 2010-11 Budget will be reduced, after taking into account changes to the resource super profits tax announced on 2 July 2010. The estimate of the growth dividend included in the 2010-11 Budget was based on removal of the economic impact of State royalties and a 2 per cent reduction in the company tax rate. This measure will have a cost to revenue estimated to be $300 million over the forward estimates period.

Further information on the changes to the Government's tax plan is available in the joint press release of the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and Minister for Resources and Energy of 2 July 2010.

This measure was originally reported in the Economic Statement.

Superannuation — account based pensions — extension of drawdown relief for retirees

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	-3.0	-9.0	-	-
Related expense ($m)					
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	*15.0*	-	-	-

The Government has halved the minimum payment amounts for account-based pensions for 2010-11. This measure has an estimated cost to revenue of $12 million over two years. The measure is also expected to increase Government expenditure by $15 million in 2010-11 through higher pension outlays.

Reducing the minimum payment amounts for account-based pensions will assist holders of these products to recoup capital losses incurred as a result of the global financial crisis. The measure extends the pension drawdown relief provided by the Government for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 years.

The reduction in the minimum payment amounts applies to account-based, allocated and market-linked (term allocated) pensions.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 30 June 2010 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, former Assistant Treasurer, and former Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law and Minister for Human Services.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Superannuation — enabling the confiscation of the proceeds of crime from superannuation

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will allow court orders under State and Territory legislation for the confiscation of the proceeds of crime to apply to superannuation assets. This measure will result in an unquantifiable loss to revenue over the forward estimates period.

Superannuation operating standards relating to the circumstances in which superannuation benefits may be paid out of or transferred within the superannuation system prevent superannuation trustees from recognising a confiscation order for the proceeds of crime. This measure will ensure that superannuation funded directly with the proceeds of crime is recoverable by a court.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Taxation laws — minor amendments

Revenue ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will make a number of minor amendments to the taxation laws to correct deficiencies and improve certainty for taxpayers. These minor amendments are part of the Government's commitment to the care and maintenance of the tax law.

The amendments include rectifying incorrect terminology, correcting grammatical errors, repealing inoperative material, clarifying ambiguities, and ensuring provisions are consistent with the original policy intent.

This measure will have an ongoing unquantifiable, but expected to be minor, revenue impact.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Expense measures

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Drought Assistance — Exceptional Circumstances assistance for primary producers

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.3	4.5	1.1	-	-
Department of the Treasury	0.2	4.2	2.1	-	-
Centrelink	-	0.4	0.1	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	..	0.4	0.1	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.1	..	-	-
Total	0.5	9.5	3.5	-	-

The Government will provide $13.5 million over three years (including $0.5 million in 2009-10) 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 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.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Drought Assistance — Exceptional Circumstances assistance for small businesses

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	..	0.4	0.2	-	-
Department of the Treasury	..	0.3	0.3	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	..	..	..	-	-
Centrelink	-	..	..	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	..	..	-	-
Total	0.0	0.7	0.5	-	-

The Government will provide $1.2 million over three years (including $33,000 in 2009-10) to continue support for small businesses with up to 100 employees that are dependent on business from farmers in regions 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 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.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Illegal Logging Policy Implementation

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $4.2 million over four years ($0.5 million in 2010-11, $0.9 million in 2011-12, and $1.4 million in both 2012-13 and 2013-14) to implement a package of reforms to restrict the sale of illegally logged timber in Australia.

The reforms include prohibiting the importation of illegally logged timber products, requiring timber product suppliers to undertake the verification of the legal origins of timber products, the registration of a 'legal' timber trademark or trade descriptions and the establishment of law enforcement powers to promote compliance.

This measure will be funded from within the existing resources of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Anti-whaling Strategy: International Legal Action

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding for initiating legal action in the International Court of Justice against Japan's whaling program in the Southern Ocean.

Further information can be found in the press release of 28 May 2010 issued by the Attorney-General, the former Minister for Foreign Affairs and the former Minister for Environmental Protection, Heritage and the Arts.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity — resource transfer

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	-	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.8
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	-	-0.4	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will transfer $2.7 million over four years from the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) to the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI). This follows the Government's decision to expand the jurisdiction of ACLEI to include ACBPS. The transfer of funds will provide ACLEI with the capacity to investigate allegations of corruption relating to the law enforcement functions of ACBPS.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Increasing operational activity to combat people smuggling

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Federal Police	-	22.3	-	-	-
Related capital ($m)					
Australian Federal Police	*-*	*2.5*	*-*	*-*	*-*

The Government will provide $24.8 million in 2010-11 (including $2.5 million in capital funding) to improve the detection and prevention of people smuggling to Australia. The following initiatives will increase the technical and operational capability of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and regional policing partners:

- enhanced support to the Indonesian National Police (INP) through the acquisition, operation and maintenance of a patrol boat and the lease and operation of a surveillance aircraft to increase the capability of INP to detect and interdict people smuggling ventures within the 12 mile zone;
- enhanced support to Indonesia's High Technology Crime Operations centre to strengthen the INP's computer forensic and investigative capability to combat people smuggling;
- enhanced support to increase the operational capability of regional law enforcement agencies in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Pakistan to investigate and disrupt people smuggling ventures and syndicates; and
- deployment of seven additional AFP officers to Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Pakistan to provide operational support for proactive disruption of people smuggling activities.

The salary costs of the deployed officers are covered by the AFP's existing budget.

$21.1 million of this measure will be offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

National Broadband Network — Telstra negotiations — Establishment of USO Co to take responsibility for the delivery of the Universal Service Obligation

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $50.0 million in each of 2012-13 and 2013-14 and $100.0 million per annum ongoing from 2014-15 to establish and support a new entity to take responsibility for the delivery of the Universal Service Obligation (USO) and other telecommunications public interest obligations. The USO will be jointly funded by the Government and industry through an industry levy scheme which will replace the current USO and the National Relay Service levy schemes.

The establishment of USO Co and the provision of Government funding are contingent on Definitive Agreements being reached between NBN Co and Telstra. USO Co's functions will include the delivery of:

- the USO for voice telephony services and payphones;
- public interest services such as emergency call handling functions ('000' and '112');
- special services such as the National Relay Service; and
- the migration of voice only customers to a fibre-based service where the copper exchange is decommissioned.

USO Co is expected to operate from 1 July 2012.

Provision for this funding was included in the Contingency Reserve at the 2010-11 Budget and disclosed in the July 2010 Economic Statement. This funding will be retained in the Contingency Reserve pending the finalisation of Definitive Agreements between Telstra and NBN Co.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 20 June 2010 issued by the Prime Minister, the then Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

National Broadband Network — Telstra negotiations — retraining

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide up to $100.0 million in 2011-12 to a new entity established by Telstra to retrain its employees to support the rollout of the National Broadband Network. NBN Co will enter into arrangements with Telstra to access the services of the retrained workforce.

The provision of this funding is contingent on Definitive Agreements being reached between NBN Co and Telstra.

Provision for this funding was included in the Contingency Reserve at the 2010-11 Budget and disclosed in the July 2010 Economic Statement. This funding will be retained in the Contingency Reserve pending the finalisation of Definitive Agreements between Telstra and NBN Co.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 20 June 2010 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Green Loans Program — cessation

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.3	0.2	-	-
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	-76.4	-3.6	-2.8	-
Total	-	-76.1	-3.4	-2.8	-

The Government will redirect $82.7 million over three years from the Green Loans program to provide $82.1 million for the expanded Green Start program and $0.5 million to assist former Green Loans assessors to seek alternative employment and training pathways. The changes will reduce the level of funding for the Green Loans program in 2010-11 to $88.2 million.

See also the related expense measure titled *Green Start Program — expansion.*

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 July 2010 issued by the then Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Green Start Program — expansion

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	74.4	9.1	-1.4	-

The Government will provide an additional $82.1 million over three years for the redesign and expansion of the Green Start program, and to bring forward commencement of the program to 26 July 2010. This takes total funding for the program to $211.8 million over three years.

The Green Start program will be delivered through two funding rounds. The first round will replace the Green Loans program and will provide grants to accredited assessors and organisations to deliver energy assessments for households. The second round will provide grants to community and other organisations to deliver practical help to low-income and disadvantaged households to improve their energy efficiency.

Funding for the expansion of this program will be redirected from the Green Loans program.

See also the related expense measure titled *Green Loans Program – cessation.*

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 July 2010 issued by the then Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

National Solar Schools Program — refinements

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of the Treasury	-	9.0	9.6	-17.5	-10.7
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	3.3	3.6	7.9	-5.1
Total	-	12.3	13.2	-9.7	-15.8

The Government has introduced a number of changes to the National Solar Schools Program. This measure reflects a reprofiling of funding over the period to 2014-15, and between the government and non-government school components of the program. These changes arise from the finalisation of arrangements for implementing the reduction in funding of $53.1 million included in the 2009-10 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

The changes include a reduction in maximum funding from $50,000 to $15,000 for schools that have been approved to receive funding for solar power systems under other Australian Government programs. Merit based assessment criteria and annual funding caps have also been introduced.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 July 2010 issued by the then Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010.*

CROSS PORTFOLIO

National Rental Affordability Scheme — deferral

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Various Agencies	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will adjust the schedule of the construction of National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) dwellings resulting in a saving of $198.0 million over four years from 2011-11. The Government remains committed to rolling out the NRAS to deliver more affordable housing options across the nation. This saving will be redirected to fund the Building Better Regional Cities Program which will deliver more affordable homes in regional cities.

See also the related expense measure titled *Building Better Regional Cities Program — establishment* in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Child Care Rebate — fortnightly payment

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	4.6	4.9	4.0	0.6
Centrelink	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	4.6	4.9	4.0	0.6

The Government will provide $14.2 million ($99.3 million in underlying cash terms) over four years to increase the frequency of payment for the Child Care Rebate (CCR) to fortnightly from 1 July 2011.

This will reduce the burden of child care costs on families as CCR can now be provided at the time they incur child care costs.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Enhanced scrutiny of the financial viability of the largest long-day care providers — future administration costs

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $1.3 million over three years to implement a framework that will identify benchmarks for assessing the financial viability of the largest long day care providers. This framework is currently being developed in consultation with providers.

Funding for this measure was provisioned for in the Contingency Reserve in the 2010-11 Budget.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Job seeker engagement — increased support

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Centrelink	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $44.4 million over four years to increase the frequency of face-to-face Centrelink interviews for job seekers at risk of disengaging from the jobs market. From 1 July 2010, newly unemployed people will attend fortnightly Centrelink interviews for a period of 13 weeks to receive increased support to assist them to find a job. Job seekers under 25 years of age and other job seekers at higher risk of disengaging from the jobs market will now have an ongoing requirement to attend interviews every four weeks.

The cost of this measure will be met through a reduction in the number of Centrelink reviews of low risk job seekers. These reviews aim to identify changes in job seeker circumstances which will now be addressed through alternative job seeker reviews.

Further information can be found in the press release of 27 May 2010 jointly issued by the then Minister for Human Services and the then Minister for Employment Participation.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Building Better Regional Cities program — establishment

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.2	60.9	70.9	70.9

The Government will provide $203.0 million over four years to support the construction of affordable homes in regional cities.

Competitive grants of up to $15.0 million will be provided to councils to invest in local infrastructure projects that support new housing developments, such as connecting roads, extensions to drains and sewerage pipes, and community infrastructure such as parks and community centres.

This measure will be partly funded by the savings measures titled *Housing Affordability Fund — redirection of funding*, *National Rental Affordability Scheme — deferral*, and *Community Investment Program — redirection of funding*.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Cinema modifications for people with a vision or hearing impairment

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will provide $0.5 million over four years for grants to encourage the introduction of audio description and captioning technology in major Australian cinemas. This measure will address the barriers to participation for people who are deaf, hearing impaired, blind or vision impaired in relation to many social and cultural activities in the community.

There are currently 24 accessible cinemas in Australia. In partnership with four major cinema groups, this measure will contribute to making 242 accessible cinemas available by 2014.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 July 2010 issued by the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services.

See also the related savings measures *Services for people with disability – reduction in funding* in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio, and *Local Government Reform Fund – reduction in funding* in the Treasury portfolio.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Community Investment Program — reduction in funding

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9

The Government will reduce funding for the Community Investment Program (CIP) by $2.6 million over three years from 2011-12. This saving will be redirected to fund the Building Better Regional Cities Program.

Remaining funding for CIP of $279.2 million over four years from 2010-11 will still be available to provide grants to community organisations to undertake local community projects.

See also the related expense measure titled *Building Better Regional Cities Program – establishment* in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010.*

Disability community website — creation

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.3	0.3	-	-

The Government will provide $0.5 million over two years to establish and maintain a new website, *Attitudes*, to improve awareness of people with disability and disability issues.

The measure will support social inclusion and build the capacities of people with disability, as well as address perceptions and attitudinal issues in the broader community. The measure will also recruit people with disability as editorial staff for the *Attitudes* website.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 July 2010 issued by the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services.

See also the related savings measures *Services for people with disability – reduction in funding* in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio, and *Local Government Reform Fund – reduction in funding* in the Treasury portfolio.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Housing Affordability Fund — reduction in funding

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-11.1	-40.8	-

The Government will redirect funding from the Housing Affordability Fund (HAF) of $51.9 million over two years from 2011-12 to the Building Better Regional Cities Program.

See also the related expense measure titled *Building Better Regional Cities Program—* establishment in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment and was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010.*

Leadership development for people with disability

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

The Government will provide $3.0 million over four years for a national program to assist people with disability become leaders in business, the community and government. The funding will provide up to 200 places in intensive 12 month leadership development programs for people with a disability. On completion of the leadership program, participants will be matched with mentors in leading organisations in their field of interest.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 July 2010, issued by the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services.

See also the related savings measures *Services for people with disability — reduction in funding* in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio, and *Local Government Reform Fund — reduction in funding* in the Treasury portfolio.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Local community accessibility program — additional funding

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	6.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide $6.0 million in 2010-11 to assist local government authorities to improve disability access in local communities.

A $5.0 million funding pool will be established for grants of up to $100,000 to local councils for small infrastructure projects to make buildings and public spaces more accessible for people with disability. Local councils will provide up to $100,000 in matched contributions.

An additional $1.0 million will be provided for digital playback devices and improved access to digital content in public libraries to make print materials more accessible for people with disability.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 July 2010, issued by the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services.

See also the related savings measures *Services for people with disability – reduction in funding* in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio, and *Local Government Reform Fund – reduction in funding* in the Treasury portfolio.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Services for people with disability — reduction in funding

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-9.0	-	-	-

The Government will redirect funding of $9.0 million in 2010-11 from the *Services and Support for People with Disability* program to help fund the following related measures:

- local community accessibility program — additional funding;
- leadership development for people with disability;
- cinema modifications for people with a vision or hearing impairment;
- disability community website — creation; and
- universal design for housing — voluntary guidelines.

The *Services and Support for People with Disability* program will retain funding of $1.3 billion over four years from 2010-11 to continue to provide supported employment and improve access to information, advocacy and services for people with a disability.

Further information can be found in the press release of 24 July 2010 issued by the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services.

See also the related savings measure *Local Government Reform Fund – reduction in funding* in the Treasury portfolio.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Universal design for housing — voluntary guidelines

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide $1.0 million over four years from 2010-11 to support the implementation of the voluntary Livable Housing Design guidelines developed by the National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design.

The Livable Housing Design initiative aims to promote the building of houses that are disability-friendly and adaptable to meet the changing needs of residents over their lifetime. Membership of the National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design includes industry, community, research and government stakeholders.

Further information can be found in the press release of 13 July 2010 issued by the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services.

See also the related savings measures *Services for people with disability — reduction in funding* in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio, and *Local Government Reform Fund — reduction in funding* in the Treasury portfolio.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Overseas development assistance — contribution to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
AusAID	10.0	25.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide $50.0 million over two years towards the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP). The World Bank established the GAFSP in 2010 in response to a request from G20 leaders.

GAFSP provides grants to developing countries and regional organisations to assist in increasing agricultural growth and achieving lasting improvements in food security.

Of this measure $35.0 million will be offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve, with the remaining $15.0 million to be met from existing AusAID resources.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's official development assistance over the long term.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Overseas development assistance — contribution to the International Rice Research Institute

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
AusAID	12.2	-	-	-	-

The Government provided $12.2 million in 2009-10 to the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines. The IRRI develops new rice varieties and rice crop management techniques to help farmers improve the yield and quality of their rice in an environmentally sustainable way. This measure will assist IRRI replace ageing infrastructure and technology.

This measure was fully offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's official development assistance over the long term.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Overseas development assistance — contribution to the World Bank Palestinian Reform and Development Plan Trust Fund

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
AusAID	10.0	-	-	-	-

The Government provided $10.0 million in 2009-10 to the Palestinian Reform and Development Plan Trust Fund. The Palestinian Reform and Development Plan Trust Fund was established by the World Bank to provide financial support to the Palestinian Authority. Australia has been contributing to the trust fund since 2008.

This measure was fully offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's official development assistance over the long term.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Overseas development assistance — fifth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
AusAID	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide a contribution of $105.0 million over 10 years to the fifth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Funding each year is set as a percentage of Australia's total contribution, as agreed with the GEF.

The GEF provides grants to developing countries for projects related to biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, the ozone layer, and persistent organic pollutants.

This measure includes an additional $45.4 million over 10 years to be fully offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve, and was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced in the 2010-11 Budget'. The remaining $59.6 million will be met from within existing AusAID resources.

This measure is part of the Government's commitment to increase Australia's official development assistance over the long term.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

HEALTH AND AGEING

Cancer Australia and the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre — creating a single national cancer control agency

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Cancer Australia	-	-	-	-	-
National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will merge Cancer Australia and the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre into a single national agency on 1 July 2011. The merger will provide a more sustainable financial and governance structure and improve coordination of the Government's cancer control, prevention, treatment and care programs.

The single agency will continue to provide national leadership in cancer control, with targeted research, education for cancer professionals, coordination of service development across Australia, and engagement with stakeholders and people affected by cancer.

This measure will be cost neutral. Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

COAG National food standards — improving consistency

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $4.3 million over four years to provide centralised and consistent advice on food standards within Australia and New Zealand.

This funding will enable Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) to provide interpretive advice of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code in cases where a dispute arises between the food industry members and individual state and territory interpretations of the code. FSANZ has the primary responsibility for setting standards for the sale of food in Australia and New Zealand, however the interpretation of the code is the responsibility of individual states and territories. This measure will reduce the regulatory burden on the food industry by developing a more consistent interpretation of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code across all jurisdictions.

Reforming the regulation of the food industry has been supported by the Council of Australian Governments.

Funding for this measure was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2010-11 Budget.

More information can be found in the outcomes of the Council of Australian Governments' Business Regulation and Competition Working Group meeting of 29 November 2008.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Emergency department medical workforce — additional resources

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $95.9 million over four years to deliver more and better qualified staff in emergency departments. This will be achieved by:

- training more emergency doctors;
- upskilling emergency nurses, care workers and international medical graduates;
- increasing emergency placements in universities; and
- providing educational and supervision support for more doctors to obtain alternative qualifications in emergency medicine.

This measure includes funding of $13.3 million in 2010-11, $23.9 million in 2011-12, $27.5 million in 2012-13 and $31.1 million in 2013-14, and was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2010 Economic Statement.

Further information can be found in the press release of 26 July 2010 issued by the Prime Minister.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation — contribution

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided $5.0 million in 2009-10 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for the establishment of the Australian Type-1 Diabetes Clinical Trials Network.

The establishment of the Australian Type-1 Diabetes Clinical Trials Network will support the translation of clinical research into new methods to prevent and treat diabetes.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Life Saving Drugs Program — changes to listing for Fabrazyme®

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will implement more cost-effective arrangements for the funding of agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®) listed on the Life Saving Drugs Program (LSDP).

The savings from this measure were included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2010-11 Budget.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010.*

National Diabetes Services Scheme — extend access to insulin pump consumables

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Health and Ageing	-	..	..	..	..

The Government will provide $12,000 over four years to extend access to insulin pump consumables through the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS), from 16 July 2010, for people with 'other' diabetes where insulin pump therapy is the last line of treatment. 'Other' diabetes is defined as diabetes caused by a genetic defect, pancreatic diseases, hormonal abnormalities, or exposure to certain drugs or chemicals.

Under the current NDSS guidelines, people with 'other' diabetes are not eligible to access Government-subsidised insulin pump consumables through the NDSS.

The NDSS aims to ensure that people with diabetes have timely, reliable and affordable access to products and services that help them effectively self-manage their condition.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

National Health and Hospitals Network — lead clinicians groups

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $58.1 million over four years to implement Lead Clinicians Groups at a local and national level. Lead Clinicians Groups will be utilised to improve clinical engagement across the health system. This includes drawing upon existing clinical engagement mechanisms in the States and Territories, where appropriate.

The initiative recognises the role of clinical leadership and expertise in delivering safer and higher quality care, to the benefit of patients and their families.

National Lead Clinicians Groups will help to develop and encourage the use of an evidence base for an appropriate quality health care system. Local Lead Clinicians Groups will provide clinical advice on optimal models of care and methods to improve clinical outcomes, and will work to achieve integrated local health services.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — minor new listings

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Health and Ageing	-	7.0	11.6	15.0	18.0
Medicare Australia	-	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	-	7.0	11.7	15.0	18.0

The Government has agreed to a number of minor new listings on the Pharmaceutical

Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme since the 2010-11 Budget, at a cost of $51.7 million over four years. This includes funding for administering payments through Medicare Australia.

Minor new listings include:

- Byetta®, for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes;
- Isentress®, for the treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection;
- Orgalutran®, for use in conjunction with in-vitro fertilisation treatment; and
- Remicade®, for the treatment of fistulising Crohn disease.

Further information can be found in the updates to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits issued by the Department of Health and Ageing.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Surfing Australia — high performance training facility — contribution

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $2.0 million in 2010-11 to Surfing Australia to assist with the construction of a national high performance surf training centre at Casuarina Beach in New South Wales.

The centre will include a dormitory, conference rooms, office and storage facilities, and will enable Surfing Australia to provide accreditation courses and camps for entry level surfers, coaches, surf school instructors, and elite surfers.

It is estimated that over 3,000 athletes will make use of the centre each year. The centre will maximise opportunities by linking with tertiary institutions including the Southern Cross University, New South Wales; and Griffith University, Queensland.

Funding for this measure was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2010-11 Budget.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Working Holiday Visa (Subclass 417) — reversal

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will no longer proceed with the *Working Holiday visa (Subclass 417) – integrity enhancements* measure announced in the *2009-10 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook*. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship has instead implemented an alternative approach of providing information to employers to make them aware of their responsibilities when employing people under the Working Holiday visa program. This will help both employers and employees meet compliance requirements.

There are no financial implications as the initial measure was to be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Government Reform Fund — reduction in funding

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of the Treasury	-	-2.0	-	-	-

The Government will redirect funding from the *Local Government Reform Fund* program. This measure will provide savings of $2.0 million in 2010-11 which, combined with $9 million of savings over four years from the redirection of funding from the *Services and Support for People with a Disability* program within the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio, will help offset the cost of the following related measures:

- local community accessibility program — additional funding;
- leadership development for people with disability;
- cinema modifications for people with a vision or hearing impairment;
- disability community website — creation; and
- universal design for housing — voluntary guidelines.

See also the related expense measure titled *Services for People with a Disability — reduction in funding* in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program — additional funding

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	100.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional $100.0 million in 2010-11 to local councils under a third round of Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program grants.

Funding provided under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program will support investment in community infrastructure, such as libraries, community centres and sport grounds and facilities. The funding will be shared between all of the nation's councils and shires.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 18 June 2010 issued by the then Prime Minister and the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Thornton Park commuter car park — additional funding

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	1.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional $1.8 million in 2010-11 to the Penrith City Council for the construction of a car park at Thornton Park, North Penrith.

The final estimated cost of constructing the car park for 1,000 vehicles is $15.6 million. The Commonwealth is contributing a total of $8.8 million toward construction of the car park; $5.0 million under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program, an additional $2.0 million provided for in the 2010-11 Budget and $1.8 million under this measure to address cost increases. The New South Wales Government and the New South Wales Government's Landcom are also contributing funding to the project, respectively matching the $5.0 million and $1.8 million provided by the Commonwealth.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (CSL) — Commonwealth assistance

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $30.0 million over four years to support the provision of expanded research and manufacturing capacity at the CSL's facility at Broadmeadows in Victoria.

The cost of this measure was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2010-11 Budget. The measure includes funding of $9.3 million in 2010-11, $10.6 million in 2011-12, $8.0 million in 2012-13 and $2.1 million in 2013-14.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Establishment of an ICT-enabled research laboratory — Commonwealth assistance

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	0.7	2.3	4.1	5.6

The Government will provide $22.1 million over six years (including $6.7 million in 2014-15 and $2.7 million in 2015-16) in partnership with IBM and the Victorian government to establish a global research and development laboratory at the University of Melbourne in Victoria.

The measure is consistent with the Government's innovation policy as set out in *Powering Ideas: an Innovation Agenda for the 21st Century* and is intended to provide Australian businesses, researchers and government agencies with the opportunity to collaborate with a global leader in computational and related research development. The laboratory will support postdoctoral training and increase international collaborative opportunities for Australian researchers.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 October 2010 issued by the Prime Minister and the Premier of Victoria.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Green Car Innovation Fund — reduction in funding

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-25.0	-	-	-

The Government will redirect $25.0 million from the Green Car Innovation Fund (GCIF) program to offset other priority spending measures.

The GCIF program is a part of the Government's *A New Car Plan for a Greener Future* and provides assistance to Australian companies for projects that enhance the research, development and commercialisation of Australian technologies that significantly reduce fuel consumption and/or greenhouse gas emissions of passenger motor vehicles.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010.*

TREASURY

Education Tax Refund — extension

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	110.0	110.0	120.0

The Government will extend the Education Tax Refund (ETR) to include expenditure incurred on school uniforms from 1 July 2011. The ETR provides a refundable tax offset for 50 per cent of eligible education expenses, up to a maximum amount. For expenses incurred in 2009-10, the maximum amount of ETR is $390 for each eligible primary school student and $779 for each eligible secondary school student. In later years, these maximum amounts will increase in line with increases in the Consumer Price Index. Following the change, eligible expenses will include the costs of computers, computer software for educational use, school text books, stationery and uniforms.

This increases expenses by $340.0 million over the forward estimates.

The measure has a lower impact of $220.0 million on the underlying cash balance over the forward estimates. This is because the fiscal balance impact occurs in the year in which the expense is incurred, whereas the impact on underlying cash occurs when refunds are paid.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Financial Reporting Panel — termination

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of the Treasury	-	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4

The Government will wind up the operations of the Financial Reporting Panel in 2010-11 due to a lower than expected referral rate. The Panel had the function of resolving disputes between the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and companies concerning accounting treatments in companies' financial reports.

This measure will provide savings of $1.2 million over four years. Lower savings are expected in 2010-11 due to the need to ensure the Panel's existing commitments are met.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Regional Infrastructure Fund — additional funding

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of the Treasury	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The Government will provide $400 million over four years to the Regional Infrastructure Fund. The Fund was established to reinvest the proceeds of the resources boom in regional Australia.

This measure was originally reported in the *Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010*.

Stronger, fairer, simpler — resource exploration refundable tax offset — reversal

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Australian Taxation Office	-	-0.5	-521.6	-601.2	-681.2

As a result of the new resource taxation arrangements announced on 2 July 2010, the Government will not pursue the resource exploration refundable tax offset previously announced in the 2010-11 Budget.

This measure will provide savings of $1.8 billion over four years.

Instead, resource exploration costs will continue to be deductible in the normal way and the Policy Transition Group, set up to implement the new Mineral Resource Rent Tax and expanded Petroleum Resource Rent Tax arrangements, will consider the best way to promote future resource exploration activity.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Tax Reform Communications campaign advertising funding reduction

Expense ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of the Treasury	-2.1	-20.3	-	-	-

The Government ceased the tax reform advertising campaign from 24 June 2010 achieving savings of $22.4 million over 2009-10 and 2010-11.

This represents a reduction in the funding provided in the 2010-11 Budget measure titled *Stronger, fairer, simpler tax reform — development and implementation*.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.

Capital measures

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Funding for expansion of detention centres

Capital ($m)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	97.8	-	-	-
Related expense ($m)					
Department of Finance and Deregulation	*-*	*0.2*	*0.2*	*-*	*-*

This measure has been superseded by the new capital measure *Immigration detention facilities – Northam and Inverbrackie* included in the *2010-11 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook*.

This measure was originally reported in the *Economic Statement 2010*.