Expense Measures

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2011-12 Budget[(a)]

Page		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
		$m	$m	$m	$m	$m
	AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY					
	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry					
194	Agriculture Advancing Australia – International Agricultural Cooperation Program – reduced funding	-	-	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6
148	Changes to agricultural production levies(b)	-	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Clean Energy Future					
194	– Creating Opportunities on the Land – extending the benefits of the Carbon Farming Initiative	-	30.9	26.3	95.0	83.0
211	– implementation	-	-0.2	-0.1	-	-
195	Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships – Community Networks and Capacity Building and Information Services Programs – reduced funding	-	-0.7	-	-	-
196	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – rationalisation of corporate functions	-	1.2	-5.6	-5.6	-5.6
196	Drought Assistance – additional funding for Exceptional Circumstances Exit Grants	-	4.4	-	-	-
196	Fisheries Resources Research Fund Program – reduced funding	-	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-1.3
197	Hendra virus research – support	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-
	Live Animal Exports					
198	– Assistance to Individuals	-	3.1	-	-	-
198	– Business Assistance	-	24.7	6.9	3.0	3.0
199	Reform of Australia's export certification services – additional funding	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
199	Regional Food Producers' Innovation – Productivity Program – reduced funding	-	-2.6	-	-	-
200	Tasmanian Forest Industry – adjustment package	-	45.0	-	-	-
202	Western Australia Drought Pilot – additional funding for Farm Family Support	-	-	-	-	-
202	Western Australia Drought Pilot Communication and Strategic Review programs – reduced funding	-	-0.4	-	-	-
	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation					
197	Hendra virus research – support	-	1.3	0.5	0.4	-
	Portfolio total	**-**	**105.4**	**26.6**	**91.1**	**78.7**
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
	Attorney-General's Department					
204	Flood Risk Information – enhancement	-	-	-	-	-

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Page		2010-11 $m	2011-12 $m	2012-13 $m	2013-14 $m	2014-15 $m
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)					
	Natural Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding					
204	– Adelong Pool	-	-	-	-	-
204	– Victorian Interest Rate Subsidy – Assistance to Businesses in Victoria	-	-	-	-	-
299	Personal Property Securities Register – additional funding(c)	-	1.4	-	-	-
205	Safer Suburbs Program Expansion	-	0.1	1.7	2.1	1.1
	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service					
203	Australia's Anti-Dumping and Countervailing System – enhancements	-	-	-	-	-
	Australian Federal Police					
203	Alice Springs Airport – withdrawal of the Australian Federal Police	-	-1.0	-2.4	-3.2	-3.2
205	Reduced Australian Federal Police contribution to the United Nations Mission in Cyprus – deferral	-	0.9	-	-	-
	Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia					
299	Personal Property Securities Register – additional funding(c)	-	-0.4	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	**-**	**0.9**	**-0.7**	**-1.1**	**-2.1**
	BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY					
	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy					
	Digital productivity					
206	– Digital Communities – Digital Hubs, Local Government and Community Engagement	-	-	-	-	-
206	– digital enterprises	-	-	-	-	-
222	– enabled education and skills services	-	-	-	-	-
207	Independent Inquiry into Australian Media	-	1.4	-	-	-
207	National Broadband Network – enhanced commitment for the delivery of the Universal Service Obligation	-	-	nfp	nfp	-
	Portfolio total	**-**	**1.4**	**-**	**-**	**-**
	CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY					
	Clean Energy Regulator					
	Clean Energy Future					
209	– Creating Opportunities on the Land – Carbon Farming Initiative	-	-	135.3	118.6	130.9
210	– Governance – Clean Energy Regulator	-	38.0	50.1	54.0	57.6
214	– Supporting Energy Markets – Energy Security Fund	-	-	-	1,007.2	1,059.3
215	– Supporting Jobs – Jobs and Competitiveness Program	-	-	2,654.6	2,849.7	3,088.4

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Page		2010-11 $m	2011-12 $m	2012-13 $m	2013-14 $m	2014-15 $m
	CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY (continued)					
	Clean Energy Future					
270	– Supporting Jobs – Steel Transformation Plan	-	-	-	-	-
	Climate Change Authority					
210	Clean Energy Future – Governance – Climate Change Authority	-	-	6.4	9.1	9.2
	Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency					
	Clean Energy Future					
209	– Creating Opportunities on the Land – Carbon Farming Initiative	-	0.1	2.3	50.7	47.4
194	– Creating Opportunities on the Land – extending the benefits of the Carbon Farming Initiative	-	0.1	4.7	5.1	5.1
282	– Creating Opportunities on the Land – natural resource management for climate change	-	-	7.9	3.9	1.6
211	– implementation	-	31.6	0.6	-	-
212	– Improving Energy Efficiency	-	1.8	0.8	-	-
212	– Improving Energy Efficiency – household advice	-	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
213	– Improving Energy Efficiency – Low Carbon Communities	-	0.3	30.4	75.4	80.7
151	– Putting a Price on Pollution – Voluntary Action Pledge Fund and GreenPower purchases(b)	-	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4
214	– Supporting Energy Markets – Energy Security Fund	-	1,000.0	-	-	-
215	– Supporting Jobs – Energy Efficiency Information Grants	-	6.3	12.4	11.9	9.5
	Portfolio total	**-**	**1,080.5**	**2,907.6**	**4,187.4**	**4,491.4**
	CROSS PORTFOLIO					
	Various Agencies					
216	Reducing the cost of Government administration – one-off efficiency dividend	-	-	-500.0	-495.0	-495.0
217	Social and Community Services – Equal Remuneration	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
	Portfolio total	**-**	**-**	**-500.0**	**-495.0**	**-495.0**
	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
	Comcare					
218	Amendments to the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 – Fair Protection for Firefighters	-	-	-	-	-

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	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations					
218	BlueScope Steel workers – assistance	-	5.7	2.3	1.0	0.7
219	Building Australia's Future Workforce Measures – consequential amendments	-	-	-1.0	-1.4	-1.4
220	Child Care – Enhanced scrutiny of the financial viability of large long day care providers	-	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
	Clean Energy Future					
159	– Helping Households – tax cuts and increased payments(b)	-	255.0	121.9	255.7	226.3
220	– Supporting Jobs – Clean Energy Skills Package	-	-	-	-	-
221	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations – departmental efficiencies	-	-	-2.0	-1.5	-1.8
221	Digital Education Revolution – project pool – redirection	-	-	-20.0	-20.0	-
222	Digital productivity – enabled education and skills services	-	-	-	-	-
262	Early intervention to prevent debts for customers commencing employment	-	-	-43.4	-32.5	-32.5
	Education Services for Overseas Students					
222	– Tuition Protection Service – implementation	-	-5.7	5.2	0.2	0.2
153	– Tuition Protection Service Levy(b)	-	-	6.3	6.3	6.3
223	Employment Pathway Fund – redirection of funding	-	-14.9	-	-	-
224	Higher Education – reinstate Band 2 student contributions for mathematics, statistics and science units	-	-	-46.8	-136.1	-216.0
224	Higher Education Reward Funding – reduction	-	-3.2	-12.4	-105.4	-119.8
225	Job Capacity Assessment – additional funding	40.0	-	-	-	-
198	Live Animal Exports – Assistance to Individuals	-	0.6	0.2	0.1	-
225	Long Day Care services – one-off grants in the transition to the National Quality Framework	-	5.0	-	-	-
226	National Foundation Skills Strategy – redirect funding	-	-	-0.5	-1.0	-1.2
	Personal income tax					
169	– 50 per cent tax discount for interest income – deferral(b)	-	-	-1.2	-1.0	-
170	– standard deduction for work-related expenses and the cost of managing tax affairs – deferral(b)	-	-	-2.7	-7.7	-

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		$m	$m	$m	$m	$m
	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
171	Philanthropy – updating the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients(b)	-	-0.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
	Schools					
227	– National Rewards for Great Teachers – revised implementation	-	-	10.0	-85.0	-125.0
227	– Reward Payments for School Improvement – revised implementation	-	-	-11.8	-27.4	-15.4
	SkillsConnect					
228	– Australian Apprenticeships Mentoring and Accelerated Australian Apprenticeships Programs – broaden eligibility	-	-	-	-	-
229	– Integration of the Critical Skills Investment Fund with the National Workforce Development Fund – bring forward	-	-	-	-	-
	Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory					
229	– expansion of the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure	-	-	1.1	1.6	0.9
230	– Indigenous Employment Program – redirection of funding	-	-	-0.7	-1.6	-2.0
231	Structural Adjustment Fund – redirection	-	-21.0	-7.1	-	-
	Student Income Support					
231	– changes to the rate of Student Start-up Scholarships	-	-18.2	-37.9	-38.8	-39.8
232	– delay masters by coursework by two years	-	-12.4	-60.3	-35.5	-3.0
232	– Relocation Scholarship – increased payments for regional students	-	2.2	2.9	2.9	3.0
233	– Rural Tertiary Hardship Fund – redirection	-	-16.3	-	-	-
234	– support for reform	-	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.6
234	– Workforce Participation Criteria – remove regional distinctions	-	28.1	64.9	66.4	68.1
235	– Youth Allowance Regional Advertising Campaign	-	0.7	-	-	-
265	Student Visa Simplification	-	-	-	-	-
200	Tasmanian Forest Industry – adjustment package	-	4.2	3.6	3.5	1.4
236	Trade Training Centres in Schools Program – rephasing	-	-	-	-11.6	-
236	Transitional Australian Apprenticeships Support Services	-	-	-	-	-
237	University of Notre Dame Australia – additional Commonwealth supported places	-	2.3	6.1	9.6	11.7
246	Weekly income support payments to vulnerable Australians – expansion	-	-	-	-	-
237	Workforce Innovation Program – redirect funding	-	-	-1.3	-1.6	-0.9

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	EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
	Fair Work Australia					
226	Road Safety Remuneration System – establishment	-	-	2.8	2.5	2.5
	Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman					
226	Road Safety Remuneration System – establishment	-	-	1.0	1.6	1.4
	Portfolio total	**40.0**	**213.1**	**-21.0**	**-156.7**	**-236.2**
	FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS					
	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs					
239	Australian Institute of Family Studies – transfer	-	-	-	-	-
239	Baby Bonus – reset to $5,000 and pause indexation for three years	-	0.2	-89.1	-125.1	-145.6
240	Better Targeting of Immunisation Incentives	-	0.4	-79.8	-82.8	-86.0
	Clean Energy Future					
241	– Helping Households – Essential Medical Equipment Payment	-	-	15.3	15.7	16.2
159	– Helping Households – tax cuts and increased payments(b)	-	1,126.7	553.6	1,565.2	1,638.8
213	– Improving Energy Efficiency – Low Carbon Communities	-	4.9	8.2	7.7	9.1
241	– Renewable Energy – Remote Indigenous Energy Program	-	0.2	3.6	12.3	12.0
242	Community Development Employment Projects Program – redirection	-	-	-10.0	-10.2	-10.4
242	Community Investment Program – redirection of funding	-	6.0	-3.8	-4.6	-4.8
243	Disability Care and Support – Laying the foundations for a National Disability insurance scheme	-	-	-	-	-
262	Early intervention to prevent debts for customers commencing employment	-	-	-16.6	-12.5	-12.5
243	Family Tax Benefit – Cease fortnightly payments to families who have zero entitlement for two consecutive years	-	0.1	-0.9	-1.2	-1.2
244	National Carer Strategy	-	10.5	9.2	9.7	10.0
	Personal income tax					
169	– 50 per cent tax discount for interest income – deferral(b)	-	-	-15.9	-13.3	-
170	– standard deduction for work-related expenses and the cost of managing tax affairs – deferral(b)	-	-	-57.6	-90.6	-
	Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory					
245	– Food security – strengthening remote stores	-	-	4.5	4.7	4.4

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	FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (continued)					
	Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory					
245	– Tackling Alcohol Abuse	-	-	3.2	6.3	5.7
175	Superannuation – reduction in the minimum payment amounts for account-based pensions in 2012-13(b)	-	-	9.0	-	-
246	Weekly income support payments to vulnerable Australians – expansion	-	-	-	-	-
246	Western Australia's Appealathon and Telethon – contribution	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	**-**	**1,149.0**	**333.1**	**1,281.3**	**1,435.7**
	FINANCE AND DEREGULATION					
	Department of Finance and Deregulation					
210	Clean Energy Future – Governance – Clean Energy Regulator	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Portfolio total	**-**	**0.1**	**0.1**	**0.1**	**0.1**
	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
	AusAID					
	Official Development Assistance					
248	– Australian Civilian Corps – deployments to Afghanistan	-	3.6	3.8	3.6	-
249	– Australia's Contribution to the Global Partnership for Education	-	5.0	10.0	60.0	95.0
	Official development assistance					
249	– Australia's Contribution to the Horn of Africa Drought and Famine	-	30.0	-	-	-
250	– Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – Australia Africa Food Security Initiative	-	-	2.0	3.0	4.0
250	Official Development Assistance – Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – Australian Mining for Development	-	10.4	17.3	30.3	33.3
	Official development assistance					
251	– Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – Global Polio Eradication Initiative	-	4.0	10.0	15.0	20.0
251	– Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – Support of Commonwealth Democracy and Development	-	-	-	-	-
	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research					
250	Official development assistance – Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – Australia Africa Food Security Initiative	-	3.8	9.6	10.1	13.1

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	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (continued)					
	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade					
247	Bali Peace Park – contribution	-	0.5	-	-	-
	Ex gratia payments					
247	– Families of the victims of September 11 terrorist attacks	-	-	-	-	-
247	– families of the victims of the 2009 Kokoda plane crash	-	-	-	-	-
248	Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea – Australian participation	-	8.5	1.5	-	-
	Portfolio total	**-**	**65.8**	**54.2**	**122.0**	**165.4**
	HEALTH AND AGEING					
	Department of Health and Ageing					
240	Better Targeting of Immunisation Incentives	-	1.4	2.9	6.7	7.2
	Clean Energy Future					
252	– Helping Households – residential aged care	-	-	0.5	0.4	0.3
159	– Helping Households – tax cuts and increased payments(b)	-	0.2	-	-	-
253	Delivery of Human Quarantine Services	-	-0.6	-	-	-
243	Family Tax Benefit – Cease fortnightly payments to families who have zero entitlement for two consecutive years	-	-	-0.3	-1.0	-0.7
	Health and Hospitals Fund					
253	– Northern Territory BreastScreen Australia project	-	-	-	-	-
254	– Royal Hobart Hospital – bring forward of funding	-	-	-	-	-
254	Herceptin Program – additional vial size	-	-4.5	-5.1	-5.3	-5.5
255	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and revised listings	-	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.6
255	Mersey Community Hospital Tasmania – ongoing commitment	-	-	2.2	4.5	-
244	National Carer Strategy	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
256	National Health Reform Agreement – revised funding arrangements	-	-	-	-	-
	National Immunisation Program					
257	– listing of Fluarix	-	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
257	– Q fever vaccine – revised arrangements	-	-	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
	Personal income tax					
169	– 50 per cent tax discount for interest income – deferral(b)	-	-	-0.6	-1.3	-
170	– standard deduction for work-related expenses and the cost of managing tax affairs – deferral(b)	-	-	-0.5	-1.2	-
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
258	– new and amended listings	-	67.4	111.7	127.2	134.6
259	– price amendments	-	-17.8	-38.7	-38.8	-41.0

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	HEALTH AND AGEING (continued)					
230	Positron Emission Tomography (PET) services at Westmead Hospital	-	-	-	-	-
200	Tasmanian Forest Industry – adjustment package	-	-	0.5	-	-
260	Therapeutic products – establishment of the Australia New Zealand Therapeutic Products Agency	-	nfp	-	-	-
	National Health and Medical Research Council					
197	Hendra virus research – support	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	**-**	**46.0**	**71.0**	**89.5**	**92.9**
	HUMAN SERVICES					
	Department of Human Services					
239	Baby Bonus – reset to $5,000 and pause indexation for three years	-	0.4	1.5	..	-
240	Better Targeting of Immunisation Incentives	-	10.9	6.5	2.2	1.1
218	BlueScope Steel workers – assistance	-	0.2	-	-	-
219	Building Australia's Future Workforce Measures – consequential amendments	-	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Clean Energy Future					
159	– Helping Households – tax cuts and increased payments(b)	-	36.9	43.6	30.6	23.6
211	– implementation	-	-0.2	-0.1	-	-
196	Drought Assistance – additional funding for Exceptional Circumstances Exit Grants	-	..	-	-	-
262	Early intervention to prevent debts for customers commencing employment	-	-	15.1	15.3	12.9
243	Family Tax Benefit – Cease fortnightly payments to families who have zero entitlement for two consecutive years	-	5.8	0.5	..	..
254	Herceptin Program – additional vial size	-	0.6	-	-	-
	Live Animal Exports					
198	– Assistance to Individuals	-	1.2	-	-	-
198	– Business Assistance	-	2.4	-	-	-
255	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and revised listings	-	..	..	..	..
244	National Carer Strategy	-	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.3
	Personal income tax					
169	– 50 per cent tax discount for interest income – deferral(b)	-	-0.9	-1.7	1.4	-
170	– standard deduction for work-related expenses and the cost of managing tax affairs – deferral(b)	-	-0.7	0.1	-0.8	-
258	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – new and amended listings	-	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7
	Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory					
229	– expansion of the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure	-	4.0	5.5	6.4	6.9

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	HUMAN SERVICES (continued)					
	Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory					
245	– Tackling Alcohol Abuse	-	-	1.4	0.2	-
263	Student Income Support – administrative costs	-	7.0	0.4	2.2	2.2
246	Weekly income support payments to vulnerable Australians – expansion	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	**-**	**70.8**	**73.7**	**58.5**	**47.7**
	IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP					
	Department of Immigration and Citizenship					
264	Humanitarian Migration Program – decrease of 4,000 places	-	-30.5	-45.4	-61.5	-79.0
264	Malaysia transfer agreement – Removal of funding for implementation costs	-	-23.8	-18.2	-15.6	-13.3
265	Regional Cooperation Framework – establishment of a regional support office	-	0.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
265	Student Visa Simplification	-	-	-	-	-
154	Visa Pricing Transformation(b)	-	7.4	23.3	17.6	11.5
	Portfolio total	**-**	**-46.3**	**-38.9**	**-58.0**	**-79.2**
	INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT					
	Department of Infrastructure and Transport					
266	Cloncurry Community Precinct – contribution	-	2.4	-	-	-
266	Majura Parkway – upgrade	-	-	-	-	-
267	Maldon to Dombarton rail link – additional funding	-	-	20.0	5.5	-
267	Nation Building – modification	-	-	-	-	-
268	Nation Building Programs 1 and 2 – reallocation of funding	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	**-**	**2.4**	**20.0**	**5.5**	**-**
	INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH					
	Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research					
	Clean Energy Future					
211	– implementation	-	-0.2	-0.1	-	-
269	– Supporting Jobs – clean technology focus for supply chain programs	-	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
269	– Supporting Jobs – Clean Technology Program	-	18.7	141.5	244.9	312.3
270	– Supporting Jobs – Steel Transformation Plan	-	164.6	0.5	0.3	23.7
271	Commercial Ready – redirect funding	-	-1.1	-	-	-
272	Commercialisation Australia – redirect funding	-	-7.5	-1.4	-	-
272	Enterprise Connect – extension to tourism	-	0.6	1.3	2.0	-
197	Hendra virus research – support	-	-0.9	-0.1	-	-

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		$m	$m	$m	$m	$m
	INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH (continued)					
272	Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund – establishment	-	6.9	12.0	1.1	-
273	Square Kilometre Array – initial contribution	-	-	-	-	-
273	Strengthening Opportunities for Australian Industry Participation	-	-	-	-	-
200	Tasmanian Forest Industry – adjustment package	-8.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	-
	Portfolio total	**-8.0**	**186.0**	**158.0**	**250.6**	**337.4**
	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet					
239	Australian Institute of Family Studies – transfer	-	-	-	-	-
	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General					
275	National Police Service Medal and National Emergency Medal	-	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8
	Portfolio total	**-**	**0.5**	**0.6**	**0.7**	**0.8**
	REGIONAL AUSTRALIA, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT					
	Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government					
276	Clean Energy Future – Supporting Jobs – helping communities and regions	-	-	10.0	50.0	30.0
	Natural Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding					
276	– Queensland Environmental Recovery Projects	-	-	-	-	-
277	– Strengthening Grantham Initiative	-	-	-	-	-
277	Norfolk Island – emergency assistance and further reform	-	nfp	-	-	-
200	Tasmanian Forest Industry – adjustment package	-	16.0	4.0	6.0	7.0
	Portfolio total	**-**	**16.0**	**14.0**	**56.0**	**37.0**
	RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM					
	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism					
156	Alternative fuels – continuing the existing arrangements for ethanol, biodiesel, renewable diesel and methanol(b)	-	77.8	170.5	173.6	200.3
278	Carbon Capture and Storage Flagships – deferral of funding	-	-38.5	-25.8	-2.8	-11.5
	Clean Energy Future					
278	– closure of emissions-intensive electricity generation capacity	-	7.4	-	-	-
211	– implementation	-	-0.2	-0.1	-	-
212	– Improving Energy Efficiency	-	0.9	0.7	-	-

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2011-12 Budget[(a)] (continued)

Page		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
		$m	$m	$m	$m	$m
	RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM (continued)					
	Clean Energy Future					
279	– Improving Energy Efficiency – Energy Efficiency Opportunities Program	-	-	1.4	7.9	7.7
279	– Innovation in Renewable Energy – Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	0.5	1.0	-0.5	-1.0
280	– Supporting Jobs – coal mining	-	222.4	10.5	246.7	257.2
281	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative – domestic pilot	-	-	-	-	-
281	TQUAL Grants – redirection of funding	-	-0.6	-1.3	-2.0	-
	Geoscience Australia					
204	Flood Risk Information – enhancement	-	-	3.9	4.0	2.7
	Portfolio total	**-**	**269.7**	**160.9**	**426.8**	**455.3**
	SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES					
	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities					
	Clean Energy Future					
282	– Creating Opportunities on the Land – Biodiversity Fund	-	36.6	34.6	249.8	250.8
194	– Creating Opportunities on the Land – extending the benefits of the Carbon Farming Initiative	-	-	1.4	3.0	2.2
282	– Creating Opportunities on the Land – natural resource management for climate change	-	0.9	6.3	19.6	2.7
211	– implementation	-	-0.3	-	-	-
155	– Putting a Price on Pollution – synthetic greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances(b)	-	1.0	2.2	25.7	31.1
283	Extractive Industry Activities – Independent Expert Scientific Committee and National Partnership Agreement	-	50.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
197	Hendra virus research – support	-	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-
284	Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Program – reduction in funding	-	-50.0	-	-	-
284	Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory – Jobs Package – expansion of Working on Country Indigenous Ranger program	-	-	1.3	3.2	4.1
285	Sustainable Australia – Suburban Jobs – reduction in funding	-	-2.5	-18.5	-22.5	-11.5
200	Tasmanian Forest Industry – adjustment package	-	2.0	-	-	-
	Portfolio total	**-**	**37.4**	**51.9**	**303.4**	**304.3**

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2011-12 Budget(a) (continued)

Page		2010-11 $m	2011-12 $m	2012-13 $m	2013-14 $m	2014-15 $m
	TREASURY					
	Australian Bureau of Statistics					
212	Clean Energy Future – Improving Energy Efficiency	-	2.8	6.3	1.1	-
	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission					
287	Clean Energy Future – Compliance	-	2.2	4.4	4.1	2.1
	Australian Securities and Investments Commission					
287	Clean Energy Future – Compliance	-	0.4	2.0	1.2	1.1
	Australian Taxation Office					
156	Alternative fuels – continuing the existing arrangements for ethanol, biodiesel, renewable diesel and methanol(b)	-	-38.5	-35.6	-17.8	2.5
	Clean Energy Future					
194	– Creating Opportunities on the Land – extending the benefits of the Carbon Farming Initiative	-	-	14.0	14.0	15.0
289	– Putting a Price on Pollution – fuel tax credit reductions	-	2.2	-525.8	-49.0	-459.0
150	– Putting a Price on Pollution – revenue from sale of carbon units(b)	-	1.1	1.6	2.5	2.3
290	Establishment of a Tax Studies Institute	-	-	-1.0	-1.1	-1.1
243	Family Tax Benefit – Cease fortnightly payments to families who have zero entitlement for two consecutive years	-	-	-	-	-
163	Fringe benefits tax – reform of living-away-from-home allowances and benefits(b)	-	0.5	1.9	2.3	2.0
168	New R&D Tax Incentive – deferral(b)	-720.0	-	-	-	-
	Personal income tax					
169	– 50 per cent tax discount for interest income – deferral(b)	-	-6.4	-6.1	4.0	-
170	– standard deduction for work-related expenses and the cost of managing tax affairs – deferral(b)	-	-1.9	-18.0	-16.8	-
173	Stronger Shipping for a Stronger Economy(b)	-	-	-1.5	15.3	16.2
	Superannuation					
174	– abolishing the maximum superannuation guarantee age limit(b)	-	-	-	6.0	6.0
291	– low income superannuation contribution – modified eligibility criteria	-	-	-25.6	-26.6	-25.6
291	Superannuation Co-contribution – better targeting concession for low income earners	-	-	-352.0	-342.0	-329.0
176	Tax compliance – increased data matching resources(b)	-	-	17.0	20.4	20.3
	Clean Energy Finance Corporation					
286	Clean Energy Finance Corporation	-	-	19.6	466.9	543.2

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2011-12 Budget(a) (continued)

Page		2010-11 $m	2011-12 $m	2012-13 $m	2013-14 $m	2014-15 $m
	TREASURY (continued)					
	Department of the Treasury					
286	Australian Financial Centre Taskforce Secretariat	-	0.2	-	-	-
286	Clean Energy Finance Corporation	-	2.7	-	-	-
	Clean Energy Future					
150	– Putting a Price on Pollution – revenue from sale of carbon units(b)	-	-	-	-	-
289	– Supporting Energy Markets – Energy Security Council	-	-	-	-	-
215	– Supporting Energy Markets – Energy Security Fund	-	1.2	0.8	2.0	2.0
253	Delivery of Human Quarantine Services	-	0.6	-	-	-
290	Establishment of a Tax Studies Institute	-	-	1.0	1.0	1.0
283	Extractive Industry Activities – Independent Expert Scientific Committee and National Partnership Agreement	-	10.0	20.0	20.0	-
	Fringe benefits tax					
163	– reform of living-away-from-home allowances and benefits(b)	-	-	-2.0	-3.0	-3.0
164	– reform of the car fringe benefits rules – transitional change(b)	-	-	-	-	-
291	Grant to Australasian Compliance Institute	-	..	..	..	-
	GST					
165	– treatment of appropriations(b)	-	-	-	-	-
165	– treatment of new residential premises: minor changes(b)	*	*	*	*	*
166	GST-free health supplies(b)	-	-	*	*	*
	Health and Hospitals Fund					
253	– Northern Territory BreastScreen Australia project	-	-1.2	-0.6	1.2	0.6
254	– Royal Hobart Hospital – bring forward of funding	170.0	..	-38.6	-50.0	-50.0
266	Majura Parkway – upgrade	-	9.5	-	50.0	64.5
267	Nation Building – modification	-	1,375.9	-1,218.9	-62.0	-50.0
268	Nation Building Programs 1 and 2 – reallocation of funding	-	-9.5	-	-	-114.5
256	National Health Reform Agreement – revised funding arrangements	-	-	-	-	21.0
	Natural Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding					
204	– Adelong Pool	-	-	-	-	-
204	– Victorian Interest Rate Subsidy – Assistance to Businesses in Victoria	-	4.5	0.8	0.8	0.7
260	Positron Emission Tomography (PET) services at Westmead Hospital	-	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
227	Schools – Reward Payments for School Improvement – revised implementation	-	-	-21.3	-49.9	-27.8
245	Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory – Tackling Alcohol Abuse	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Expense measures since the 2011-12 Budget[(a)] (continued)

Page		2010-11 $m	2011-12 $m	2012-13 $m	2013-14 $m	2014-15 $m
	TREASURY (continued)					
200	Tasmanian Forest Industry – adjustment package	-	50.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
236	Trade Training Centres in Schools Program – rephasing	-	-	-	-17.4	-
	Productivity Commission					
288	Clean Energy Future – Governance – Productivity Commission Reviews	-	3.9	4.4	5.0	4.8
	Portfolio total	**-550.0**	**1,408.8**	**-2,147.6**	**-12.3**	**-348.9**
	VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
	Department of Veterans' Affairs					
	Centenary of Anzac					
293	– Anzac Centenary Advisory Board – operational funding	-	-	-	-	-
293	– Anzac Interpretive Centre Albany – design and planning	-	1.3	-	-	-
	Clean Energy Future					
241	– Helping Households – Essential Medical Equipment Payment	-	-	1.8	1.7	1.7
252	– Helping Households – residential aged care	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
159	– Helping Households – tax cuts and increased payments(b)	-	94.4	35.9	121.7	118.9
255	Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and revised listings	-	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7
169	Personal income tax – 50 per cent tax discount for interest income – deferral(b)	-	-	-0.1	-0.1	-
	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme					
258	– new and amended listings	-	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
259	– price amendments	-	-1.8	-3.8	-3.7	-3.8
	Student Income Support					
231	– changes to the rate of Student Start-up Scholarships	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
232	– Relocation Scholarship – increased payments for regional students	-	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
	Portfolio total	**-**	**95.0**	**34.0**	**119.9**	**116.8**
	Decisions taken but not yet announced	**-**	**102.1**	**-32.5**	**-2.2**	**64.3**
	Depreciation expense	**-**	**-**	**1.3**	**1.9**	**2.1**
	Total impact of expense measures(d)	**-518.0**	**4,804.5**	**1,166.2**	**6,269.3**	**6,468.5**

* The nature of the measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.
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(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in expenses, no sign before an estimate indicates increased expenses.
(b) These measures can also be found in the revenue measures summary table.
(c) These measures can also be found in the capital measures summary table.
(d) Measures may not add due to rounding.

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Agriculture Advancing Australia — International Agricultural Cooperation Program — reduced funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6

The Government will reduce funding by $1.7 million over three years from the Agriculture Advancing Australia (AAA) — International Agricultural Cooperation Program to better reflect the funding needs to deliver the objectives of this program, including the promotion of agricultural exports by building bilateral government-to-government relationships, facilitating improved market access and trade growth for the portfolio industries and providing technical and capacity building assistance to targeted trading partners.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Clean Energy Future — Creating Opportunities on the Land — extending the benefits of the Carbon Farming Initiative

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	30.9	26.3	95.0	83.0
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	0.1	4.7	5.1	5.1
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	14.0	14.0	15.0
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	-	-	1.4	3.0	2.2
Total - Expense	-	31.0	46.4	117.0	105.3

The Government will provide $452.3 million over six years from 2011-12 (including $83.3 million in 2015-16 and $69.3 million in 2016-17) to extend the Carbon Farming Initiative to include two new programs, Carbon Farming Futures and the Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund.

The Carbon Farming Futures program will provide $430.0 million over six years from 2011-12 (including $76.9 million in 2015-16 and $63.0 million in 2016-17) to help landholders benefit from carbon farming by:

- funding research into abatement technologies and practices;
- developing carbon estimation methodologies;

- enabling primary producers to claim a 15 per cent refundable tax offset for new eligible conservation tillage equipment installed and ready for use between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2015, provided that they participate in soil carbon sequestration research; and

- implementing new extension officers to help farmers benefit from carbon farming.

The Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund will also provide $22.3 million over five years from 2012-13 (including $6.4 million in 2015-16 and $6.3 million in 2016-17) to assist Indigenous Australians to participate in the Carbon Farming Initiative by providing support for specialists to work within indigenous communities to develop and implement carbon farming projects. The program will also fund the development of research and reporting tools for carbon farming methodologies to enable indigenous participation in carbon markets.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships — Community Networks and Capacity Building and Information Services Programs — reduced funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-0.7	-	-	-

The Government will reduce funding by $0.7 million in 2011-12 from the Australia's Farming Future — Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships — Community Networks and Capacity Building and Information Services Programs (CCAP) as similar services are available under other elements of Australia's Farming Future program.

The CCAP provides grants to increase the leadership and representative capacity of target groups to strengthen primary industry productivity and build rural, regional and remote community resilience to a changing climate. It also funds projects that encourage primary industries stakeholders to look for information and training on climate change, raise awareness of climate change and encourage behavioural change. No further grants will be available under this program.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry — rationalisation of corporate functions

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	1.2	-5.6	-5.6	-5.6

The Government will achieve savings of $15.6 million over four years in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, to meet other Government priorities, through the rationalisation of corporate functions. These savings will be achieved with minimal impact on the delivery of the Department's core programs. The expense in 2011-12 relates to implementation costs.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Drought Assistance — additional funding for Exceptional Circumstances Exit Grants

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	4.4	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	..	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	4.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of $4.4 million in 2011-12 for the Exceptional Circumstances (EC) Exit Grant program.

The additional funding is required to meet unanticipated demand for this program in 2010-11 and 2011-12. To manage demand, 2011-12 EC Exit Grants were closed to new applicants on 10 August 2011.

Further information can be found in the press release of 10 August 2011 issued by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Fisheries Resources Research Fund Program — reduced funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-1.3

The Government will reduce funding by $5.0 million over four years from the Fisheries Resources Research Fund (FRRF) to better reflect the funding needs to deliver research that builds on recent developments and supports the development of policies for the ecologically sustainable development of fisheries resources.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Hendra virus research — support

Expense ($m)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	-	1.3	0.5	0.4	-
National Health and Medical Research Council	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	-	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-0.9	-0.1	-	-
Total - Expense	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	-

The Government will provide up to $6.0 million to support research into the impact of the Hendra virus on animal, human and environmental health along with research to help better fight the virus.

The research will be overseen by the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), with funding contributed from across Government.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will contribute $0.1 million in each of 2011–12, 2012–13 and 2013–14 by redirecting departmental funding and RIRDC will contribute $0.8 million from the Horse Research Program and RIRDC core funds.

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities will contribute $0.3 million in each of 2011–12, 2012–13 and 2013-14 by redirecting funding from the National Environmental Research Program.

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research will contribute $0.9 million in 2011-12 and $0.1 million in 2012-13 by redirecting funding from the Green Building Fund.

The NHMRC will redirect up to $3.0 million from existing resources for research into the implications of the Hendra virus on human health.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 July 2011 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Acting Minister for Health and Ageing.

Live Animal Exports — Assistance to Individuals

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	3.1	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	1.2	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.6	0.2	0.1	-
Total - Expense	-	4.9	0.2	0.1	-

The Government will provide $5.2 million over three years to assist individuals whose income has been directly impacted by the temporary suspension of live cattle trade to Indonesia. Eligible farmers, small business persons and employees will receive an Income Recovery Subsidy and retrenched employees will receive priority assistance through Job Services Australia. Applications for assistance closed 5 September 2011.

Further information can be found in the press release of 27 June 2011 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Live Animal Exports — Business Assistance

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	24.7	6.9	3.0	3.0
Department of Human Services	-	2.4	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	27.1	6.9	3.0	3.0

The Government will provide $30.0 million over four years to support eligible businesses affected by the temporary suspension of live cattle exports to Indonesia and to improve animal welfare outcomes.

The assistance package includes:

- a one-off business assistance payment of $5,000 for eligible businesses to assist with the immediate costs incurred in activities directly related to live cattle export trade to Indonesia;
- a one-off $20,000 business hardship payment to further assist businesses that received the business assistance payment and are experiencing hardship meeting ongoing business expenses;
- a two -year subsidised interest rate on new loans of up to $300,000 for businesses that have been directly affected by the temporary suspension;
- professional advice and training grants of up to $5,500 for farmers who have received the business assistance payment;

- support to the Australian live animal export industry to deliver improved supply chains in live animal export markets; and
- $2.4 million to Centrelink for service delivery costs.

The Government will also provide $10.0 million over four years to improve animal welfare outcomes in Official Development Assistance eligible countries. The funding will assist recipient countries to implement World Organisation for Animal Health standards through the livestock supply chain.

Funding for this measure will also be partially 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.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 30 June 2011, 6 September 2011, 7 October 2011 and 21 October 2011 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Reform of Australia's export certification services — additional funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide additional funding over four years to support the Australian dairy, fish, grains, horticulture, live animal and meat export industries to make the transition to full cost recovery for export certification services provided by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service. The expenditure for this measure is not for publication as negotiations with industry are ongoing.

This funding builds on the $127.4 million the Government has provided for reform of export certification services to date.

Regional Food Producers' Innovation — Productivity Program — reduced funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-2.6	-	-	-

The Government will reduce the funds available in the Regional Food Producers' Innovation and Productivity (RFPIP) Program from $5.8 million to $3.2 million in 2011-12. The RFPIP program provides grants to food and seafood businesses for projects that increase their productivity and competitiveness through innovation and technology improvements.

No further grants will be available under this program; however, grants will still be available to all successful applicants.

The Government will also establish a *Working Group on Water, Soil and Food* that will be tasked to develop an integrated forward work program on agricultural productivity, with particular focus in soil, water and food.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Tasmanian Forest Industry — adjustment package

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	50.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	45.0	-	-	-
Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government	-	16.0	4.0	6.0	7.0
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	4.2	3.6	3.5	1.4
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-8.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	-
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	-	2.0	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	0.5	-	-
Total - Expense	-8.0	121.2	18.1	17.5	15.4

The Government will provide $259.9 million over 15 years to assist the Tasmanian forest industry to progressively transition from logging public native forests to a more sustainable and diversified footing and to build regional economic diversity and community resilience.

Assistance will be provided under three broad themes:

Support for contractors and redundant workers

- The Government will provide $14.0 million over five years to support redundant workers by providing immediate access to intensive employment services through Job Services Australia. Redundant workers will also gain accelerated access to relocation assistance under the Connecting People with Jobs program and attract a higher level of Employment Pathway funding.

- $45.0 million will be provided to contractors to assist with voluntary exits from public native forest operations for haulage, harvest and or silviculture.

- $0.5 million in 2012-13 will be provided for mental health counselling through the Tasmanian Government Rural Alive and Well program.

Protecting high conservation value forests and ensuring sustainable wood supply

- $43.0 million will be provided to facilitate protection of new areas of high conservation value forests, and an additional $2.0 million in 2011-12 for the verification process that will assess and verify stakeholder claims relating to sustainable timber supply requirements, available native forest and plantation volumes and areas and boundaries of reserves.

- $7.0 million per annum will be provided to assist with the ongoing costs of managing the new reserves.

Economic Diversification

- $112.0 million over 15 years, including an initial payment of $16.0 million in 2011-12, will be provided to identify and fund appropriate regional development projects.

- $8.0 million will be provided for three years from 2011-12 to establish the Tasmanian Innovation and Investment Fund to provide support for investment in new activities and industries that diversify the regional economy and create sustainable new jobs.

See also the related saving measure titled *Employment Pathway Fund — redirection of funding* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio. The cost of this measure will also be partially offset by resources previously allocated to the North West and Northern Tasmania Innovation and Investment Fund which closed on 30 June 2011.

Further information can be found in the joint press releases of 7 August 2011 issued by the Prime Minister and the Premier of Tasmania, the joint press release of 3 October 2011 issued by the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research and the Premier of Tasmania and the press release of 21 October 2011 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Western Australia Drought Pilot — additional funding for Farm Family Support

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided an additional $2.5 million in 2010-11 to increase the cap on the Farm Family Support program, which is a component of the 2010-11 Budget measure titled *Drought policy reform – pilot of new measures in Western Australia*.

The Farm Family Support program assists farmers and their families facing temporary financial hardship to meet basic household expenses.

The cost of this measure was met from within existing resourcing of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Western Australia Drought Pilot Communication and Strategic Review programs — reduced funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-0.4	-	-	-

The Government will reduce funding by $0.4 million in 2011-12 from the Communication and Strategic Review programs, which are components of the 2011-12 Budget measure titled *Drought policy reform – pilot of new measures in Western Australia – extension and expansion* as widespread awareness of the 2011-12 extension of the drought reform pilot and the strategic review of the pilot have been achieved.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Alice Springs Airport — withdrawal of the Australian Federal Police

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Australian Federal Police	-	-1.0	-2.4	-3.2	-3.2
Related capital ($m)					
Australian Federal Police	*-*	*-6.6*	*-*	*-*	*-*

The Government will achieve savings of $16.4 million over four years by withdrawing the Australian Federal Police (AFP) from providing aviation security presence at Alice Springs airport. The AFP's Regional Rapid Deployment Team will liaise with airport security stakeholders in the event of heightened risk or threat. However, security at the airport will remain the responsibility of the Northern Territory Police.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Australia's Anti-Dumping and Countervailing System — enhancements

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $10.4 million over four years to implement a package of improvements to Australia's anti-dumping and countervailing system.

The measure is aimed at providing greater accessibility to the anti-dumping system for businesses, improving timeliness and enhancing decision-making. This measure will also provide strengthened compliance mechanisms and introduce a framework to prevent the circumvention of import duties. The package of improvements includes the establishment of an International Trade Remedies Forum comprising parties with an interest in anti-dumping and arrangements to oversee the implementation of reforms and monitor their effectiveness.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.

The reform package is consistent with Australia's World Trade Organisation obligations.

Flood Risk Information — enhancement

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Geoscience Australia	-	-	3.9	4.0	2.7
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	-	3.9	4.0	2.7
Related capital ($m)					
Geoscience Australia	-	-	*0.2*	*0.2*	..

The Government will provide $11.0 million over three years to improve the quality and reporting of flood risk information through the enhancement of the *Australian Flood Studies Database* currently maintained by Geoscience Australia. This will also support the development of a national flood risk information shopfront.

The Attorney-General's Department will be responsible for coordinating and developing national guidelines covering the collection, comparability and reporting of flood risk information.

Natural Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding — Adelong Pool

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $0.8 million in 2011-12 to jointly fund, with the New South Wales Government and the Tumut Shire Council, the rebuilding of the Adelong public swimming pool. Adelong's swimming pool was damaged by severe flooding and the funding will assist the Tumut Shire Council to construct a public swimming pool in a location less prone to flooding.

The cost of this measure will be met from existing provisions for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements included in the 2011-12 Budget.

Natural Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding — Victorian Interest Rate Subsidy — Assistance to Businesses in Victoria

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	4.5	0.8	0.8	0.7
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	4.5	0.8	0.8	0.7

The Government will provide $6.8 million over four years to assist businesses adversely affected by severe flooding in Victoria in early 2011.

The Government, through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, will provide interest rate subsidies on loans of up to $650,000 (including a grant component of up to $50,000) to eligible businesses, primary producers and not-for-profit organisations which suffered extreme damage.

Further information can be found in the media release of 21 June 2011 issued by the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.

Reduced Australian Federal Police contribution to the United Nations Mission in Cyprus — deferral

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Australian Federal Police	-	0.9	-	-	-

The Government will defer implementation of the 2011-12 Budget measure *National Security – United Nations Mission in Cyprus – reduced contribution,* at a cost of $0.9 million. This measure allows Australia's participation in the UN mission in Cyprus to continue for a further 12 months.

Safer Suburbs Program Expansion

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.1	1.7	2.1	1.1

The Government will provide $5.0 million over four years to expand the Safer Suburbs program. The program will provide grants for community projects such as closed circuit television, lighting and other initiatives to improve safety at taxi ranks.

BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

Digital productivity — Digital Communities — Digital Hubs, Local Government and Community Engagement

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $40.9 million over three years to assist local communities take advantage of the benefits of the National Broadband Network (NBN).

The funding includes $23.8 million over three years for the creation of local digital hubs to facilitate community access to and training about the NBN in each of the 40 communities to first benefit from the NBN.

In addition, the funding includes $17.1 million over three years for a grants program to support local government organisations to deliver online services in each of the 40 communities to first benefit from the NBN. The program aims to develop solutions that can be adopted by other councils as the NBN rolls out.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2011-12 Budget.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 31 May and 22 June 2011 issued by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Digital productivity — digital enterprises

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $12.4 million over three years to help small-to-medium businesses and not-for-profit organisations across Australia take advantage of the online opportunities offered by the National Broadband Network (NBN).

The program will provide training, advice and support services to businesses in the NBN early rollout areas to assist them to improve their online presence, transact online, offer new products and services, expand their market, improve their competitiveness and increase their means of communicating with customers and suppliers. It will also assist not-for-profit organisations to engage online to expand their reach into the community and increase their donor pool.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2011-12 Budget.

Further information can be found in the press release of 31 May 2011 issued by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Independent Inquiry into Australian Media

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	1.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide $1.4 million in 2011-12 to fund an independent inquiry into the media in Australia.

The review will be conducted by an independent committee and will examine the operation of print media regulation, including online publications and the operation of the Australian Press Council.

The review is expected to be finalised by 28 February 2012, with the findings to be incorporated into the final report of the broader Convergence Review due at the end of March 2012.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

National Broadband Network — enhanced commitment for the delivery of the Universal Service Obligation

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	-	nfp	nfp	-

The Government will provide additional funding in 2012-13 and 2013-14 to maintain basic universal telecommunication services during the roll out of the National Broadband Network. This funding is in addition to the Government's previously announced commitment to provide funding of $50 million per annum in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

From 1 July 2012, the Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency (TUSMA) is expected to be responsible for delivering the Universal Service Obligation (USO) and other public interest services. Until 30 June 2014 the costs of TUSMA will be met through a combination of budget funding and a consolidated industry levy. This additional commitment will ensure contributors to the industry levy, with the exception of Telstra, will not face an increase to their aggregate funding contribution.

Arrangements for funding the USO from 1 July 2014 to 1 January 2018 are subject to review. The nature of the USO must be reviewed prior to 1 January 2018.

This funding will be retained in the Contingency Reserve pending the finalisation of the Definitive Agreements between Telstra and NBN Co, regulatory approval by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and the passage of TUSMA related legislation.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 23 June 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Clean Energy Future — Creating Opportunities on the Land — Carbon Farming Initiative

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	0.1	2.3	50.7	47.4
Clean Energy Regulator	-	-	135.3	118.6	130.9
Total - Expense	-	0.1	137.6	169.2	178.3

The Government will provide $254.2 million over seven years (including $61.4 million in 2015-16, $77.7 million in 2016-17 and $14.6 million in 2017-18) to facilitate the operation of the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI). This measure includes:

- $250.0 million over six years from 2012-13 to establish the Carbon Farming Initiative non-Kyoto Carbon Fund, which will fund the purchase by the Government of CFI credits that are not counted towards meeting Australia’s commitments under the Kyoto Protocol, in order to provide incentives for land sector abatement activities such as revegetation and soil carbon projects; and

- $4.2 million over five years from 2011-12 to establish the Carbon Farming Skills initiative, which will facilitate access by landholders to credible, high quality advice and carbon services, through the development of a new nationally accredited qualification for carbon service providers, the accreditation of carbon brokers and aggregators, and the provision of information workshops.

The Government will also link the CFI with the carbon price, allowing eligible Australian carbon credit units issued under the CFI to be used by businesses that are covered by the carbon pricing mechanism to meet their liabilities. This is expected to reduce permit revenue by $384.7 million across the forward estimates. This measure has been updated to reflect the inclusion of abatement activities that are eligible to generate credits to meet businesses’ liabilities under the carbon price mechanism.

This measure delivers on the Government’s plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

See also the related revenue measure titled *Clean Energy Future – Putting a Price on Pollution – revenue from sale of carbon units.*

Clean Energy Future — Governance — Clean Energy Regulator

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Clean Energy Regulator	-	38.0	50.1	54.0	57.6
Department of Finance and Deregulation	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total - Expense	-	38.1	50.2	54.1	57.7
Related capital ($m)					
Clean Energy Regulator	-	*30.0*	*17.7*	*7.2*	*0.8*

The Government will provide $255.4 million over four years (including $55.7 million in capital funding) to establish a Clean Energy Regulator to administer the carbon pricing mechanism. The regulatory functions under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System, the Renewable Energy Target and the Carbon Farming Initiative will also be brought under the Clean Energy Regulator.

The responsibilities of the regulator will include: assessing emissions data to determine each entity's liability; operating the Australian National Registry of Emissions Units; monitoring, facilitating and enforcing compliance with the carbon pricing mechanism; allocating fixed price and auctioned permits; applying legislative rules to determine eligibility for assistance in the form of freely allocated permits; and providing education on the carbon pricing mechanism.

A provision for $37.0 million of this funding has been made in the Contingency Reserve pending finalisation of a detailed business case for the regulator's information and communications technology requirements.

The Government will provide a further $0.4 million over four years for the Department of Finance and Deregulation to conduct Gateway reviews of the establishment and operation of the regulator.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Governance — Climate Change Authority

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Climate Change Authority	-	-	6.4	9.1	9.2

The Government will provide $24.6 million over three years to establish the Climate Change Authority as an independent body to conduct reviews and provide advice to the Government on key aspects of the carbon pricing mechanism and other climate change mitigation initiatives.

The Authority will support nine experts with a particular focus on climate science, economics, climate change mitigation, emissions trading, investment and business.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — implementation

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	31.6	0.6	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-0.2	-0.1	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-0.2	-0.1	-	-
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-0.2	-0.1	-	-
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-0.2	-0.1	-	-
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	-	-0.3	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	30.6	0.1	-	-

The Government will provide $32.6 million over two years to assist with the implementation of its plan for a clean energy future. This funding includes the establishment of a Clean Energy Future Program Office within the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency to review, assess and support the implementation of the plan, and funding to provide information to Australian households, businesses and communities about the plan.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of various agencies.

Further information relating to the communications campaign can be found in the press release of 16 July 2011 issued by the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Improving Energy Efficiency

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	2.8	6.3	1.1	-
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	1.8	0.8	-	-
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	0.9	0.7	-	-
Total - Expense	-	5.6	7.8	1.1	-

The Government will provide $14.4 million over three years for further work on improving Australia's energy efficiency performance, consistent with the report of the Prime Minister's Task Group on Energy Efficiency. This measure includes:

- $4.2 million over two years for further work and consultation on a national energy savings initiative — or 'white certificate' scheme — which would place obligations on energy retailers to help households and businesses find and implement energy savings. The Government will make a final decision on whether to proceed with a national energy saving initiative after considering economic modelling and a regulatory impact analysis. A national energy savings initiative would also be conditional on the agreement of the Council of Australian Governments and the abolition of existing and planned state schemes; and

- $10.2 million over three years for the Australian Bureau of Statistics to conduct a survey to collect and communicate data on household energy consumption and expenditure. The survey will assist in the design of new energy efficiency policies, including the national energy savings initiative.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Improving Energy Efficiency — household advice

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4

The Government will provide $5.8 million over four years to deliver information to households on the impact of the carbon price on electricity bills and on how to improve their energy efficiency in order to manage the impacts of increasing energy costs.

The cost of this measure will be met, in part, from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Improving Energy Efficiency — Low Carbon Communities

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	4.9	8.2	7.7	9.1
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	0.3	30.4	75.4	80.7
Total - Expense	-	5.3	38.6	83.2	89.8

The Government will provide $272.9 million over five years (including $56.1 million in 2015-16) to expand and redesign the Low Carbon Communities program, bringing the total funding for the program to $352.9 million over six years from 2010-11. The expanded program will provide an additional $120.0 million to assist local councils and community organisations to improve energy efficiency in council and community-use buildings and facilities. The measure also includes three new initiatives:

- $100.0 million to establish the Low Income Energy Efficiency Program, to provide funding for consortia of state and local governments, community organisations, energy retailers and energy service companies to trial approaches to improve the energy efficiency of low-income households;

- $29.9 million to establish the Household Energy and Financial Sustainability Scheme, to help around 100,000 low-income households manage their energy consumption. The package of assistance will include energy and financial sustainability assessments and advice, financial education and money management, and access to the existing community-based No Interest Loans Scheme to assist with the purchase of more energy efficient appliances; and

- $23.0 million over five years (including $6.1 million in 2015-16) to establish the Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Program, to assist charitable organisations with Deductible Gift Recipient status to meet increased aviation and maritime fuel costs as a result of the carbon price.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, and the press release of 13 September 2011 issued by the Minister fo Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

Clean Energy Future — Supporting Energy Markets — Energy Security Fund

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	1,000.0	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	1.2	0.8	2.0	2.0
Clean Energy Regulator	-	-	-	1,007.2	1,059.3
Total - Expense	-	1,001.2	0.8	1,009.1	1,061.3
Related revenue ($m)					
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	*6.1*	*19.4*

The Government will provide $5.5 billion over six years (including $1.2 billion in 2015-16 and $1.3 billion in 2016-17) for transitional assistance to highly emissions-intensive coal-fired power stations in the form of cash assistance in 2011-12 and a limited allocation of free permits thereafter until 2016-17.

The Government will also provide loans to emissions-intensive coal-fired power stations to provide additional working capital for the purchase of future vintage carbon permits at advance auctions, which is estimated to result in interest revenue for the Commonwealth of $25.5 million over two years. Funding of $7.9 million over five years (including $2.0 million in 2015-16) will be provided to the Department of the Treasury to implement and administer the program.

The Government may also provide, on the advice of the Energy Security Council, loans to emissions-intensive coal-fired power stations for the refinancing of existing debt where finance is unable to be obtained from the market on reasonable terms.

Loans will be offered on terms that encourage the use of private finance in the first instance.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

See also the related expense measure titled *Clean Energy Future — Supporting Energy Markets — Energy Security Council*.

Clean Energy Future — Supporting Jobs — Energy Efficiency Information Grants

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	6.3	12.4	11.9	9.5

The Government will provide $40.0 million over four years to assist industry associations and non-government organisations to deliver information about the implications of a carbon price for small businesses and community organisations, including practical advice on how to reduce energy costs.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Supporting Jobs — Jobs and Competitiveness Program

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Clean Energy Regulator	-	-	2,654.6	2,849.7	3,088.4

The Government will provide assistance to the most emissions-intensive activities in the economy that are highly exposed to international competition. The assistance will be in the form of an administrative allocation of free permits based on production levels and historic emissions intensities. The rate of assistance will be reduced gradually over time, with the program subject to regular review by the Productivity Commission. The structure of the assistance will maintain the incentive for assisted firms to reduce emissions.

This measure is estimated to cost $8.6 billion over the forward estimates period. The cost over the forward estimates reflects updated estimates of historic production levels for emissions-intensive industries.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

See also the related expense measure titled *Clean Energy Future – Governance – Productivity Commission Reviews.*

CROSS PORTFOLIO

Reducing the cost of Government administration — one-off efficiency dividend

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Various Agencies	-	-	-500.0	-495.0	-495.0

The Government will apply an additional one-off efficiency dividend of 2.5 per cent in 2012-13 to departmental appropriations excluding departmental capital funding. This measure will not apply to: public sector entities already exempt from the ongoing efficiency dividend, the Australian Communications and Media Authority or to specific cultural agencies; courts and tribunals; and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations exempted by the Government. This will result in savings of $1,490.0 million over the forward estimates.

Savings will be delivered through a range of efficiency reforms including by efforts in reducing use of consultants and contractors; reducing spending on hospitality and entertainment; reducing legal expenses; replacing international and domestic travel with use of the Government's telepresence facilities and other communication tools; reducing media buy; reducing recruitment advertising expenditure in line with *Guidelines on Non-Campaign Recruitment Advertising*; reducing printing and publication expenditure; delivering more efficient training and in any other specific areas identified by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation. Entities will report annually to Government on their reduced spending. As part of its wider reform process, the Government will establish a working group of stakeholders to advise on issues relating to implementation of the one-off efficiency dividend and Senior Executive Service reforms.

This measure builds on a sustained program of efficiency reforms already being delivered by this Government. This Government is already realising significant savings from procurement reforms, including through establishment of whole-of-government arrangements for air travel, major office machines and stationary and office supplies, advertising, as well as a range of ICT supplies including software, desktop computers and internet services and improved property management.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Social and Community Services — Equal Remuneration

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Various Agencies	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government has committed to provide $2.1 billion over the phase-in period for its share of funding for the costs to the non-government Social and Community Services sector of an Equal Remuneration Order that may be granted by Fair Work Australia in response to the current pay equity claim on behalf of certain workers in the sector. This commitment reflects the Government's support for gender pay equity.

Funding for this measure has been included in the contingency reserve as Fair Work Australia has yet to table a decision.

The Government will work with the sector, and State and Territory Governments on appropriate funding mechanisms.

The estimates assume that pay rises and supplementation would begin from 1 December 2012 and continue until 1 December 2018. Included in the estimates is $1.2 million over 2 years from 2011-12 for an information and education program to assist providers and employees with transition during the proposed implementation period.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Amendments to the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 — Fair Protection for Firefighters

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Comcare	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will amend the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* to allow streamlined processing of workers' compensation claims by qualifying firefighters covered by this legislation.

The amendment is to address the unique barriers faced by firefighters in accessing the 'deemed diseases' provision of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*. Currently, a person relying on the deemed diseases provision must be able to demonstrate that they were exposed to a particular toxic chemical or compound in the course of their employment. However, for firefighters it is likely to be difficult to establish the nature of toxins involved in the various fires they attend and their connection to diseases, in particular, certain types of cancers. The amendments will result in certain cancers contracted by firefighters employed for a qualifying period under the Commonwealth workers' compensation legislation being deemed to be work related.

The estimated increase in compensation expenses of $11.2 million over four years will be met from within Comcare's premium scheme.

BlueScope Steel workers — assistance

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	5.7	2.3	1.0	0.7
Department of Human Services	-	0.2	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	5.9	2.3	1.0	0.7

The Government will provide $9.9 million over four years to support workers made redundant as a result of the restructuring of BlueScope Steel's Port Kembla and Mornington Peninsula manufacturing operations.

The funding includes $7.9 million over four years to provide workers with immediate access to intensive employment services and to enhanced levels of Employment Pathway funding through Job Services Australia providers in the Illawarra and Mornington Peninsula regions. Funding of $2.0 million over two years will also be provided through the Local Employment Coordinator Flexible Funding Pool to facilitate the development of local employment projects in the Mornington Peninsula region.

The Employment Pathway Fund is a flexible pool of funds available to Job Services Australia providers to provide assistance to job seekers.

Further information can be found in the press release of 30 August 2011 issued by the Prime Minister.

See also the related measure titled *Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund – establishment* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

Building Australia's Future Workforce Measures — consequential amendments

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Human Services	-	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-1.0	-1.4	-1.4
Total - Expense	-	1.1	-0.9	-1.3	-1.3

The Government will introduce new measures from 1 July 2012 to further refine and strengthen elements of the *Building Australia's Future Workforce* 2011-12 Budget package, resulting in savings of $2.2 million over five years (including $106,000 in 2015-16).

The age of eligibility for the Youth Disability Supplement, Long Term Income Support (student rate of payment) and Sickness Allowance will be increased from 21 to 22 years to ensure consistency with the new ages of eligibility for Youth Allowance (Other) and Newstart Allowance.

Newstart Allowance claimants will be able to lodge their claim up to 13 weeks in advance to enable a smoother transition for recipients transferring from another payment, particularly from Parenting Payment to Newstart Allowance due to the age of their youngest child.

Legislation will also be introduced to align new compliance arrangements for Disability Support Pension recipients under 35 years old and teenage parents and jobless families participating in trials to address disadvantage in targeted locations.

In addition to these arrangements, the Government will enhance the 2011-12 Budget measure *Wage Subsidy for the Very Long-Term Unemployed* to allow job seekers who lose their job during the subsidy, and who remain eligible for the subsidy, to fill a subsequent position.

Child Care — Enhanced scrutiny of the financial viability of large long day care providers

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide $1.5 million over four years to implement the recently developed framework to enhance the scrutiny of large Long Day Care (LDC) operators. The development of a new framework was originally announced in the 2010-11 Budget, as part of the Government's response to the collapse of ABC Learning Centres Limited in 2008.

Under this measure, all child care providers operating more than 25 LDC centres will be required to supply financial information to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations for the purposes of determining their financial viability. Evidence of their financial viability will be a condition of approval for the Child Care Benefit. Additional scrutiny of the largest operators will help provide advance warning of risks to continuity of care posed by providers facing financial difficulties.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Employment Participation and Child Care.

Clean Energy Future — Supporting Jobs — Clean Energy Skills Package

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide up to $32.0 million over four years to help tradespeople and professionals in key industries to develop the skills required to deliver clean energy services, products and advice to communities and businesses.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

The cost of the package will be met through reprioritising spending from existing programs.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations — departmental efficiencies

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-2.0	-1.5	-1.8

The Government will achieve efficiencies in the operations of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations that will provide savings of $5.3 million over three years. The savings will be achieved with minimal impact on the delivery of the Department's core programs.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Digital Education Revolution — project pool — redirection

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-20.0	-20.0	-

The Government will reduce funding for the Digital Education Revolution (DER) project pool by $40.0 million over two years.

The DER project pool was established to provide funding for national initiatives that support the aims of the DER, such as the National Digital Learning Resources Framework. Remaining funding under the project pool will be sufficient to meet existing commitments under the ICT Innovation Fund and the development of a national student identifier that will enable tracking of individual students enrolment, attendance and progress.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Digital productivity — enabled education and skills services

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Related capital ($m)					
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $27.2 million over four years to support the development and trialling of online education and skills services that take advantage of the high speed broadband connections being made available through the National Broadband Network. This measure will provide funding to support innovative projects that have the potential to provide more interactive and effective learning opportunities for Australians. Projects are expected to commence in 2012.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2011-12 Budget.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 31 May 2011 issued by the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations and the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Education Services for Overseas Students — Tuition Protection Service — implementation

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-5.7	5.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will redirect $5.8 million from the International Education Support program to support the initial operations of the new Tuition Protection Framework for international students. The $5.8 million was part of the $10.7 million made available in 2011-12 to support the operation of the Education Services for Overseas Students Assurance Fund.

Establishment of the new framework is part of the Government's response to the review of the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000*. The framework includes the following elements:

- an Overseas Students Tuition Fund (OSTF), which will replace the ESOS Assurance Fund and state based Tuition Protection Services to support international students displaced by provider closure to either finish their training with an alternative provider or provide refunds where this is not possible;
- a Tuition Protection Service (TPS) Levy which will be collected annually from providers from 2013 to support the operation of the OSTF; and
- a TPS Board and Director who will be responsible for making a recommendation to the Government on the TPS Levy.

The measure will provide $5.0 million in seed funding to the OSTF in 2012-13 to enable it to operate in advance of the first collection of the TPS Levy from 2013. It will also provide $0.8 million over four years for remuneration for the TPS Director. Any unused seed funding will be returned to the Budget.

See also the related revenue measure titled *Education Services for Overseas Students — Tuition Protection Service Levy*.

Employment Pathway Fund — redirection of funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-14.9	-	-	-

The Government will redirect $14.9 million in 2011-12 from the Employment Pathway Fund to provide employment assistance to eligible individuals covered under the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement and Live Animal Exports initiatives. These individuals will be provided with enhanced employment assistance, including immediate access to intensive employment services available through Job Services Australia.

The Employment Pathway Fund is a flexible pool of funds available to Job Services Australia providers to provide assistance to job seekers.

See also the related measures titled *Tasmanian Forest Industry — adjustment package* and *Live Animal Exports — assistance to individuals* in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Higher Education — reinstate Band 2 student contributions for mathematics, statistics and science units

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-46.8	-136.1	-216.0
Related revenue ($m)					
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	*0.8*	*4.0*

The Government will reinstate the Band 2 rate for the annual student contribution for mathematics, statistics and science units of study (estimated at $8,353 in 2013) in place of the National Priority rate (estimated at $4,691 in 2013).

The 2009 Bradley Review of Higher Education concluded that there was no evidence that the lower student contributions had a positive impact on student demand. This measure is consistent with the removal of teaching and nursing units of study from the National Priority rate in 2010.

The Band 2 rate will apply for students commencing after 1 January 2013. As a transitional measure, the National Priority rate will remain in place for continuing mathematics, statistics and science students until 31 December 2015. The Maths and Science Transitional Loading, which is paid to universities to compensate them for the lower annual student contribution rate paid by mathematics, statistics and science students will be phased out from 2013. There will be no net impact on university revenues as a result of this measure.

This measure is estimated to provide savings of $403.6 million over three years which will be redirected to support other Government priorities, including the additional investment the Government has made in supporting the demand driven funding system from 2012 to ensure that more Australian students have the opportunity to attend university.

Higher Education Reward Funding — reduction

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-3.2	-12.4	-105.4	-119.8

The Government will not proceed with funding for the student experience and quality of learning outcomes components of the Higher Education Reward Funding. This will provide savings of $240.8 million over four years.

Higher Education Reward Funding was introduced in the 2009-10 Budget to reward higher education institutions for the achievement of participation and social inclusion, student experience and quality of learning outcomes.

The Government will continue to reward higher education institutions for the achievement of participation and social inclusion performance targets, including improving the participation of Indigenous students and students from low socio-economic backgrounds and regional and remote areas.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Job Capacity Assessment — additional funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	40.0	-	-	-	-

The Government provided $40.0 million in additional funding in 2010-11 to manage greater than expected demand for Job Capacity Assessment services.

Job Capacity Assessments are conducted by qualified allied health professionals and are designed to assess the current and future work capacity of disadvantaged job seekers considered to have existing or potential barriers to employment.

The cost of this measure was met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Long Day Care services — one-off grants in the transition to the National Quality Framework

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	5.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide $5.0 million in 2011-12 to assist around 1,000 approved Long Day Care (LDC) services to improve facilities and practices in preparation for implementation of the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Aged Services (NQF).

From 1 October 2011 LDC services in the most disadvantaged areas will be eligible to receive a grant of up to $5,000 to undertake quality improvements related to the achievement of the National Quality Framework. Grants may be used for a range of activities and costs such as investment in new equipment and supporting staff to achieve required qualifications, including funding casual employees to fill in for staff undertaking training.

The NQF will be implemented progressively from 1 January 2012. Additional support under this measure will better equip services in disadvantaged areas to meet the requirements of the NQF and will contribute to improved outcomes for vulnerable children.

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 August 2011 issued by the Minister for Employment Participation and Child Care.

National Foundation Skills Strategy — redirect funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-0.5	-1.0	-1.2

The Government will redirect $2.7 million over three years from the National Foundation Skills Strategy to support other Government priorities.

The National Foundation Skills Strategy was announced in the 2010-11 Budget to improve core employability skills among working age Australians.

The Government will continue to provide $16.5 million over the forward estimates for the National Foundation Skills Strategy.

Road Safety Remuneration System — establishment

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Fair Work Australia	-	-	2.8	2.5	2.5
Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman	-	-	1.0	1.6	1.4
Total - Expense	-	-	3.8	4.1	3.9

The Government will provide $11.8 million over three years for a Road Safety Remuneration System aimed at reducing crashes and fatalities involving vehicles in the road transport industry.

This measure includes funding for the establishment of a tribunal and a supporting Secretariat within Fair Work Australia. This tribunal will be responsible for researching and removing any remuneration related incentives to work in an unsafe manner in the road transport industry. The tribunal will have discretionary powers to set and maintain remuneration and related conditions for these drivers.

In addition, the measure includes funding to the Fair Work Ombudsman for education and compliance activities to create awareness of the new system and enforce any determinations of the tribunal.

Further information can be found in the joint media release of 22 November 2011 issued by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

Schools — National Rewards for Great Teachers — revised implementation

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	10.0	-85.0	-125.0

The Government will phase in reward payments for the first 18 months of the *Rewards for Great Teachers* program and provide additional funding to the states and territories to facilitate the development of a nationally consistent performance management system for teachers.

Following the changes to the program, from 2013 all teachers will have their performance assessed under the new performance management system. In the first semester of 2014 the first tranche of teachers that meet the national standards benchmark will receive a bonus.

The development of a national performance and development system will continue.

In 2012-13, $10.0 million will be provided to assist education authorities transition to the new performance management system. This is in addition to the $50.0 million that will be available in 2011-12.

This measure will provide savings of $200.0 million over three years from 2012-13. Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Schools — Reward Payments for School Improvement — revised implementation

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-11.8	-27.4	-15.4
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-21.3	-49.9	-27.8
Total - Expense	-	-	-33.1	-77.3	-43.1

The Government will delay the implementation of the *Reward for School Improvement* program to enable consultation with stakeholders and provide additional funding to states and territories to support participation and adoption of a National School Improvement Framework (NSIF).

The implementation of the program will be split into two phases. The first phase will entail increased funding to states and territories to assist their involvement.

The second phase will provide reward payments to primary and secondary schools that have shown the most improved performance over 12 months, based on the NSIF. Introduction of the second phase will be delayed until 2014-15 to provide sufficient time to develop the framework and allow for trialling and further consultation on the NSIF.

This measure will provide savings of $153.5 million over three years from 2012-13. Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

SkillsConnect — Australian Apprenticeships Mentoring and Accelerated Australian Apprenticeships Programs — broaden eligibility

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will expand access to the Accelerated Australian Apprenticeships and Australian Apprenticeships Mentoring programs by providing greater flexibility to support apprentices and employers impacted by structural adjustments in the economy.

The measure will align the co-contribution arrangements for the Accelerated Australian Apprenticeships program with those applying under the National Workforce Development Fund, requiring large enterprises to contribute 66 per cent of the total cost of training, medium enterprises 50 per cent and small enterprises 33 per cent.

The Accelerated Australian Apprenticeships and the Australian Apprenticeships Mentoring programs were announced in the 2011-12 Budget as part of the *Building Australia's Future Workforce* package. The Accelerated Australian Apprenticeships program will provide $100.0 million over four years to assist industry to develop and implement strategies that lead to the uptake of competency based progression in Australian Apprenticeships. The Australian Apprenticeships Mentoring program will provide $79.9 million over four years for targeted mentoring and support services to apprentices facing barriers to workforce participation and in areas experiencing skills shortages.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Further information can be found in the press release of 21 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

SkillsConnect — Integration of the Critical Skills Investment Fund with the National Workforce Development Fund — bring forward

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has brought forward the integration of the $200 million Critical Skills Investment Fund with the $359 million National Workforce Development Fund to 1 October 2011, nine months earlier than the original start date of 1 July 2012. This will broaden eligibility for the National Workforce Development Fund to allow it to respond more quickly and flexibly to employers seeking to train workers displaced as a result of structural adjustments in the economy.

The integration of the Funds will allow applicants to submit applications outside of formal funding rounds, and align industry co-contribution arrangements. From 2011-12 large enterprises will be required to contribute 66 per cent of the cost of training, medium enterprises 50 per cent and small enterprises 33 per cent.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Further information can be found in the press release of 21 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory — expansion of the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Human Services	-	4.0	5.5	6.4	6.9
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	1.1	1.6	0.9
Total - Expense	-	4.0	6.6	7.9	7.8
Related capital ($m)					
Department of Human Services	-	*2.1*	*0.1*	-	-

The Government will provide $85.6 million over 11 years (including $57.1 million between 2015-16 and 2021-22) to expand the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM) trial from the six current sites in the Northern Territory to Northern Territory Remote Service Delivery communities, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Alyangula, Nhulunbuy and the currently uncovered areas of Katherine. The roll-out will be phased commencing from 1 July 2012.

Under the measure, parents receiving government income support payments, and who have children of compulsory school age, are required to ensure their children are enrolled in, and attending school. Where parents do not take such steps, they may be required to attend a compulsory conference to discuss their child's school attendance, to enter into a school attendance plan, and to comply with the plan. Support will be available to assist families to meet their responsibilities under these arrangements. If parents fail to meet these responsibilities, their income support payments may be suspended. Income support payments will be reinstated with full back-pay if parents meet the requirements of the measure within a 13 week period.

Under this measure the SEAM and the Northern Territory Government's Every Child, Every Day (ECED) strategy will be integrated. The ECED strategy has a range of goals targeted not only at parents and children but also staff and the community with the aim of improving attendance levels and participation among young people in the Northern Territory.

The Government has also set aside funding in the contingency reserve as part of the National Partnership to be negotiated with the Northern Territory Government.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 14 November 2011 issued by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, and the Minister for Indigenous Health.

Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory — Indigenous Employment Program — redirection of funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-0.7	-1.6	-2.0

The Government will redirect $6.4 million over four years (including $2.1 million in 2015-16) from the Indigenous Employment Program to support other Government priorities in the area of Indigenous employment. This saving will be achieved by reprioritising existing initiatives in the program.

Structural Adjustment Fund — redirection

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-21.0	-7.1	-	-

The Government will redirect $28.1 million over two years from the Higher Education Structural Adjustment Fund to offset the cost of providing additional Commonwealth supported places to the University of Notre Dame Australia, including the cost of providing HECS-HELP loans to students.

The Structural Adjustment Fund was announced in the 2009-10 Budget and provides assistance to higher education institutions to adapt to the introduction of a demand driven funding system from 2012.

See also the related expense measure titled *University of Notre Dame Australia – additional Commonwealth supported places* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Student Income Support — changes to the rate of Student Start-up Scholarships

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-18.2	-37.9	-38.8	-39.8
Total - Expense	-	-18.3	-38.0	-38.9	-39.9

The Government will re-base the semester rate of the Student Start-up Scholarship from an estimated $1,127 to $1,025 from 1 January 2012. The rate will continue to be indexed on 1 January each year according to movements in the Consumer Price Index. This measure will provide savings of $134.6 million over four years which will be redirected to support students from regional Australia who need to relocate from home to study.

The Student Start-up Scholarship is paid to all students in receipt of student income support and helps with the upfront costs of studying such as textbooks and specialist payments.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the Review of Student Income Support Reforms.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

See also the related expense measures titled *Student Income Support — Workforce Participation Criteria — remove regional distinctions* and *Student Income Support — Relocation Scholarship — increased payments for regional students*.

Student Income Support — delay masters by coursework by two years

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-12.4	-60.3	-35.5	-3.0

The Government will delay by two years to 1 January 2014 the extension of student income support to all coursework Masters program students announced in the 2009-10 Budget as part of the *An Innovation and Higher Education System for the 21st Century* package. This will provide savings of $111.1 million over four years which will be redirected to support students from regional Australia who need to relocate from home to study.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the Review of Student Income Support Reforms.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

See also the related expense measures titled *Student Income Support — Workforce Participation Criteria — remove regional distinctions* and *Student Income Support — Relocation Scholarship — increased payments for regional students*.

Student Income Support — Relocation Scholarship — increased payments for regional students

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.2	2.9	2.9	3.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total - Expense	-	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.2
Related capital ($m)					
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	*0.5*	-	-	-

The Government will provide $12.7 million over four years to increase Relocation Scholarship payments to higher education students from very remote, remote, outer regional and inner regional areas, as defined by the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). The Relocation Scholarship is available to all dependent higher education students in receipt of Student Income Support payments who move away from their family home to study.

From 1 January 2012, the Relocation Scholarship will be set at $4,000 per annum for all students in the first year of study in which they move away from home irrespective of the geographical location of the parental home. The rate will be increased to $2,000 per annum in the second and third year away from home for all students with a parental home in a non-metropolitan area, while students with a parental home in a metropolitan area will receive $1,000 per annum. Students living away from home for a fourth year of study will receive $1,000 per annum, irrespective of the geographical location of the parental home.

Metropolitan students are those whose family home is in an area classified as Major Cities of Australia under the ASGC.

The increased assistance will also be available to all students in receipt of education assistance through the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the Review of Student Income Support Reforms.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

Student Income Support — Rural Tertiary Hardship Fund — redirection

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-16.3	-	-	-

The Government will cease funding for the Rural Tertiary Hardship Fund (Fund) from 1 January 2012. This will provide savings of $16.3 million in 2011-12 which will be redirected to support students from regional Australia who need to relocate from home to study.

The $20.0 million Fund, announced in the 2010-11 Budget, was established to provide assistance for rural and regional students facing financial hardship in undertaking higher education.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the Review of Student Income Support Reforms.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

See also the related expense measures titled *Student Income Support — Workforce Participation Criteria — remove regional distinctions* and *Student Income Support — Relocation Scholarship — increased payments for regional students*.

Student Income Support — support for reform

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.6

The Government will provide $1.6 million over four years to assist student income support reforms.

This measure includes:

- $0.4 million over two years, from 2011-12, to undertake an education strategy informing eligible students of their entitlements to income support;
- $0.2 million in 2011-12 to undertake research on the feasibility and merit of introducing an income contingent loan scheme for those students who need to move away from home to undertake a clinical placement or formal practicum as part of their course of study; and
- $1.0 million over two years, from 2013-14, to conduct triennial reviews of the student income support system.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the Review of Student Income Support Reforms.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

Student Income Support — Workforce Participation Criteria — remove regional distinctions

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	28.1	64.9	66.4	68.1

The Government will provide $227.5 million over four years to extend the range of eligibility criteria applying to inner regional students seeking to establish independence through workforce participation.

From 1 January 2012, full-time students who leave their parental home located in an area defined as inner regional by the Australian Standard Geographical Classification to study, and whose combined annual parental income is less than $150,000, will be eligible to establish their independence if they:

- have worked part-time for at least 15 hours per week for two years or more since leaving school; or

- have earned, in an 18-month period since leaving school, an amount equivalent to at least 75 per cent of the maximum rate of pay under Wage Level A of the Australian Pay and Classification Scale generally applicable to trainees; or

- have worked at least an average of 30 hours a week for 18-months over a two year period.

This measure will create consistent arrangements for establishing independence for income support students from inner regional, outer regional, remote and very remote areas.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the Review of Student Income Support Reforms.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

Student Income Support — Youth Allowance Regional Advertising Campaign

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide $0.7 million in 2011-12 for a public awareness campaign to inform prospective students from regional areas and their families of the changes to income support arrangements made as part of the Government's response to the Review of Student Income Support Reforms.

The changes to income support arrangements will take effect from 1 January 2012.

Trade Training Centres in Schools Program — rephasing

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-11.6	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-17.4	-
Total - Expense	-	-	-	-29.0	-

The Government will reduce the number of projects to be funded from the Trade Training Centres in Schools program in 2013-14. Some projects initially planned for funding in 2013 and 2014 will now be rephased to 2015-16 and 2016-17. The overall number of projects over the life of the program will remain the same. This will provide savings of $29.0 million.

The Trade Training Centres in Schools program aims to help address national skills shortages in traditional trades and emerging industries by improving trade training programs in secondary schools.

A total of $2.5 billion over 10 years will continue to be available to fund facilities to enhance vocational education opportunities for students in Years 9 to 12 in government and non-government schools.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Transitional Australian Apprenticeships Support Services

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $413.4 million over two years for Australian Apprenticeship Centres to continue to deliver apprenticeships support services.

The national network of Australian Apprenticeship Centres provides free information and assistance to apprentices and their employers, including the administration of the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.

Following a competitive tender process, new two year contracts will apply from 1 July 2012 and will require Australian Apprenticeship Centres to adopt more efficient practices including greater use of e-business functionality. This will cover a transition period prior to permanent arrangements being established by July 2014.

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

University of Notre Dame Australia — additional Commonwealth supported places

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.3	6.1	9.6	11.7
Related revenue ($m)					
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	*-*	*-0.1*	*-0.2*	*-0.3*	*-0.3*

The Government will provide $27.8 million over four years through the Commonwealth Grant Scheme to increase the number of Commonwealth supported places at the University of Notre Dame.

In the 2009-10 Budget, the Government announced the expansion of access to Commonwealth supported university places through the introduction of demand driven enrolment system from 2012 for all universities classified as Table A providers under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

The University of Notre Dame, while not a Table A provider, receives funding for a limited number of Commonwealth supported places in national priority areas such as teaching and nursing and was provided with access to transitionary arrangements in 2010 and 2011 allowing Commonwealth funded over enrolment of up to 10 per cent.

The measure will ensure that the University of Notre Dame will not be disadvantaged by the removal of the transitionary arrangements in 2012 by providing funding for an additional 1,000 places per year by 2014.

The cost of the measure includes $2.8 million over four years for the impact on the fiscal balance of providing students with loans under HECS-HELP.

See also the related expense measure titled *Structural Adjustment Fund – redirection* in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Workforce Innovation Program — redirect funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-1.3	-1.6	-0.9

The Government will redirect $3.8 million over three years from the Workforce Innovation Program to support other Government priorities.

The Workforce Innovation Program provides grants to organisations, including industry associations and industry peak bodies, for non-ongoing pilot projects that address current and future workforce and skills development needs.

The Government will continue to provide $30.7 million over the forward estimates for the Workforce Innovation Program.

FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Australian Institute of Family Studies — transfer

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) has been transferred from the portfolio of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) portfolio. The work of AIFS is more aligned with the work of the FaHCSIA portfolio now that families policy is a well-established government agenda.

Baby Bonus — reset to $5,000 and pause indexation for three years

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Human Services	-	0.4	1.5	..	-
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.2	-89.1	-125.1	-145.6
Total - Expense	-	0.5	-87.5	-125.1	-145.6

From 1 July 2012 the Government will pause the indexation of the Baby Bonus payment for three years. The payment rate will also be reset to $5,000 per child from 1 September 2012. The current rate of the baby bonus is $5,437. The Baby Bonus is paid in 13 fortnightly instalments.

In addition to the Baby Bonus, eligible families will remain able to claim Family Tax Benefit Part A and/or Part B to help them with the costs of raising their child.

This measure will provide savings of $357.7 million over four years from 2011-12. Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Better Targeting of Immunisation Incentives

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Human Services	-	10.9	6.5	2.2	1.1
Department of Health and Ageing	-	1.4	2.9	6.7	7.2
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.4	-79.8	-82.8	-86.0
Total - Expense	-	12.8	-70.5	-73.9	-77.7
Related capital ($m)					
Department of Human Services	-	-	*0.2*	-	-

The Government will introduce reforms to strengthen incentives for parents to have their children immunised which aim to improve immunisation coverage rates over time.

From 1 July 2012, the Government will make payment of the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A supplement conditional on a child being fully immunised. From 1 July 2013, children will also be required to receive vaccines for meningococcal C, pneumococcal and varicella (chicken pox) to be assessed as fully immunised. Immunisation is already a condition of the Child Care Benefit. These arrangements will replace the Maternity Immunisation Allowance which will cease from 1 July 2012.

This will strengthen the financial incentives for parents to immunise their young children because parents will need to have had their children fully vaccinated during the financial years that each child turns one, two and five years of age to receive the FTB Part A supplement in those years.

From 1 July 2013 Priorix — Tetra®, a combination vaccine which will replace individual doses of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine and the varicella vaccine, will also be added to the National Immunisation Program. This addition will cost $15.7 million over four years.

This measure will provide savings of $209.1 million over four years.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Clean Energy Future — Helping Households — Essential Medical Equipment Payment

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	15.3	15.7	16.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	1.8	1.7	1.7
Total - Expense	-	-	17.1	17.5	17.9

The Government will provide $52.5 million over three years to assist eligible people to meet the additional carbon price related electricity costs incurred through operating essential medical equipment.

The Essential Medical Equipment Payment will be an annual, tax-exempt payment of $140 available from 1 July 2012 to people who require specified medical equipment due to a medical condition or disability, who either hold, or care for someone in their household who holds, a Commonwealth concession card.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

See also the related measures titled *Clean Energy Future – Helping Households – tax cuts and increased payments* and *Clean Energy Future – Helping Households – residential aged care*.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Renewable Energy — Remote Indigenous Energy Program

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.2	3.6	12.3	12.0

The Government will provide $40.0 million over five years (including $11.9 million in 2015-16) to assist remote Indigenous communities to access clean, affordable and reliable 24-hour power supply and manage their energy efficiently. This will contribute to improvements in health, education and long-term economic viability.

The program will provide financial support for around 50 communities to install renewable energy systems, such as solar panels and wind turbines, and to repair and maintain up to 260 existing systems. The program will also provide communities with training in basic system maintenance and information on energy efficiency.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Community Development Employment Projects Program — redirection

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-10.0	-10.2	-10.4

The Government will reduce funding under the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program by $30.6 million over four years from 2011-12 (and in addition $79.0 million from 2015-16 to 2021-22). CDEP will retain $779.4 million over four years from 2011-12 to continue to provide access to work readiness activities and community development projects.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Community Investment Program — redirection of funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	6.0	-3.8	-4.6	-4.8

The Government will provide $6.0 million in 2011-12 to the Community Investment Program to respond to unanticipated community needs.

The Government will also redirect $15.1 million over four years from 2012-13 (including $2.1 million in 2015-16) from the Community Investment Program to support other Government priorities.

Remaining funding for the Community Investment Program of $233.2 million over five years from 2011-12 will still be available to provide grants to community organisations to undertake local community projects.

Disability Care and Support — Laying the foundations for a National Disability insurance scheme

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $9.7 million in 2011-12 to lay the foundation for a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) following the recommendations of the Productivity Commission's final Report on Disability Care and Support.

This measure will support technical policy work to lay the foundations for reform as recommended by the Productivity Commission as a necessary precursor to the establishment of a national scheme. A Council of Australian Governments Select Council of Ministers is leading the reform in this area and is being supported by an Advisory Group of disability experts and advocates, that is providing expert advice on delivering the foundations for reform.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Further information can be found in the press release of 10 August 2011 issued by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Family Tax Benefit — Cease fortnightly payments to families who have zero entitlement for two consecutive years

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Human Services	-	5.8	0.5	..	..
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	0.1	-0.9	-1.2	-1.2
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-0.3	-1.0	-0.7
Total - Expense	-	5.9	-0.7	-2.1	-1.9

The Government will cease fortnightly payments of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) instalments to customers who claim FTB but are found to have no actual entitlement for two consecutive years following the end-of-year reconciliation with their income tax return.

Families no longer receiving FTB Part A or Part B instalments would still be able to make a lump sum claim at the end of the financial year, and exceptions will be made in special circumstances to ensure that families are not put at risk of hardship.

National Carer Strategy

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	10.5	9.2	9.7	10.0
Department of Human Services	-	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.3
Department of Health and Ageing	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total - Expense	-	12.4	9.7	10.1	10.5

The Government will provide $60.4 million over four years to implement a number of initiatives as part of the Government's National Carer Strategy, which aims to improve recognition and support for carers. The Government will allocate:

- $42.6 million over four years to provide carers of children with Type 1 Diabetes under the age of 16 years with automatic eligibility for Carer Allowance (child).
- $10.3 million over four years to continue the Carer Adjustment Payment. This one-off payment of up to $10,000 assists families to adjust following a catastrophic event involving a child aged 0-6 years.
- $2.9 million over four years to provide the Carer Supplement to carers who currently fail to qualify for the supplement, as they or their partner worked during the fortnight of 1 July.
- $2.0 million over four years to allow certain Carer Allowance (adult) recipients to qualify for a bereavement payment. Carers who receive an income support payment other than Carer Payment will be eligible for a lump sum bereavement payment (14 weeks of Carer Allowance) on the death of the person they are caring for.
- $1.6 million over two years to deliver a national campaign to raise public awareness of the role and contribution of carers, focusing on Indigenous carers, carers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and young carers.
- $1.0 million in 2011-12 to host a young carer festival in each state and territory recognising the contribution made by young carers.

Funding of $17.8 million for this measure was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2011-12 Budget. An additional $42.6 million was agreed by the Government after the 2011-12 Budget.

Further information can be found in the press release of 3 August 2011, issued by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Minister for Health and Ageing, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers.

Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory — Food security — strengthening remote stores

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	4.5	4.7	4.4

The Government will provide $40.9 million over 11 years (including $27.3 million from 2015-16 to 2021-22) to support food security in remote Indigenous communities.

This measure will strengthen the licensing of stores in remote areas of the Northern Territory. The scheme will be expanded to cover businesses located outside of major centres that are an important source of food or grocery items for remote Indigenous communities. The previous scheme only licensed remote stores that were participating in income management.

The program will assist remote stores, particularly those with limited financial capacity, with governance and retail training, point-of-sale technology, and essential minor infrastructure to meet acceptable standards.

Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory — Tackling Alcohol Abuse

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	3.2	6.3	5.7
Department of Human Services	-	-	1.4	0.2	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	-	4.7	6.6	5.7

The Government will provide $45.6 million over 11 years (including $28.7 million from 2015-16 to 2021-22) to tackle alcohol abuse in Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. This includes supporting the development and implementation of community specific alcohol management plans and referrals to income management by the Northern Territory Alcohol and Other Drugs Tribunal.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 November 2011 issued by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Weekly income support payments to vulnerable Australians — expansion

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Human Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $0.1m over four years from 2011-12 to allow more vulnerable people to access their income support payments on a weekly basis to assist them to better budget their income, including to meet their rent payments. In addition, this measure will have an impact on the underlying cash balance of $1.5 million over four years from 2011-12 that does not impact the fiscal balance, due to the bringing forward by one week of some payments into an earlier financial year.

This measure expands the *Weekly income support payments to vulnerable Australians* measure announced in the 2010-11 Budget.

The cost of this measure will be absorbed by the Department of Human Services.

Western Australia's Appealathon and Telethon — contribution

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $3.0 million in 2011-12 to support two Western Australian television charity appeals. The Channel Nine Appealathon and the Channel Seven Telethon will both receive $1.5 million. Funds from the Appealathon and the Telethon will provide assistance to families in need.

Funding for this measure will be provided from the Community Investment Program.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Bali Peace Park — contribution

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will contribute $450,000 in 2011-12 to the Bali Peace Park Association to assist with the purchase of the Sari Club site in Bali. The site will be used as a memorial for the victims of terrorist attacks, with a park and museum to be constructed on the site.

Ex gratia payments — Families of the victims of September 11 terrorist attacks

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided $9,600 in ex gratia payments in 2011-12 to support the families of Australian victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks. The funding assisted the families of the victims who travelled to the United States to attend the 10th anniversary memorial ceremonies.

The cost of this measure has been met from within the existing resources of the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Ex gratia payments — families of the victims of the 2009 Kokoda plane crash

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-

The Government provided $27,000 in ex gratia payments in 2011-12 to support the families of Australian victims of the August 2009 Kokoda plane crash. The funding assisted the families of the victims to travel to Port Moresby to attend a ceremony which marked the second anniversary of the crash.

The cost of this measure has been met from within the existing resources of the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea — Australian participation

Expense ($m)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	8.5	1.5	-	-

The Government will provide up to $10 million over two years as a contribution towards Australia's participation in the World Expo 2012 in Yeosu, Korea. The funding will contribute to the operation of the Australian pavilion and the management of associated programs.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 June 2011 issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Official development assistance — Australian Civilian Corps — deployments to Afghanistan

Expense ($m)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
AusAID	-	3.6	3.8	3.6	-
Related revenue ($m)					
AusAID	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	..
Total - Revenue	-	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	..

The Government will provide $11.0 million over three years to deploy Australian Civilian Corps (ACC) advisers to Afghanistan. These deployments will assist in identifying development priorities in Uruzgan Province where Australia has its largest presence and assist in building the capacity of Afghanistan's legal and law enforcement professionals.

The ACC was established in 2009 as an initiative to deploy civilian specialists to support stabilisation and recovery efforts to countries experiencing or emerging from natural disasters or conflicts.

Funding for this measure will be offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve and therefore has no net impact on the budget position.

This measure is also expected to lead to a reduction of revenue of $1.7 million over four years as ACC personnel are taxed concessionally while on deployment. This includes a reduction in revenue of $1.0 million over four years for a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the 2011-12 Budget.

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

Official development assistance — Australia's Contribution to the Global Partnership for Education

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
AusAID	-	5.0	10.0	60.0	95.0

The Government will provide $270.0 million over four years as part of Australia's contribution to the Global Partnership for Education (GPE). The GPE was formerly known as the Education for All Fast Track Initiative, which was launched by the World Bank in 2002, and aims to improve education outcomes in developing countries.

Funding for this measure includes $170.0 million to be offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve and $100.0 million from within existing resources of AusAID and therefore has no net impact on the budget position.

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

Official development assistance — Australia's Contribution to the Horn of Africa Drought and Famine

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
AusAID	-	30.0	-	-	-

The Government has provided an additional $30.0 million in immediate assistance to the humanitarian crisis in the Horn of Africa, taking support to $98.2 million in 2011-12.

This funding will assist in addressing needs arising from the drought and famine in the Horn of Africa. The Government's assistance will be provided through contributions to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Food Programme and Non-Government Organisations, and is predominantly for food rations and shelter.

Funding for this measure includes $30.0 million to be offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve and $68.2 million from within existing resources of AusAID and therefore has no net impact on the budget position.

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

Further information can be found in the press releases of 20 July and 3 September 2011 issued by the Prime Minister.

Official development assistance — Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting — Australia Africa Food Security Initiative

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	-	3.8	9.6	10.1	13.1
AusAID	-	-	2.0	3.0	4.0
Total - Expense	-	3.8	11.6	13.1	17.1
Related capital ($m)					
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	-	*0.2*	-	-	-

The Government will provide $46.8 million over four years to strengthen food security in Africa. The measure will establish the Australian International Centre for Food Security, develop an Agricultural Entrepreneurs program and provide funding for an international conference on food security in Africa.

Funding for this measure includes $45.8 million to be offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve and $1.0 million in 2011-12 to be met from within the existing resources of AusAID and therefore has no net impact on the budget position.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 28 October 2011 issued by the Prime Minister.

Official development assistance — Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting — Australian Mining for Development

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
AusAID	-	10.4	17.3	30.3	33.3

The Government will provide $127.2 million over four years to fund the establishment of an International Mining for Development Centre, provide scholarships through the Australian Mining Awards program and build regulatory and administrative capacity in Africa.

Funding for this measure includes $91.2 million to be offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve and $36.0 million to be met from within the existing resources of AusAID and therefore has no net impact on the budget position.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 October 2011 issued by the Prime Minister and the joint press release of 27 October 2011 issued by the Foreign Minister and the Minister for Resources and Energy.

Official development assistance — Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting — Global Polio Eradication Initiative

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
AusAID	-	4.0	10.0	15.0	20.0

The Government will provide $50.0 million over four years to support the eradication of polio through a contribution to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Australia's contribution will support activities including procuring vaccines, supporting mass vaccination campaigns, undertaking surveillance and responding to outbreaks.

Funding for this measure includes $49.0 million to be offset from the provision for expanded aid funding held in the Contingency Reserve and $1.0 million in 2011-12 to be met from within the existing resources of AusAID and therefore has no net impact on the budget position.

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

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 October 2011 issued by the Prime Minister.

Official development assistance — Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting — Support of Commonwealth Democracy and Development

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
AusAID	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $16.4 million over three years to support the effectiveness of Commonwealth democracy and development initiatives; strengthening Commonwealth election monitoring; and enhancing the coordination of Commonwealth national human rights institutions. In addition, this measure will provide a contribution to support civil society, education, economic and development outcomes in Commonwealth countries.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of AusAID.

HEALTH AND AGEING

Clean Energy Future — Helping Households — residential aged care

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	0.5	0.4	0.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total - Expense	-	-	0.6	0.5	0.4

The Government will provide $1.5 million over four years to ensure that assistance available to aged care residents is shared fairly between the residents and aged care providers, recognising that providers bear many costs for their residents, including electricity and food.

Over 2,700 aged care providers across Australia will receive this financial support through changes being made to the basic daily fee arrangements. From 1 July 2012 the fee that providers can charge residents will be increased from 84 per cent to 85 per cent of the total basic pension amount.

This will mean that around 50 per cent of assistance paid through the pension will flow to the provider and the remaining amount will go to the resident to help with other costs resulting from the introduction of a carbon price.

Aged care residents who are self funded and do not receive assistance through the Commonwealth seniors health care card or tax cuts will be protected from fee increases through the Government providing an additional supplement to aged care providers in respect of these residents.

See also the related measures titled *Clean Energy Future – Helping Households — tax cuts and increased payments* and *Clean Energy Future – Helping Households – Essential Medical Equipment Payment*.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Delivery of Human Quarantine Services

Expense ($m)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	0.6	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-0.6	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $0.6 million in 2011-12 to the states and territories, to enable a communicable disease expert to be available at all times to support human quarantine services at Australian national borders.

This will strengthen existing efforts to protect the Australian public from serious communicable diseases, particularly exotic, new and re-emerging infectious diseases.

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

Health and Hospitals Fund — Northern Territory BreastScreen Australia project

Expense ($m)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-1.2	-0.6	1.2	0.6
Total - Expense	-	-1.2	-0.6	1.2	0.6

The Government is deferring funding of $1.8 million for the expansion of the BreastScreen NT project from 2011-12 and 2012-13 to 2013-14 and 2014-15. BreastScreen NT will continue to provide free breast screening primarily for women aged between 50 and 69 years who present without symptoms of breast cancer. Screening centres are located in Darwin and Alice Springs and a visiting service travels to Tennant Creek and Katherine annually, and Nhulunbuy (Gove) biennially.

This measure flows on from the 2009-10 Budget measure titled *Health and Hospitals Fund – national cancer statement.*

Health and Hospitals Fund — Royal Hobart Hospital — bring forward of funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	170.0	..	-38.6	-50.0	-50.0
Total - Expense	170.0	..	-38.6	-50.0	-50.0

The Government has brought forward its contribution to the expansion of the Royal Hobart Hospital. The Government provided $170 million in 2010-11, to facilitate the early stages of the project, and has revised the funding profile to reflect the early injection of funding.

The Government's contribution to the Royal Hobart Hospital is being funded through the Regional Priority Round of the Health and Hospitals Fund.

This funding was originally announced in the 2010-11 MYEFO measure titled *Health and Hospitals Fund – Royal Hobart Hospital*.

Herceptin® Program — additional vial size

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Human Services	-	0.6	-	-	-
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-4.5	-5.1	-5.3	-5.5
Total - Expense	-	-4.0	-5.1	-5.3	-5.5
Related capital ($m)					
Department of Human Services	-	*0.4*	-	-	-

The Government has listed an additional vial size of Herceptin® (trastuzumab) on the Herceptin® Program from 1 August 2011, at a saving of $19.5 million over four years. The availability of this smaller 60mg vial will reduce product wastage. This measure also includes funding of $1.0 million (including capital funding of $0.4 million) in 2011-12 for the Department of Human Services (Medicare Australia) to administer this change.

The Herceptin® Program provides free access to Herceptin® for eligible patients affected by late-stage metastatic breast cancer.

Further information can be found in the press release of 21 June 2011 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

Medicare Benefits Schedule — new and revised listings

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Human Services	-	..	..	..	..
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.6
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7
Total - Expense	-	-0.3	-0.8	-1.1	-1.4

The Government will amend the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Veterans' Benefits for new and revised listings since the 2011-12 Budget.

The amendments include:

- encouraging ophthalmologists to provide additional comprehensive eye examinations to children by increasing the rebate paid for one paediatric ophthalmology item by 50 per cent and lifting the age eligibility from children up to and including 8 years to children up to and including 9 years;
- aligning an existing ophthalmology item for either the injection of therapeutic substances into the eye or removal of material from the eye for diagnostic purposes with current best clinical practice; and
- removing two orthopaedic items for the injection of bone cement into fractured vertebrae from the MBS in accordance with advice from the Medical Services Advisory Committee.

This measure is expected to save $3.6 million over four years.

Further information is available in the summary of changes included in the MBS issued by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Mersey Community Hospital Tasmania — ongoing commitment

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	2.2	4.5	-

The Government will provide an additional $17.6 million over three years to 2013-14 for the Tasmanian Government to continue to operate the Mersey Community Hospital on behalf of the Commonwealth. This increases the total commitment by the Government for the operation of Mersey Hospital to $197.6 million over three years.

The additional funding continues the Government's commitment to fund the operation of the Mersey Community Hospital to enable it to provide a comprehensive range of high quality hospital services for public and private patients.

Funding of $10.8 million for this measure was included as a 'decision taken but not yet announced' in the *2011-12 Budget.*

Further information can be found in the press release of 28 June 2011 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

National Health Reform Agreement — revised funding arrangements

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	21.0
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	-	-	-	21.0

The National Health Reform Agreement was signed by the Commonwealth and all state and territory governments on 2 August 2011. As part of this new Agreement, the Commonwealth has agreed to enhance the guaranteed funding arrangements for the states, which were originally announced in the 2010-11 Budget Measure *National Health and Hospitals Network — rebalancing financial responsibility in the federation.*

The Commonwealth has committed to meet 45 per cent of efficient growth in public hospital services between 2014-15 and 2017-18, and 50 per cent of efficient growth in public hospital services from 2017-18 onwards.

The Commonwealth has guaranteed that it will provide at least $16.4 billion in additional funding for efficient growth in public hospital services between 2014-15 and 2019-20. Of that amount, $9.5 billion will be allocated annually among the states on an equal per capita basis, to provide each state with greater certainty about the minimum amount of additional funding.

This new funding is in addition to the Commonwealth's existing National Healthcare Specific Purpose Payment funding.

The financial impact of the state-specific guarantee is estimated to be $21 million in 2014-15 and $45 million in 2015-16, reflecting the fact that the equal per capita allocation for some states is likely to be higher than growth funding based on actual activity.

Further information can be found in the press release of 2 August 2011 issued by the Prime Minister.

National Immunisation Program — listing of Fluarix

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2

The Government will list Fluarix® on the National Immunisation Program, in place of a more expensive alternative, which will provide a saving of $0.7 million over four years. Fluarix®, a generic seasonal influenza vaccine, has been selected to form part of the seasonal influenza vaccine supply.

Further information can be found in the press release of 21 June 2011 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

National Immunisation Program — Q fever vaccine — revised arrangements

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4

The Government will cease the availability of the publicly-funded Q fever vaccine that was announced in the 2007-08 Budget measure *National Immunisation Program – Q fever vaccine.* The Government will continue to provide Q fever vaccine in response to an emergency situation involving a Q fever outbreak.

Q fever is primarily an occupational health and safety issue, and is appropriately funded by employers and individuals, consistent with the funding of vaccines for other employment groups. The Government will continue to support the availability of Q fever vaccine on the private market.

This measure will provide savings of $5.7 million over five years (including $1.4 million in 2015-16).

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — new and amended listings

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Health and Ageing	-	67.4	111.7	127.2	134.6
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Department of Human Services	-	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7
Total - Expense	-	68.6	112.8	128.6	135.9
Related revenue ($m)					
Department of Health and Ageing	-	*nfp*	*nfp*	*nfp*	*nfp*
Related capital ($m)					
Department of Human Services	-	*0.2*	-	-	-

The Government has agreed to a number of new, and amendments to, listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS), at a gross cost of $446.1 million over four years. This includes funding for administering payments through the Department of Human Services (Medicare Australia). Pricing agreements negotiated between the Government and the drug manufacturers allow for offsets to the gross cost of some of these medicines.

Listings from 1 September 2011 include:

- Erbitux® (cetuximab), for the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer;
- Risperdal Consta® (risperidone), for the treatment of bipolar disorder; and
- Gilenya® (fingolimod), for the treatment of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis.

Listings from 1 October 2011 include:

- Tobi® (tobramycin), for the treatment of infections in patients with cystic fibrosis.

Listings from 1 November 2011 include:

- Revolade® (eltrombopag), for the treatment of a potentially life threatening bone marrow disorder in adults.

Listings from 1 December 2011 include:

- Saphris® (asenapine), for the treatment of both bipolar 1 disorder and schizophrenia;
- Xgeva® (denosumab), for the treatment of bone metastases from breast cancer and hormone resistant prostate cancer;

- Mabthera® (rituximab), for the treatment of a specific form of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia;
- Symbicort® (budesonide with eformoterol), for the treatment of lung disease;
- Fragmin® (dalteparin sodium), for the treatment of blood clots in patients with cancer; and
- Synarel® (nafarelin), for the treatment of patients undergoing in-vitro fertilisation (IVF).

General consumers will pay a $34.20 co-payment per prescription and concession card holders will pay a $5.60 co-payment per prescription.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 21 June 2011 and 1 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing, and the press release of 30 September 2011 jointly issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Health and Ageing.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — price amendments

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-1.8	-3.8	-3.7	-3.8
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-17.8	-38.7	-38.8	-41.0
Total - Expense	-	-19.6	-42.5	-42.6	-44.8

The Government has agreed to a number of price amendments to medicines already listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS), at a net saving of $149.4 million over four years.

These price amendments include:

- Lanoxin® (digoxin oral solution) for the treatment of serious heart conditions including heart failure in infants and children;
- Rimycin® (rifampicin) for the treatment of rare but serious infections including tuberculosis and as a prophylaxis for close contacts of patients with meningococcal disease; and
- Erythrocin-IV® (erythromycin lactobionate) and E-Mycin 200®, E.E.S200®, E-Mycin 400®, E.E.S Granules® (erythromycin ethyl succinate) for the treatment of bacterial infections.

These price amendments were recommended by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority (PBPA). The PBPA is an independent non-statutory body that reviews the price of products supplied under the PBS and vaccines on the National Immunisation Program.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 21 June 2011 and 1 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Health and Ageing, and the press release of 30 September 2011 jointly issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Health and Ageing.

Positron Emission Tomography (PET) services at Westmead Hospital

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Health and Ageing	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
Total - Expense	-	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3

From 1 July 2011, the Government ceased grant funding for positron emission tomography (PET) services and research at the Westmead Hospital, following its decision to fund access to an extended range of PET items through the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS).

Services will be funded through the MBS as PET has been demonstrated to be an effective technology for the diagnosis of a variety of diseases, especially cancer.

See also the related expense measure titled *Medicare Benefits Schedule — new and revised listings* from the 2011-12 Budget.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Therapeutic products — establishment of the Australia New Zealand Therapeutic Products Agency

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Health and Ageing	-	nfp	-	-	-
Related capital ($m)					
Department of Health and Ageing	-	*nfp*	-	-	-

The Government, in partnership with the New Zealand Government, will establish the Australia New Zealand Therapeutic Products Agency. The joint agency will regulate medicines, medical devices and other therapeutic goods in Australia and New Zealand.

The creation of a joint regulatory scheme across both countries is designed to safeguard public health and safety, while encouraging economic integration and benefitting industry in both countries. A staged implementation of the new arrangements will take place over a period of up to five years. The first stage of implementation, which includes sharing information, training and expertise between the Therapeutic Goods Administration (Australia) and Medsafe (New Zealand), commenced in July 2011.

The expenditure for this measure is not for publication (nfp) due to ongoing negotiations with the New Zealand Government.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 June 2011 issued by the Prime Minister.

HUMAN SERVICES

Early intervention to prevent debts for customers commencing employment

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Human Services	-	-	15.1	15.3	12.9
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-16.6	-12.5	-12.5
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-43.4	-32.5	-32.5
Total - Expense	-	-	-44.9	-29.7	-32.1
Related capital ($m)					
Department of Human Services	-	-	*2.6*	-	-
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Capital	-	-	*2.6*	-	-

The Government will provide $59.0 million over five years (including $13.0 million in 2015-16 and $2.6 million in capital in 2012-13) to help prevent social welfare recipients from accumulating debt when they commence new employment.

The measure will provide the Department of Human Services with the capability to telephone 250,000 customers who have recently lodged a tax declaration form with an employer. Customers will receive information on how to correctly report employment income.

This measure is expected to reduce welfare overpayments by $195.0 million over five years (including $45.0 million in 2015-16), resulting in net savings of $136.0 million over five years.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Student Income Support — administrative costs

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Human Services	-	7.0	0.4	2.2	2.2
Related capital ($m)					
Department of Human Services	-	*1.5*	-	-	-

The Government will provide $13.3 million over four years (including $1.5 million in capital funding in 2011-12) for the administrative costs associated with the Student Income Support reforms, including information technology redesign and communication strategies.

This measure forms part of the Government's response to the Review of Student Income Support Reforms.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 September 2011 issued by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

See also the related expense measures titled: *Student Income Support — Workforce Participation Criteria — remove regional distinctions; Student Income Support — changes to the rate of Student Start-up Scholarships* and *Student Income Support — Relocation Scholarship — increased payments for regional students.*

See also the related savings measure titled: *Student Income Support — delay masters by coursework by two years*.

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Humanitarian Migration Program — decrease of 4,000 places

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-30.5	-45.4	-61.5	-79.0

The Government will realise savings of $216.4 million over four years by reversing the 2011-12 Budget measure *Humanitarian Migration Program – increase of 4,000 places*. Australia will continue to honour its agreement with Malaysia to resettle 4,000 refugees. However, these refugee places will be met from within the existing annual humanitarian cap.

While offshore processing of Irregular Maritime Arrivals such as the Malaysia agreement remains the Government's preferred policy, onshore processing arrangements will be put in place until offshore processing becomes possible.

See also the related savings measure *Malaysia transfer agreement – Removal of funding for implementation costs*.

Malaysia transfer agreement — Removal of funding for implementation costs

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-23.8	-18.2	-15.6	-13.3

The Government will realise savings of $70.9 million over four years by reversing the 2011-12 Budget measure *Regional Cooperation Framework – Transfer of Irregular Arrivals to Malaysia*.

While offshore processing of Irregular Maritime Arrivals such as the Malaysia agreement remains the Government's preferred policy, onshore processing arrangements will be put in place until offshore processing becomes possible.

See also the related savings measure *Humanitarian Migration Program – decrease of 4,000 places*.

Regional Cooperation Framework — establishment of a regional support office

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	0.7	1.5	1.5	1.5

The Government will provide $5.2 million over four years to establish a support office in a regional country. The office will take a lead role in coordinating a common approach to tackling irregular migration in the region as well as providing ongoing assistance to regional countries.

Student Visa Simplification

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $3.6 million over four years for a number of measures that will improve the integrity of the Student Visa Program and increase the competitiveness of Australia's international education sector.

A new temporary entrant criterion will be introduced to determine whether visa applicants are genuine temporary entrants who intend to return to their country of origin at the completion of their studies.

A review of the risk assessment level framework will be undertaken. A voluntary streamlined student visa processing system for Australian universities will be established as a first step ahead of the finalisation of the review in mid-2013. A mandatory requirement will also be introduced for education providers to report details of agents who recruit international students to their institutions.

Access to a post-study temporary work visa will be made available to international university graduates at Bachelor or higher degree level, with work rights commensurate with the duration of study.

The cost of this measure will be met through the existing resources of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

Cloncurry Community Precinct — contribution

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Infrastructure and Transport	-	2.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide $2.4 million in 2011-12 as a contribution to establish a multiple use community hub in Cloncurry, Queensland. The project will establish a library, gallery space for local and touring exhibitions, function rooms with multi-media connections, commercial grade kitchen, amenities, community open space and refurbishment of the existing 1939 Shire Hall.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be $8.7 million, with partner funding contributions by the Queensland Government, the Xstrata North Queensland Partnership Program and the Cloncurry Shire Council.

Majura Parkway — upgrade

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	9.5	-	50.0	64.5
Department of Infrastructure and Transport	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	9.5	-	50.0	64.5

The Government will provide $144.0 million over five years (including $20.0 million in 2015-16) as a contribution towards the upgrade of the Majura Parkway in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).

Completion of the Majura Parkway project will connect the Federal Highway and Monaro Highway with a divided dual carriageway and enable better access to the Canberra International Airport and industrial estates in the ACT and regional areas of New South Wales. This development will remove bottlenecks that currently limit efficient freight movement, ease local traffic movement, and provide a safer road for the community.

Funding for this measure will be provided from the Building Australia Fund and will match a contribution from the ACT Government.

See also the related measure titled *Nation Building Programs 1 and 2 — reallocation of funding*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 7 July 2011 issued by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

Maldon to Dombarton rail link — additional funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Infrastructure and Transport	-	-	20.0	5.5	-

The Government will provide $25.5 million over two years from 2012-13 to further develop the Maldon to Dombarton Rail Link project. This funding will enable pre-construction activities, including the detailed design work for civil, structural, geotechnical and track work necessary for the future construction of the project and the finalisation of a construction timetable and cost estimate for the project.

Further information can be found in the press release of 18 October 2011 issued by the Prime Minister.

Nation Building — modification

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	1,375.9	-1,218.9	-62.0	-50.0
Department of Infrastructure and Transport	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	1,375.9	-1,218.9	-62.0	-50.0

The Government will bring forward $1.4 billion to 2011-12 to accelerate construction of a number of major infrastructure projects.

$1.1 billion is for the following Nation Building Program projects:

- duplication of the Pacific Highway for the Sapphire to Woolgoolga section ($170.0 million), the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale section ($220.0 million) and activities related to the full duplication of the remaining sections of the Pacific Highway, including the upgrade of the Frederickton to Eungai section of the highway ($100.0 million);

- upgrade of the Western Ring Road in Melbourne ($167.2 million);

- upgrade of Queensland road infrastructure, including upgrading the southern approach to Cairns on the Bruce Highway ($72.0 million), upgrading the Bruce Highway and Dawson Highway intersection (the Calliope Crossroads) ($95 million) and upgrading the Mains Road and Kessels Road intersection which forms part of the Brisbane Urban Corridor at McGregor ($101.2 million); and

- the South Road Superway project in Adelaide ($146.5 million).

$250.0 million is for the following Building Australia Fund projects:

- the Hunter Expressway project ($200.0 million); and
- the Gawler Line Modernisation project in Adelaide ($50.0 million).

$69.0 million is for the following Regional Infrastructure Fund projects:

- the Blacksoil Interchange, at the Warrego Highway and Brisbane Valley Highway intersection, and the Wulkuraka Connection Road and Warrego Highway intersection near Ipswich ($34.0 million); and
- upgrade of the intersection of the Bruce Highway and the Capricorn Highway south of Rockhampton ($35.0 million).

Further information can be found in the press releases of 9 November 2011, 14 November 2011, 17 November 2011 and 21 November 2011 issued by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

Nation Building Programs 1 and 2 — reallocation of funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Infrastructure and Transport	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-9.5	-	-	-114.5
Total - Expense	-	-9.5	-	-	-114.5

The Government will reallocate $9.5 million of Nation Building Program 1 funding from the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) that has not yet been utilised and will reduce the funding provision for Nation Building Program 2, planned to commence in 2014-15, by $114.5 million in order to offset the cost of providing a grant to the ACT Government as a contribution towards the construction of the Majura Parkway project from the Building Australia Fund.

See also the related expense measure titled *Majura Parkway – upgrade.*

INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Clean Energy Future — Supporting Jobs — clean technology focus for supply chain programs

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.4

The Government will provide $5.0 million over four years to enhance the clean technology aspects of the Supplier Advocates and Enterprise Connect programs to improve competitiveness and encourage better linkages between major projects and capable Australian suppliers.

The additional funding will be provided to enhance the role of Supplier Advocates for the clean technologies, water and built environment sectors, as well as engaging further business advisers and providing tailored advisory services, implementation grants and development projects under the Enterprise Connect program.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Supporting Jobs — Clean Technology Program

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	18.7	141.5	244.9	312.3

The Government will provide $1.2 billion over seven years (including $306.0 million in 2015-16, $147.5 million in 2016-17 and $29.1 million in 2017-18) to assist manufacturing industries transition to a low carbon economy by supporting the adoption and deployment of technologies to improve energy and carbon efficiency at manufacturing facilities. This transitional adjustment assistance will provide:

- $800.0 million over seven years to manufacturing businesses that have an annual electricity consumption of at least 300 megawatt hours or 5 terajoules of natural gas or are directly liable under the carbon price mechanism in the year prior to application. The program will offer competitive grants expected to range between $25,000 and $10.0 million.

- $200.0 million over six years to the food and beverage processing and metal forging and foundry industries as these industries are trade exposed and have somewhat higher exposure to energy costs than general manufacturing businesses. Targeted assistance for these sectors will assist businesses to improve the energy and carbon efficiency of production processes in the short term while remaining competitive. The program will offer competitive grants expected to range between $25,000 and $10.0 million.

- $200.0 million over five years to support business investment in low-emissions research and development in the areas of renewable energy, low-emissions technologies and energy efficiency. The program will offer grants of between $50,000 and $5.0 million to businesses and to companies controlled by universities and public sector organisations, with recipients expected to match the Government's contribution on a dollar for dollar basis.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Supporting Jobs — Steel Transformation Plan

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	164.6	0.5	0.3	23.7
Clean Energy Regulator	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Expense	-	164.6	0.5	0.3	23.7
Related capital ($m)					
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	*0.3*	-	-	-
Clean Energy Regulator	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Capital	-	*0.3*	-	-	-

The Government will provide $302.5 million over six years (including $75.3 million in 2015-16 and $37.8 million in 2016-17) to encourage investment and innovation in the Australian steel manufacturing industry to assist the sector to transform into an increasingly efficient and economically sustainable industry in a low carbon economy. Assistance will be provided for eligible activities, including investment in capital, innovation, research and development, and production.

The Steel Transformation Plan will be implemented as a legislated entitlement scheme and delivered in two parts:

- Part 1 — a discretionary advance payment for the purpose of competitiveness assistance up to the value of $164.0 million for 2011-12 only; and

- Part 2 — a $300.0 million entitlement scheme over five years from 2012-13, with entitlements under this part to be reduced by the value of any restructuring assistance advance payments under Part 1.

Funding of $2.5 million over six years will be provided to the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research to administer the scheme.

The Government will provide further assistance through a ten per cent increase in permit allocations for crude steel under the Jobs and Competitiveness program, commencing in 2016-17.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

See also the related expense measure titled *Clean Energy Future — Supporting Jobs — Jobs and Competitiveness Program* in the Climate Change and Energy Efficiency portfolio.

Commercial Ready — redirect funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-1.1	-	-	-

The Government will redirect $1.1 million in 2011-12 from the Commercial Ready program to partially offset the cost of establishing the Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund.

Commercial Ready is a competitive, merit-based grants program that supports small to medium sized firms to undertake research and development, proof-of-concept and early-stage commercialisation projects. The program closed for applications on 14 May 2008, with funding for existing projects terminating in 2011-12.

See also the related expense measure titled *Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund — establishment* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

Commercialisation Australia — redirect funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-7.5	-1.4	-	-

The Government will redirect $8.9 million over two years from the Commercialisation Australia program to partially offset the cost of establishing the Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund.

Commercialisation Australia aims to build the capacity of, and opportunities for, Australia's researchers, entrepreneurs and innovative firms to convert intellectual property into commercial ventures. Funding of $276.7 million over four years remains available to continue to provide assistance under the program.

See also the related measure titled *Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund – establishment* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

Enterprise Connect — extension to tourism

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	0.6	1.3	2.0	-

The Government will provide $5.9 million over four years to extend the Enterprise Connect program to the tourism sector. The extension is designed to improve long-term productivity by providing access for small and medium sized tourism firms to the Enterprise Connect Business Adviser network and to a range of tailored products and services to support their capability and competitiveness.

Funding of $2.0 million in 2014-15 will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund — establishment

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	6.9	12.0	1.1	-

The Government will provide $20.0 million over three years from 2011-12 to establish, together with contributions from the New South Wales Government ($5.0 million) and BlueScope Steel ($5.0 million), a $30.0 million Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund (the Fund).

The aim of the Fund is to ameliorate the impact of significant job losses arising from the downsizing and restructuring of the BlueScope Steel operations at Port Kembla in the Illawarra region, New South Wales. The Fund will be established as a regional structural adjustment program that will provide support for investment in new activities and industries that diversify the regional economy and create sustainable new jobs.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 August 2011 issued by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

See also the related measures titled *Commercialisation Australia — redirect funding* and *Commercial Ready — redirect funding* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio and *Sustainable Australia — Suburban Jobs — reduction in funding* in the Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio.

Square Kilometre Array — initial contribution

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $6.5 million over four years to make a non-host nation contribution to the pre-construction phase of the international Square Kilometre Array (SKA) project. The SKA will comprise many thousands of antennas, across a range of at least 3,000 kilometres, which will be utilised for research into areas of fundamental astronomy and astrophysics by domestic and international scientists. Announcement of the successful site is expected in 2012, with construction to commence in 2016.

The $6.5 million, which is not contingent on selection of the Australia-New Zealand site, will be released from the $34.0 million provision that was included in the Contingency Reserve in the 2011-12 Budget.

Strengthening Opportunities for Australian Industry Participation

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will strengthen opportunities for Australian industry by:

- extending the requirement for Australian Industry Participation Plans to projects involving Commonwealth grants of $20.0 million or more, including grants to the States and Territories; and

- requiring future developers of projects greater than $2.0 billion to publish more extensive details on opportunities available to Australian businesses in order to receive a five per cent tariff exemption on imports under the Enhanced Project By-law Scheme.

The Government will appoint a working group of stakeholders to advise on the implementation of these measures.

Further information can be found in the press release of 6 October 2011 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

National Police Service Medal and National Emergency Medal

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	-	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8

The Government will provide $2.6 million over four years to introduce a National Emergency Medal and a National Police Service Medal in the Australian system of honours and awards. The National Emergency Medal will recognise extraordinary or sustained services to others in national emergencies such as the Victorian bushfires and the Queensland floods. The National Police Service Medal will recognise police officers who have provided the highest standards of ethical and diligent service over a period of 15 years or more.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 26 January 2011 and 19 September 2011 issued by the Prime Minister.

REGIONAL AUSTRALIA, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Clean Energy Future — Supporting Jobs — helping communities and regions

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government	-	-	10.0	50.0	30.0

The Government will provide $200.0 million over seven years (including $110.0 million beyond the forward estimates) to support regions that are either strongly affected by the Government's Contracts for Closure program or where there are unforeseen adverse impacts of carbon pricing in regions. Assistance will be subject to a demonstrated need and the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government will monitor the impacts of the carbon price on regions to determine whether and where structural adjustment assistance is needed.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Natural Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding — Queensland Environmental Recovery Projects

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will reallocate up to $4.2 million to help establish a joint funding pool that will allow the Queensland Government to undertake additional environmental recovery projects for riparian, coastal, flood plain and farm clean-up activities resulting from the natural disasters in 2010-11.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing provisions for the *Natural Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding — assistance to Queensland local governments* measure which was included in the 2011-12 Budget.

Natural Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding — Strengthening Grantham Initiative

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will reallocate up to $9.0 million to jointly fund the Strengthening Grantham Initiative with the Queensland Government.

This initiative will offer residents affected by severe flooding in the Lockyer Valley an opportunity to move to a more flood resilient location.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of *Natural Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding – assistance to Queensland local governments* measure which was included in the 2011-12 Budget.

Further information can be found in the press release of 17 October 2011 issued jointly by the Prime Minister and the Acting Premier of Queensland.

Norfolk Island — emergency assistance and further reform

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government	-	nfp	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding in 2011-12 to support the Norfolk Island Government, which is experiencing serious difficulties in meeting commitments for the provision of essential services. The amount of this assistance is not for publication (nfp) as negotiations with service providers are commercial-in-confidence.

All funding provided will be contingent on the Norfolk Island Government undertaking further reforms to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government administration on the island. The Commonwealth will provide specialist advisors in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to assist in implementing reforms. The related costs will be met from within the existing resources of contributing agencies.

RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM

Carbon Capture and Storage Flagships — deferral of funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-38.5	-25.8	-2.8	-11.5

The Government will defer funding of $78.6 million for the Carbon Capture and Storage Flagships program. Total program funding will remain unchanged, with $78.6 million to be restored to the program beyond the forward estimates to better match the expected spending profile of the program.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Clean Energy Future — closure of emissions-intensive electricity generation capacity

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	7.4	-	-	-

The Government will seek to negotiate the closure of around 2,000 megawatts of highly emissions-intensive coal-fired electricity generation capacity by 2020. A voluntary expression of interest process, open to generators with an emissions intensity greater than 1.2 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per megawatt hour of electricity on an 'as generated' basis, will be conducted in 2011-12. Following this process, the Government will seek to negotiate a contract for closure with one or more generators. Entering into a particular contract will be subject to an assessment that energy security will not be put at risk by the proposed closure. Payments will be contingent on the payment of workers' entitlements and appropriate arrangements for remediation of the power station site (and of a related coal mine where appropriate).

The Government will provide $7.4 million in 2011-12 for the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism to manage the expression of interest and contracting process. A provision has been made in the Contingency Reserve beyond 30 June 2016 for the cost of the contracts for closure.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and the Minister for Resources and Energy.

Clean Energy Future — Improving Energy Efficiency — Energy Efficiency Opportunities Program

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-	1.4	7.9	7.7

The Government will provide $31.6 million over five years from 2012-13 (including $7.6 million in 2015-16 and $7.0 million in 2016-17) to continue and expand the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Program by:

- enhancing assessment and verification requirements and expanding coverage to include energy transmission and distribution networks and major greenfield and expansion projects; and
- establishing a voluntary scheme for medium energy use corporations that use less than 0.5 petajoules of energy per annum.

The program encourages large and medium energy-using businesses to improve their energy efficiency. It does this by requiring them to identify, evaluate and report publicly on cost effective energy savings opportunities.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Innovation in Renewable Energy — Australian Renewable Energy Agency

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	0.5	1.0	-0.5	-1.0

The Government will establish an independent statutory body, the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), to provide grants and other financial assistance for the research and development, demonstration and commercialisation of renewable energy and related technologies, including enabling technologies and renewable energy related transmission infrastructure. It will work closely with the new Clean Energy Finance Corporation to provide coordinated support to technologies at different stages of development.

ARENA will administer $3.2 billion in existing funding through the consolidation of programs currently delivered by the Australian Centre for Renewable Energy, the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, the Australian Solar Institute and the proposed Australian Biofuels Research Institute. It may also receive future funding from discretional dividends paid by the Clean Energy Finance Corporation and a share of future carbon price revenue should the Jobs and Competitiveness Program be modified following reviews by the Productivity Commission.

The Government will provide $2.5 million over three years ($0.5 million in 2011-12 and $1.0 million per annum in 2012-13 and 2013-14) for the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism to manage the transition to ARENA. This cost will be met through a reallocation and reprofiling of the Department's existing resourcing.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, the Minister for Resources and Energy and the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

Clean Energy Future — Supporting Jobs — coal mining

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	222.4	10.5	246.7	257.2

The Government will provide $1.3 billion over six years (including $291.7 million in 2015-16 and $305.6 million in 2016-17) to assist the most emissions intensive coal mines to transition to a carbon price. This measure includes:

- $1.3 billion over six years for a Coal Sector Jobs Package, to provide financial assistance to existing mines that had a fugitive emissions intensity in 2008-09 above 0.1 tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent per tonne of saleable coal. Assistance will be based on the level and emissions intensity of production. Payments will be subject to a cap, based on production levels (the higher of 2007-08 or 2008-09); and

- $70.0 million over six years for a Coal Mining Abatement Technology Support Package, to support the research, development and deployment of abatement technologies in the coal industry.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and the Minister for Resources and Energy.

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting — Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative — domestic pilot

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $0.5 million over two years ($0.3 million in 2012-13 and $0.2 million in 2013-14) to conduct a domestic pilot of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). The pilot will be conducted across the Commonwealth, possibly a number of state and territory jurisdictions and a sample of Australian extractive resource companies to help determine how the EITI methodology could be applied effectively in Australia.

The EITI is a global standard that promotes revenue transparency through the publication of independently audited information on material payments made by oil, gas and mining companies to governments, and the revenues received by governments from these companies.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism.

TQUAL Grants — redirection of funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-0.6	-1.3	-2.0	-

The Government will redirect $3.8 million over three years from the TQUAL Grants program to support the extension of the Enterprise Connect initiative to the Australian tourism sector. The TQUAL Grants program seeks to encourage additional private sector investment in the development of Australia’s tourism industry products, services and experiences.

See also the related expense measure titled *Enterprise Connect – extension to tourism* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES

Clean Energy Future — Creating Opportunities on the Land — Biodiversity Fund

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	-	36.6	34.6	249.8	250.8

The Government will provide $946.2 million over six years (including $199.8 million in 2015-16 and $174.8 million in 2016-17) to establish a Biodiversity Fund. The fund will support the establishment, restoration, protection and management of biodiverse carbon stores including: reforestation and revegetation in areas of high conservation value including wildlife corridors, rivers and wetlands; management and protection of biodiverse ecosystems, including publicly owned native forests and land under conservation covenants or subject to land clearing restrictions; and action to prevent the spread of invasive species across connected landscapes.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Creating Opportunities on the Land — natural resource management for climate change

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	-	0.9	6.3	19.6	2.7
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	-	-	7.9	3.9	1.6
Total - Expense	-	0.9	14.2	23.5	4.3

The Government will provide $48.4 million over six years (including $5.1 million in 2015-16 and $0.5 million in 2016-17) to provide assistance to natural resource management organisations to plan for the impacts of climate change and to establish an independent Land Sector Carbon and Biodiversity Advisory Board.

This measure includes $44.0 million over five years to assist natural resource management organisations to update regional plans for the impact of climate change, including to guide the implementation of carbon farming projects. The funding will also support research and analysis to develop scenarios of regional climate change impacts for use in natural resource management and land use planning.

Funding of $4.4 million over six years will be provided to enable the Land Sector Carbon and Biodiversity Advisory Board to review, oversee and provide advice to the Government on the implementation of the clean energy future land sector initiatives.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Extractive Industry Activities — Independent Expert Scientific Committee and National Partnership Agreement

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	-	50.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Department of the Treasury	-	10.0	20.0	20.0	-
Total - Expense	-	60.0	45.0	45.0	25.0

The Government will provide $200.0 million over five years (including $25.0 million in 2015-16) to support the management of extractive industry activities, particularly coal seam gas and major coal mining developments.

This measure aims to build scientific evidence and understanding of the impacts on water resources of coal seam gas extraction and large coal mines. The measure is supported by:

- the establishment of an Independent Expert Scientific Committee to advise on research priorities, commission and coordinate research, and engage with relevant stakeholders on coal seam gas and large coal mines; and
- a National Partnership Agreement with the States and Territories to improve regulations and standards relating to coal seam gas and large coal mines.

Further information can be found in the press release of 21 November 2011 issued by the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer.

Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Program — reduction in funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	-	-50.0	-	-	-

The Government will reduce funding by $50.0 million in 2011-12 for the Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Program, a component of the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan.

The program will now provide funding of $43.8 million for eligible projects which capture, treat and use stormwater to ease the pressure on drinking water supplies and deliver improved water quality to urban waterways.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory — Jobs Package — expansion of Working on Country Indigenous Ranger program

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	-	-	1.3	3.2	4.1

The Government will provide $19.1 million over four years from 2012-13 (including $6.2 million in 2015-16) to expand the Working on Country Indigenous Ranger program in the Northern Territory by 50 positions, to over 330 rangers.

Funding under the program is provided to Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations that employ Indigenous staff to undertake a range of environmental activities, including control of feral animals and weeds, and protection of important cultural sites and areas of national and international significance.

The Indigenous Ranger program is a component of the Caring for our Country initiative, and the costs of this expansion will be partially met from within the existing resources of that initiative.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 14 November 2011 issued by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development and the Minister for Indigenous Health.

Sustainable Australia — Suburban Jobs — reduction in funding

Expense ($m)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	-	-2.5	-18.5	-22.5	-11.5

The Government will reduce funding for the Suburban Jobs program by $55.0 million over four years.

The remaining program funding of $45.0 million over four years will continue to be available to assist state and local governments to plan and provide for employment hubs to support local jobs.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to partially offset the *Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund* and to support other Government priorities.

See also the related expense measure titled *Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund – establishment* in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio.

TREASURY

Australian Financial Centre Taskforce Secretariat

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	0.2	-	-	-
Related revenue ($m)					
Department of the Treasury	*-*	*0.2*	*-*	*-*	*-*

The Government will provide $165,000 in 2011-12 for the continued employment of a part-time Executive Director of the Australian Financial Centre Taskforce Secretariat. The Australian Financial Centre Taskforce oversees the development of initiatives to enhance the competitiveness of Australia as a financial centre.

Funding will be sourced from interest revenue earned on unclaimed monies held in the *Companies and Unclaimed Moneys Special Account* (CUMSA). This has no impact on the budget as the interest earned by CUMSA is not included in Australian Government revenue until a decision has been made for its expenditure.

Clean Energy Finance Corporation

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	2.7	-	-	-
Clean Energy Finance Corporation	-	-	19.6	466.9	543.2
Total - Expense	-	2.7	19.6	466.9	543.2
Related revenue ($m)					
Clean Energy Finance Corporation	*-*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*88.6*

The Government will provide $2.0 billion a year for five years from 2013-14 into the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC). The CEFC will provide commercial and concessional loans and equity for the commercialisation and deployment of renewable energy and enabling technologies, energy efficiency and low-emissions technologies. It will also invest in manufacturing businesses that focus on producing inputs required for these technologies.

The Government has appointed an expert review panel to report to the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Finance and Deregulation by mid-March 2012 on: the implementation plan for the establishment of the CEFC; the investment mandate and risk management approach of the CEFC; and governance arrangements of the CEFC. The recommendations of the expert review will inform the drafting of legislation, which will be introduced into Parliament in 2012 to allow the CEFC to commence operations in 2013-14.

The CEFC will have a net impact on the fiscal balance of $943.8 million over the forward estimates and a net impact on the underlying cash balance of $312.0 million over the same period. In 2014-15, interest revenue from investments will have a positive impact on the fiscal balance of $88.6 million and a positive impact on the underlying cash balance of $60.8 million.

The fiscal and underlying cash balance impacts include: departmental expenses; a prudent recognition that some investments will not be recovered; and interest revenue. The fiscal balance impact also includes the concessional component of concessional loans. This treatment reflects budget accounting standards and is consistent with the treatment of similar investments elsewhere in the budget.

$60.0 million over four years from 2011-12 will be provided to support the establishment and operating costs for the CEFC, including $2.7 million in 2011-12 to the Department of the Treasury to assist the expert review panel.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and the joint press release of 12 October 2011 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Compliance

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	2.2	4.4	4.1	2.1
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	0.4	2.0	1.2	1.1
Total - Expense	-	2.6	6.3	5.3	3.2
Related revenue ($m)					
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will provide $12.8 million over four years to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to investigate businesses that make false or misleading claims about the impact of a carbon price which contravenes the Australian Consumer Law (ACL). The ACCC will also raise awareness among businesses and consumers of their obligations and rights, respectively, under the ACL.

The Government will also provide $4.6 million over four years to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission for licensing, compliance and deterrence activities in relation to Australian Financial Services license holders dealing in carbon permits. This measure will have an ongoing unquantifiable revenue impact from additional license fees.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Clean Energy Future — Governance — Productivity Commission Reviews

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Productivity Commission	-	3.9	4.4	5.0	4.8

The Government will provide $18.0 million over four years to the Productivity Commission (PC) to undertake reviews relating to industry assistance, fuel tax arrangements, and undertake ongoing work to quantify mitigation policies in other major economies.

The PC will review the assistance arrangements under the Jobs and Competitiveness Program in the third year of the carbon price (2014-15), including the treatment of the steel industry, and thereafter at regular intervals. A review of assistance provided to a particular activity could be conducted earlier than 2014-15 if requested by the Government. The PC will also review the impact of a carbon price and associated Government assistance measures on the coal mining sector. The review will also examine the practicalities associated with moving to the model described in the Garnaut Climate Change Review — Update 2011, including whether it is the most effective and efficient means of preventing carbon leakage and assisting the industry to transition and whether the Government should adopt this approach.

In addition, once the carbon pricing mechanism has commenced, firms may make a request to the Government to have the impact of the carbon price on their sector assessed. The Government will establish a set of guidelines that set out when such requests would be referred to the PC and the terms of reference for these reviews.

Furthermore, the PC will conduct a review of fuel excise arrangements, including an examination of the merits of a regime based explicitly and precisely on the carbon and energy content of fuels.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Clean Energy Future — Putting a Price on Pollution — fuel tax credit reductions

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Australian Taxation Office	-	2.2	-525.8	-49.0	-459.0

The Government will implement an effective carbon charge on the use of liquid and gaseous fuels through the fuel tax system by reducing the business fuel tax credit entitlement for the use of these fuels.

As households and light on-road commercial vehicles are not eligible for fuel tax credits and pay the full rate of fuel tax, they will not also face a carbon price on the fuel they use for transport. The agriculture, forestry and fishing industries are exempt from the fuel tax credit reduction. Heavy on-road transport will be exempted from the beginning of the scheme but will become subject to an effective carbon charge from 1 July 2014.

The Government will also allow large users of fuel to opt into the carbon pricing mechanism instead of paying the equivalent carbon price through the fuel tax system.

This measure delivers on the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

This measure is estimated to provide savings of $1,031.6 million over the forward estimates. The Government will provide the Australian Taxation Office $8.4 million to administer the arrangements.

The estimate for this measure varies from those published in the Explanatory Memorandum for the clean energy legislation as a result of updated data and methodological improvements relating to liquid fuels.

Clean Energy Future — Supporting Energy Markets — Energy Security Council

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will establish a new Energy Security Council to advise it in the event of systemic risks to energy security and on measures to mitigate such risks. The Council will also advise on the provision of loans to electricity generators for the refinancing of existing debt if finance from the market is not available on reasonable terms.

The Department of the Treasury will provide secretariat support to the Council. This cost will be absorbed in 2011-12 but further funding may be sought in later years.

This measure is part of the Government's plan for a clean energy future.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 10 July 2011 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Establishment of a Tax Studies Institute

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	-	1.0	1.0	1.0
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-1.0	-1.1	-1.1
Total - Expense	-	-	-	-0.1	-0.1

The Government will provide $3.0 million over 3 years to establish an independent tax studies institute. The institute will undertake additional research into Australia's tax and transfer system. The institute will be a centre for research excellence linked to our universities and consider issues including the design and simplification of the tax-transfer system.

Business donations to the Tax Studies Institute (TSI) will be an allowable tax deduction.

The cost of establishing the TSI and the revenue impact from listing the TSI as having deductible gift recipient status will be offset from a corresponding reduction in expenses from the Australian Taxation Office.

The establishment of a TSI was announced by the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer on 5 October 2011 at the conclusion of the Tax Forum.

This measure implements a change recommended by the Australia's Future Tax System Review, and continues the process of tax reform started in May last year with the release of the Government's *Stronger, Fairer, Simpler* package of reforms

See also the related revenue measure titled *Philanthropy — updating the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients.*

Grant to Australasian Compliance Institute

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of the Treasury	-	..	..	..	-
Related revenue ($m)					
Department of the Treasury	-	..	..	..	-

The Government will provide a grant of $65,000 over three years from 2011-12 to the Australasian Compliance Institute (ACI) to enable the ACI to engage Standards Australia to initiate the development of an international standard based on Australian Standard 3806 Compliance programs. This will assist in the promotion of a culture of compliance within Australian business.

Funding will be sourced from interest revenue earned on unclaimed monies held in the *Companies and Unclaimed Moneys Special Account* (CUMSA). This has no impact on the budget as the interest earned by CUMSA is not included in Australian Government revenue until a decision has been made for its expenditure.

Superannuation — low income superannuation contribution — modified eligibility criteria

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-25.6	-26.6	-25.6

The Government will modify the eligibility criteria for the low income superannuation contribution (LISC), saving $77.8 million over three years to 2014-15.

This measure will restrict eligibility to individuals earning 10 per cent or more of their income from employment or carrying on a business which also applies to the superannuation co-contribution. In addition, the LISC will not be paid if it would be less than $20 in order to reduce administration costs, or the individual is a temporary resident.

Superannuation Co-contribution — better targeting concession for low income earners

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-352.0	-342.0	-329.0

The Government will better target superannuation concessions for low income earners by reducing the superannuation co-contribution from 1 July 2012, when the new low income superannuation contribution commences. This measure is estimated to save $1.023 billion over three years to 2014-15.

Under this measure, the matching rate will be reduced to 50 per cent, with a maximum co-contribution of $500 for people with incomes up to $31,920 in 2012-13 (with the amount available phasing down for incomes up to $46,920).

The low income superannuation contribution announced in the 2010-11 Budget is better targeted and more widely available than the current co-contribution, benefiting more than three times as many low-income earners. The new concession effectively refunds the tax payable on superannuation contributions, including those made under the superannuation guarantee, for individuals earning up to $37,000.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to support other Government priorities.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Centenary of Anzac — Anzac Centenary Advisory Board — operational funding

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide $1.1 million in 2011-12 to support the operation of the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board and its six working groups. The Board has been established to provide strategic advice to Government on the planning and implementation of commemorations for the Centenary of Anzac.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Centenary of Anzac — Anzac Interpretive Centre Albany — design and planning

Expense ($m)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide $1.3 million in 2011-12 for design and planning work on an Anzac Interpretive Centre (the Centre), as part of the commemoration of the Centenary of Anzac.

The Centre will increase community understanding of the service performed by Australian men and women during the First World War, providing an educational resource and a lasting legacy. The Centre will be located in Albany, Western Australia, where the Anzac convoys gathered before departing for Egypt and Gallipoli, and will also have an online presence.

The development of the Centre was a key recommendation of the National Commission on the Commemoration of the Anzac Centenary. This funding is in addition to the $250,000 already provided in 2011 to undertake a scoping study.