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# Section 1: Agency overview and resources

# 1.1 STRATEGIC DIRECTION STATEMENT

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is an independent Commonwealth statutory authority whose role is to enforce the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (CCA) and a range of additional legislation, promoting competition, fair trading and regulating national infrastructure for the benefit of all Australians.

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is Australia's national energy market regulator. The AER has an independent Board.

The ACCC and AER share staffing, resources and facilities.

The roles of the ACCC and AER should be seen in the context of the thinking that underpins National Competition Policy — that competition provides the best incentive for businesses to become more efficient, innovative and flexible and to operate in the long term interests of end users.

The ACCC has a number of ongoing compliance and enforcement priorities, namely cartel conduct and anti-competitive agreements, the misuse of market power, and product safety issues which have the potential to cause serious harm to consumers. The ACCC uses priority factors to direct resources to the investigation and resolution of matters that provide the greatest overall benefit for competition and consumers. In addition, the ACCC is currently prioritising work in the following areas:

- consumer protection in the telecommunications and energy sectors;
- online competition and consumer issues including conduct which may impede emerging competition between online traders or limit the ability of small businesses to effectively compete online;
- competition and consumer issues in highly concentrated sectors, in particular in the supermarket and fuel sectors;
- credence claims, particularly those in the food industry with the potential to have a significant impact on consumers or the competitive process;
- misleading carbon pricing representations;

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- · the Australian Consumer Law consumer guarantees regime; and
- consumer protection issues impacting on Indigenous consumers.

The ACCC is also the national regulator of natural monopoly infrastructure facilities in communication, bulk water, post and transport industries (energy sector regulation is undertaken by the AER). Fostering efficient infrastructure provision through industry-specific regulation and access conditions — under the umbrella of the long term interest of end users — is the major focus of the economic regulatory role. Access conditions that promote competition in upstream and downstream markets can increase the efficiency and productivity of the overall economy.

The ACCC economic regulation priorities for 2013-14 are:

- implementing the regulatory arrangements for the National Broadband Network (NBN);
- responding to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into Part IIIA of the CCA;
   and
- responding to expected Part IIIA Access Undertakings.

The AER has a diverse work program that is informed by the requirements of the energy market laws and rules. The energy laws' objective of promoting efficient investment in, and operation and use of, energy services for the long term interests of energy consumers guides the AER's priorities and work program. For 2013-14, the AER will be focusing on the following priorities when considering its work:

- improving network regulation through the Better Regulation program;
- · strengthening stakeholder engagement; and
- building consumer confidence in energy markets.

The ACCC and AER work directly and indirectly to achieve its outcome. It will use strategic communication and undertake an active program of stronger and managed partnerships with other organisations to deliver outcomes that impact favourably on consumer welfare.

#### 1.2 **AGENCY RESOURCE STATEMENT**

Table 1.1 shows the total resources for the ACCC.

**Table 1.1: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission resource** statement — Budget estimates for 2013-14 as at Budget May 2013

|   |   | Estimate     |   |           |   |          |               |
|---|---|--------------|---|-----------|---|----------|---------------|
|   |   | of prior     |   |           |   |          | Actual        |
|   | У | ear amounts  | + | Proposed  | = | Total    | available     |
|   |   | available in |   | at Budget |   | estimate | appropriation |
|   |   | 2013-14      |   | 2013-14   |   | 2013-14  | 2012-13       |
|   |   | \$'000       |   | \$'000    |   | \$'000   | \$'000        |
| Ordinary annual services                |   |              |   |           |   |          |               |
| Departmental                            |   |              |   |           |   |          |               |
| Prior year departmental                 |   |              |   |           |   |          |               |
| appropriation                           |   | 6,145        | 4 | -         |   | 6,145    | -             |
| Departmental appropriation <sup>6</sup> |   | -            |   | 157,700   | 1 | 157,700  | 152,246       |
| Receipts from other sources (s31)       |   | -            |   | 500       | 3 | 500      | 500           |
| Total ordinary annual services          | Α | 6,145        |   | 158,200   |   | 164,345  | 152,746       |
| Other services                          |   |              |   |           |   |          |               |
| Departmental non-operating              |   |              |   |           |   |          |               |
| Equity injections                       |   | 8,210        | 4 | 60        | 2 | 8,270    | 60            |
| Total other services                    | В | 8,210        |   | 60        |   | 8,270    | 60            |
| Total available annual                  |   |              |   |           |   |          |               |
| appropriations (A+B)                    |   | 14,355       |   | 158,260   |   | 172,615  | 152,806       |
| Special accounts                        |   |              |   |           |   |          |               |
| Opening balance <sup>5</sup>            |   | 54           |   | -         |   | 54       | -             |
| Non-appropriation receipts to           |   |              |   |           |   |          |               |
| special accounts                        |   | -            |   | -         |   | -        | -             |
| Total special accounts                  | С | 54           |   | -         |   | 54       | -             |
| Total net resourcing for                |   |              |   |           |   |          |               |
| ACCC (A+B+C)                            |   | 14,409       |   | 158,260   |   | 172,669  | 152,806       |

- Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2013-14.
   Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2013-14.
- Receipts received under section 31 (s31) of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.
   Estimated adjusted balance carried from previous year for annual appropriations.
- Estimated adjusted balance carried from provides year for armual appropriations.
   Estimated opening balance for special accounts. For further detail on special accounts see Table 3.1.2.
   Includes \$2.0 million in 2013-14 for the Departmental Capital Budget (also refer to Table 3.2.5).

# Third party payments from and on behalf of other agencies

|   | 2012-13 | 2013-14   |
|---|---------|-----------|
|   | \$'000  | \$'000    |
| Payments made on behalf of the National Competition Council (NCC) | 2,798   | 2,801     |
| Note: The ACCO and the Consideration to the NCC and has decorded  |         | the NOOL- |

Note: The ACCC provides financial services to the NCC and has drawdown access to manage the NCC's finances.

# 1.3 Budget measures

Budget measures relating to ACCC are summarised below.

**Table 1.2: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission 2013-14 Budget measures** 

|  |          | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
|--|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | Program  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  |
| Expense measures                           |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Australian Competition and                 |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Consumer Commission –                      |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| additional funding                         | 1.1      | -       | 4,289   | 4,324   | 4,366   | 4,409   |
| Australian Competition and                 |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Consumer Commission –                      |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| chemical risk management                   | 1.1      | -       | 2,125   | 2,125   | 2,125   | 2,125   |
| Energy Market Reform – Australian          |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Energy Regulator                           | 1.2      | -       | 6,612   | 5,519   | 5,535   | 5,498   |
| Fire Service Levy – reduction <sup>1</sup> | 1.1, 1.2 | (12)    | (13)    | (13)    | (13)    | (13)    |
| Petrol Commissioner and formal             |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| monitoring of petrol prices                |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| <ul><li>continuation</li></ul>             | 1.1      | -       | 723     | 723     | -       | -       |
| Targeted savings – public service          |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| efficiencies <sup>2</sup>                  | 1.1, 1.2 | (691)   | (938)   | (934)   | (951)   | (901)   |
| Trans-Tasman Mobile Roaming                | 1.1      | -       | 193     | 387     | 382     | 355     |
| Total expense measures                     |          | (703)   | 12,991  | 12,131  | 11,444  | 11,473  |

This measure was included in the Finance and Deregulation portfolio in Budget Paper No.2, Budget Measures 2012-13.

Prepared on a Government Finance Statistics (fiscal) basis.

# 1.4. CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The ACCC has amended its program structure since the 2012-13 Budget to separately identify the activities of the AER. The new program structure is shown in Table 2.1.

<sup>2.</sup> This measure was included as a cross portfolio measure in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook* 2012-13.

# Section 2: Outcomes and planned performance

# 2.1 OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Government outcomes are the intended results, impacts or consequences of actions by the Government on the Australian community. Commonwealth programs are the primary vehicle by which government agencies achieve the intended results of their outcome statements. Agencies are required to identify the programs which contribute to Government outcomes over the Budget and forward years.

The ACCC's outcome is described below together with its strategies, program objectives, deliverables and program performance indicators used to assess and monitor the performance of the ACCC.

The outcome is also applicable to the AER and informs the strategies, program objectives, deliverables and program performance indicators used to assess and monitor the performance of the AER.

Outcome 1: Lawful competition, consumer protection, and regulated national infrastructure markets and services through regulation, including enforcement, education, price monitoring and determining the terms of access to infrastructure services

# **Outcome 1 strategy**

To achieve this outcome, the strategies the ACCC and AER will pursue are:

- maintain and promote competition and remedy market failure;
- protect the interests and safety of consumers and support fair trading in markets;
- promote the economically efficient operation of, use of, and investment in monopoly infrastructure in the long term interest of end users; and
- increase engagement with the broad range of groups affected by the ACCC's activities.

# **Outcome expense statement**

Table 2.1 provides an overview of the total expenses for Outcome 1.

Table 2.1: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1

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|--|---|----------|-----------|
| through regulation, including enforcement, education, price         actual expenses         Estimated expenses           monitoring and determining the terms of access to         \$'000         \$'000           Program 1.1: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission           Departmental expenses           Departmental appropriation         150,228         119,271           Revenues from independent sources (s31)         500         500           Expenses not requiring appropriation in budget year         16,044         2,646           Total for Program 1.1         166,772         122,417           Program 1.2: Australian Energy Regulator (AER)           Departmental expenses         Departmental expenses           Departmental appropriation         -         36,404           Expenses not requiring appropriation in budget year         -         898           Total for Program 1.2         -         37,302           Outcome 1 Total by appropriation type           Departmental expenses         -         36,404           Revenues from independent sources (s31)         500         500           Expenses not requiring appropriation in budget year         150,228         155,675           Revenues from independent sources (s31)         500         500 <tr< td=""><td>Outcome 1: Lawful competition, consumer protection, and</td><td>2012-13</td><td>2242</td></tr<>   | Outcome 1: Lawful competition, consumer protection, and | 2012-13  | 2242      |
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| Total expenses for Outcome 1         166,772         159,719           2012-13         2013-14   | Expenses not requiring appropriation in budget year     | 16,044   | 3,544     |
|  |   | 166,772  | 159,719   |
| Average staffing level (number) 800 802  |   | 2012-13  | 2013-14   |
|  | Average staffing level (number)                         | 800      | 802       |

Note: Program 1.2 is effective from 2013-14. The AER was previously reported under Program 1.1.

# **Contributions to Outcome 1**

# **Program 1.1: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission**

# **Program objective**

The ACCC program objective is to achieve compliance with the CCA, and associated legislation in order to protect, strengthen and supplement the way competition works in Australian markets and industries to improve the efficiency of the economy and to increase the welfare of Australians. This means the ACCC will take actions that: improve consumer welfare; promote the long term interest of end users in regulated sectors; protect competition; open markets to competition; or stop conduct that is anti-competitive or harmful to consumers.

## **Program expenses**

Expenses reduce from 2013-14 due to the creation of a separate program for the Australian Energy Regulator (refer to Program 1.2).

Table 2.2: Program 1.1 expenses

| raisis =:=: regram in expenses      |         |         |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                     | 2012-13 |         | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
|                                     | Revised | 2013-14 | Forward | Forward | Forward |
|                                     | budget  | Budget  | year 1  | year 2  | year 3  |
|                                     | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  |
| Program 1.1: Australian Competition |         |         |         |         |         |
| and Consumer Commission             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Annual departmental expenses        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Departmental items                  | 166,772 | 122,417 | 120,377 | 118,733 | 120,056 |
| Total program expenses              | 166,772 | 122,417 | 120,377 | 118,733 | 120,056 |

Note: 2012-13 expenses include funding for the AER which is now reported separately in Program 1.2.

# **Program deliverables**

To promote compliance with federal competition, fair trading, consumer protection and product safety laws, and to regulate markets where there is limited competition, the ACCC will:

# Maintain and promote competition and remedy market failure

- deliver outcomes to address harm to consumer welfare through anti-competitive conduct and improve competition under the priority areas identified in the ACCC's Compliance and Enforcement Policy;
- assess and review mergers to prevent structural changes that substantially lessen competition with a particular focus on concentrated and emerging markets and markets of significance to the Australian economy;
- make decisions on authorisation and notification applications and merger reviews thoroughly and efficiently and give clear guidance to merger parties, authorisation and notification applicants, and market participants; and
- improve the workability of emerging markets by advising on and enforcing industry-specific rules and monitoring market outcomes.

# Protect the interests and safety of consumers and support fair trading in markets

- deliver outcomes under the priority areas identified in the ACCC's Compliance and Enforcement Policy to improve compliance with the Australian Consumer Law;
- multiply the effectiveness of ACCC's compliance and enforcement initiatives through an active program of stronger and managed partnerships with ACL regulators and law enforcement agencies;

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- identify and implement nationally integrated approaches to minimise the risk of injury and death from safety hazards in consumer products; and
- support a vibrant small business sector, deter anti-competitive and unconscionable conduct targeted at small business, and facilitate collective conduct by small business operators where that conduct is assessed to provide a net public benefit.

Promote the economically efficient operation of, use of, and investment in monopoly infrastructure

- deliver network regulation to promote competition and meet the long-term interests of end-users;
- improve the workability of emerging markets by enforcing market rules and monitoring market outcomes;
- respond to government requests to provide monitoring reports on industries in highly concentrated and newly deregulated or emerging markets; and
- improve regulatory practices and processes, including by building relationships with domestic and international regulatory agencies to leverage their experience.

Increase engagement with the broad range of groups affected by the ACCC's activities

- implement a comprehensive strategy to ensure effective communication with our diverse audiences that supports our goals; and
- undertake an active program of stronger and managed partnerships with a broad range of organisations that can assist delivery of outcomes that impact favourably on consumer welfare.

## Program key performance indicators

In order to assess the effectiveness of the ACCC in delivering its objectives, the ACCC has the following key performance indicators:

Maintain and promote competition and remedy market failure

- outcomes and impact of actions and policies to promote competition;
- improved levels of effective competition and more informed and better functioning markets; and
- prevention of structural change in markets (particularly concentrated markets, emerging markets and markets of significance to the Australian economy) that substantially lessens competition.

Protect the interests and safety of consumers and support fair trading in markets

- outcomes and impact of actions to prevent or address consumer harm or unfair trading; and
- efficiency and effectiveness of actions to promote consumer safety and fair trading.

Promote the economically efficient operation of, use of, and investment in monopoly infrastructure

- timely, considered and evidence-based regulatory decisions based on constructive engagement and complemented by effective enforcement and compliance activities;
- timely provision of accurate advice to government including evaluating the effectiveness of frameworks such as access regimes; and
- accurate, targeted and accessible reports on industry and competitive conditions, including pricing practices.

Increase engagement with the broad range of groups affected by the ACCC's activities

- effectiveness and use of ACCC web sites, other media and campaign materials, in raising awareness of the role, purpose and responsibilities of the ACCC;
- actions pursued through public and private sector partnerships to improve consumer and small business welfare; and
- impact and quantity of national and international advocacy and cooperation initiatives and technical assistance with an increased focus on the Asian region.

# **Program 1.2: Australian Energy Regulator**

# **Program objective**

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is the national energy market regulator. The AER's roles encompass the retail and wholesale electricity and gas markets and energy network infrastructure.

The objectives of the national energy legislation guide the AER's priorities and work program. The common objective through the legislation is to promote efficient investment in, and efficient operation and use of, energy services for the long term interests of end users of energy.

## **Program expenses**

Expenses for 2012-13 are included as part of Program 1.1.

Table 2.3: Program 1.2 expenses

| •                              |         |         |         |         |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                | 2012-13 |         | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
|                                | Revised | 2013-14 | Forward | Forward | Forward |
|                                | budget  | Budget  | year 1  | year 2  | year 3  |
|                                | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  |
| Program 1.2: Australian Energy |         |         |         |         |         |
| Regulator                      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Annual departmental expenses   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Departmental items             | -       | 37,302  | 35,703  | 35,817  | 35,882  |
| Total program expenses         | -       | 37,302  | 35,703  | 35,817  | 35,882  |
|                                |         |         |         |         |         |

Note: Program 1.2 is effective from 2013-14. The AER was previously reported under Program 1.1.

# **Program deliverables**

Maintain and promote competition in wholesale energy markets

- monitor wholesale electricity and gas markets to ensure compliance and take enforcement action where necessary;
- apply a risk based approach to compliance and monitoring activities; and
- publish information on energy markets, including the annual State of the energy market report.

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- monitor the performance of energy retailers and distributors in respect of their obligations under the Retail Law and provide comprehensive, clear and regular reporting on performance to inform consumers;
- encourage a culture of regulatory compliance by energy businesses through provision of clear information on our expectations and through effective and timely enforcement action when appropriate;
- engage with consumers and their representatives to identify, develop and implement strategies to address the barriers to effective engagement by consumers in energy markets; and
- further develop the Energy Made Easy website as the source of trusted information for consumers on the energy market, protections available to energy consumers and how to find the best retail energy offer for them.

Promote efficient investment in, operation and use of, energy networks and services for the long term interests of consumers

 deliver network regulation that promotes efficient investment in and operation of energy networks in the long-term interests of energy consumers;

- develop and implement guidelines and incentive schemes in accordance with the new framework for network regulation to enhance our regulation of monopoly infrastructure;
- improve data analysis techniques and metrics to inform regulatory decisions and disseminate relevant information to stakeholders to allow them to better engage in the regulatory process;
- participate in the further development of the regulatory regime to provide efficient incentives for demand side participation by energy suppliers and customers and develop appropriate schemes and guidelines for this purpose; and
- encourage businesses to implement consumer engagement strategies that are effective for all customers.

## Strengthening stakeholder engagement in energy markets and regulatory processes

- further develop ways of engaging with energy consumers and their representatives, particularly through appropriate consumer consultative forums such as the Consumer Consultative Group and the Better Regulation Program Consumer Reference Group;
- prepare written communications that are clear and provide consumers with information they value and help them engage more effectively in regulatory processes. For example, through publication of issues papers to guide consumers on considering material issues; and
- establish a Consumer Challenge Panel to provide expert advice on issues of significance to consumers within the regulatory process.

# Program key performance indicators

Maintain and promote competition in wholesale energy markets

- effective enforcement and compliance activities that promote a culture of compliance in the energy sector and address identified harms and risks;
- compliance and enforcement actions that improve market outcomes for market participants and consumers; and
- accurate, targeted, timely and accessible reports on the industry.

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 successful implementation of the Retail Law in those jurisdictions which adopt the Law;

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- accurate, timely and accessible performance reports on the energy businesses in respect of their retail law obligations;
- compliance and enforcement actions that improve market outcomes for consumers;
- clear, accurate and accessible information for consumers on energy retail markets, including through the Energy Made Easy website; and
- market rule and policy processes that improve energy market outcomes in the long term interest of consumers.

Promote efficient investment in, operation and use of, energy networks and services for the long term interests of consumers

- timely, considered and evidence-based network regulatory decisions, through constructive engagement, enhanced technical expertise and greater use of data analysis and intelligence;
- regulatory determinations and other decisions in accordance with the prescribed processes and timeframes;
- successful implementation of new guidelines and schemes under new network regulatory framework within set time-frames;
- implementation of new analytical techniques, information requirements and data systems to better inform decision-making; and
- network service provider performance and benchmark reports that facilitate comparisons between businesses.

Strengthening stakeholder engagement in energy markets and regulatory processes

- establishment and effective utilisation of the Consumer Challenge Panel;
- active consumer participation, either directly or through representative bodies, in regulatory processes;
- regulatory processes that clearly set out how consumer views are taken into account; and
- network businesses behaviour in respect of consumer engagement is positively affected by the frameworks the AER develops.

# Section 3: Explanatory tables and budgeted financial statements

Section 3 presents explanatory tables and budgeted financial statements which provide a comprehensive snapshot of agency finances for the budget year 2013-14. It explains how budget plans are incorporated into the financial statements and provides further details of the reconciliation between appropriations, program expenses and special accounts.

# 3.1 EXPLANATORY TABLES

# 3.1.1 Movement of administered funds between years

The ACCC does not have any movement of administered funds between years.

# 3.1.2 Special accounts

Special accounts provide a means to set aside and record amounts used for specified purposes. Special accounts can be created by a Finance Minister's Determination under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act* 1997 (FMA Act) or under separate enabling legislation. Table 3.1.2 shows the expected additions (receipts) and reductions (payments) for each account used by the ACCC.

Special public moneys are held by the ACCC in a trustee capacity. The trust moneys are a result of court orders of which payments to the beneficiaries are pending. These moneys are temporarily held for the benefit of a person or entity other than the Australian Government. This special account is administered in nature and is governed by section 20 of the FMA Act.

Table 3.1.2: Estimates of special account cash flows and balances

|                             |         | Opening |          |          |             | Closing |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-------------|---------|
|                             |         | balance | Receipts | Payments | Adjustments | balance |
|                             |         | 2013-14 | 2013-14  | 2013-14  | 2013-14     | 2013-14 |
|                             |         | 2012-13 | 2012-13  | 2012-13  | 2012-13     | 2012-13 |
|                             | Outcome | \$'000  | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000      | \$'000  |
| Services for Other Entities |         |         |          |          |             |         |
| and Trust Moneys            | 1       | 54      | -        | -        | -           | 54      |
| Account                     |         | 54      | -        | -        | -           | 54      |
| Total special accounts      | _       |         |          |          |             |         |
| 2013-14 Budget estimate     | _       | 54      | -        | -        | -           | 54      |
| Total special accounts      | _       |         |          |          |             |         |
| 2012-13 estimated actual    |         | 54      | -        | -        | -           | 54      |

# 3.1.3 Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure

The ACCC does not have any Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure.

# 3.2 BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The budgeted financial statements contain estimates prepared in accordance with the requirements of the government's financial budgeting and reporting framework, as well as specific guidelines issued by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. The statements show the planned financial performance for the 2013-14 budget year and estimated actual for 2012-13 for comparative purposes.

# 3.2.1 Differences in agency resourcing and financial statements

There are no material differences between agency resourcing and financial statements.

# 3.2.2 Analysis of budgeted financial statements

# **Departmental**

Comprehensive income statement

The ACCC is budgeting to break even for 2013-14 and each of the forward estimates.

# Operating revenues

Total appropriation revenue for 2013-14 is estimated to be \$157.7 million. This figure includes \$2.0 million for the departmental capital budget. This amount has increased from 2012-13 due to the impact of new measures.

# Operating expenses

Total expenses in 2013-14 are estimated to be \$159.7 million. This is a decrease of \$7.1 million from the 2012-13 estimated actual.

# 3.2.3 Budgeted financial statements tables

Table 3.2.1: Comprehensive income statement (Showing Net Cost of Services) (for the period ended 30 June)

| (101 the period ended 30 Julie)         |                      |           |          |          |          |
|---|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
|   | Estimated            | Budget    | Forward  | Forward  | Forward  |
|   | actual               | estimate  | estimate | estimate | estimate |
|   | 2012-13              | 2013-14   | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17  |
|   | \$'000               | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| EXPENSES                                |                      |           |          |          |          |
| Employee benefits                       | 98,940               | 96,575    | 95,633   | 95,456   | 96,376   |
| Suppliers                               | 64,363               | 59,675    | 56,978   | 55,625   | 56,093   |
| Depreciation and amortisation           | 3,469                | 3,469     | 3,469    | 3,469    | 3,469    |
| Total expenses                          | 166,772              | 159,719   | 156,080  | 154,550  | 155,938  |
| LESS:                                   |                      |           |          |          |          |
| OWN-SOURCE INCOME                       |                      |           |          |          |          |
| Revenue                                 |                      |           |          |          |          |
| Sale of goods and rendering             |                      |           |          |          |          |
| of services                             | 500                  | 500       | 500      | 500      | 500      |
| Total revenue                           | 500                  | 500       | 500      | 500      | 500      |
| Gains                                   |                      |           |          |          |          |
| Other gains                             | 75                   | 75        | 75       | 75       | 75       |
| Total gains                             | 75                   | 75        | 75       | 75       | 75       |
| Total own-source income                 | 575                  | 575       | 575      | 575      | 575      |
| Net cost of (contribution by)           |                      |           |          |          |          |
| services                                | 166,197              | 159,144   | 155,505  | 153,975  | 155,363  |
| Appropriation revenue                   | 150,228              | 155,675   | 152,036  | 150,506  | 151,894  |
| Surplus (deficit) attributable to       |                      |           |          |          |          |
| the Australian Government               | (15,969)             | (3,469)   | (3,469)  | (3,469)  | (3,469)  |
| Note: Impact of Net Cash Appropriation  | <u>Arrang</u> ements |           |          |          |          |
|   | 2012-13              | 2013-14   | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17  |
|   | \$'000               | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| <b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>       |                      |           |          |          |          |
| (loss) less depreciation/amortisation   |                      |           |          |          |          |
| expenses previously funded through      |                      |           |          |          |          |
| revenue appropriations                  | (12,500)             | -         | -        | -        | -        |
| plus depreciation/amortisation expenses |                      |           |          |          |          |
| previously funded through revenue       |                      |           |          |          |          |
| appropriations                          | (3,469)              | (3,469)   | (3,469)  | (3,469)  | (3,469)  |
| Total Comprehensive Income              | , ,/                 | , , , , , | /        | , , /    | , ,/     |
| (loss) - as per the Statement of        |                      |           |          |          |          |
| Comprehensive Income                    | (15,969)             | (3,469)   | (3,469)  | (3,469)  | (3,469)  |
| D                                       | (10,000)             | (5,703)   | (5,705)  | (0,700)  | (5,403)  |

Table 3.2.2: Budgeted departmental balance sheet (as at 30 June)

| (as at 50 Julie)                         |           |          |          |          |          |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|  | Estimated | Budget   | Forward  | Forward  | Forward  |
|  | actual    | estimate | estimate | estimate | estimate |
|  | 2012-13   | 2013-14  | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17  |
|  | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| ASSETS                                   |           |          |          |          |          |
| Financial assets                         |           |          |          |          |          |
| Cash and equivalents                     | 1,792     | 1,792    | 1,792    | 1,792    | 1,792    |
| Trade and other receivables              | 20,126    | 20,126   | 20,126   | 20,126   | 20,126   |
| Total financial assets                   | 21,918    | 21,918   | 21,918   | 21,918   | 21,918   |
| Non-financial assets                     |           |          |          |          |          |
| Land and buildings                       | 13,185    | 12,178   | 10,866   | 9,729    | 8,592    |
| Infrastructure, plant and equipment      | 5,408     | 4,309    | 3,300    | 2,401    | 1,502    |
| Inventories                              | 49        | 49       | 49       | 49       | 49       |
| Intangibles                              | 4,366     | 5,068    | 5,774    | 6,398    | 7,058    |
| Other                                    | 1,782     | 1,782    | 1,782    | 1,782    | 1,782    |
| Total non-financial assets               | 24,790    | 23,386   | 21,771   | 20,359   | 18,983   |
| Total assets                             | 46,708    | 45,304   | 43,689   | 42,277   | 40,901   |
| LIABILITIES                              |           |          |          |          |          |
| Provisions                               |           |          |          |          |          |
| Employees                                | 24,134    | 24,134   | 24,134   | 24,134   | 24,134   |
| Other                                    | 1,560     | 1,560    | 1,560    | 1,560    | 1,560    |
| Total provisions                         | 25,694    | 25,694   | 25,694   | 25,694   | 25,694   |
| Payables                                 |           |          |          |          |          |
| Suppliers                                | 6,615     | 6,615    | 6,615    | 6,615    | 6,615    |
| Other                                    | 13,805    | 13,805   | 13,805   | 13,805   | 13,805   |
| Total payables                           | 20,420    | 20,420   | 20,420   | 20,420   | 20,420   |
| Total liabilities                        | 46,114    | 46,114   | 46,114   | 46,114   | 46,114   |
| Net assets                               | 594       | (810)    | (2,425)  | (3,837)  | (5,213)  |
| EQUITY                                   |           |          |          |          |          |
| Contributed equity                       | 47,283    | 49,368   | 51,222   | 53,279   | 55,372   |
| Reserves                                 | 3,680     | 3,680    | 3,680    | 3,680    | 3,680    |
| Retained surpluses or                    |           | ·        | •        | •        | ·        |
| accumulated deficits                     | (50,369)  | (53,858) | (57,327) | (60,796) | (64,265) |
| Total equity                             | 594       | (810)    | (2,425)  | (3,837)  | (5,213)  |
| Current assets                           | 22,809    | 22,809   | 22,809   | 22,809   | 22,809   |
| Non-current assets                       | 23,899    | 22,495   | 20,880   | 19,468   | 18,092   |
| Current liabilities                      | 20,420    | 20,420   | 20,420   | 20,420   | 20,420   |
| Non-current liabilities                  | 25,694    | 25,694   | 25,694   | 25,694   | 25,694   |
| Prepared on Australian Accounting Standa |           | 20,007   | 20,004   | 20,004   | 20,004   |

Table 3.2.3: Budgeted departmental statement of cash flows (for the period ended 30 June)

| (                                   |           |          |          |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                     | Estimated | Budget   | Forward  | Forward  | Forward  |
|                                     | actual    | estimate | estimate | estimate | estimate |
|                                     | 2012-13   | 2013-14  | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17  |
|                                     | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES                |           |          |          |          |          |
| Cash received                       |           |          |          |          |          |
| Goods and services                  | 500       | 500      | 500      | 500      | 500      |
| Appropriations                      | 162,728   | 155,675  | 152,036  | 150,506  | 151,894  |
| Total cash received                 | 163,228   | 156,175  | 152,536  | 151,006  | 152,394  |
| Cash used                           |           |          |          |          |          |
| Employees                           | 98,940    | 96,575   | 95,633   | 95,456   | 96,376   |
| Suppliers                           | 64,288    | 59,600   | 56,903   | 55,550   | 56,018   |
| Total cash used                     | 163,228   | 156,175  | 152,536  | 151,006  | 152,394  |
| Net cash from or (used by)          |           |          |          |          |          |
| operating activities                | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES                |           |          |          |          |          |
| Cash used                           |           |          |          |          |          |
| Purchase of property, plant         |           |          |          |          |          |
| and equipment                       | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| Total cash used                     | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| Net cash from or (used by)          |           |          |          |          |          |
| investing activities                | (2,078)   | (2,085)  | (2,039)  | (2,057)  | (2,093)  |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES                |           |          |          |          |          |
| Cash received                       |           |          |          |          |          |
| Appropriations - contributed equity | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| Total cash received                 | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| Net cash from or (used by)          |           |          |          |          |          |
| financing activities                | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| Net increase or (decrease)          |           |          |          |          |          |
| in cash held                        | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Cash at the beginning of            |           |          |          |          |          |
| the reporting period                | 1,792     | 1,792    | 1,792    | 1,792    | 1,792    |
| Cash at the end of the              |           |          |          |          |          |
| reporting period                    | 1,792     | 1,792    | 1,792    | 1,792    | 1,792    |

Table 3.2.4: Departmental statement of changes in equity — summary of movement (Budget year 2013-14)

| movement (Baaget year 2010 14)    |           |             |             |         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------|
|                                   |           | Asset       | Contributed |         |
|                                   | Retained  | revaluation | equity/     | Total   |
|                                   | surpluses | reserve     | capital     | equity  |
|                                   | \$'000    | \$'000      | \$'000      | \$'000  |
| Opening balance as at 1 July 2013 |           |             |             |         |
| Balance carried forward from      |           |             |             |         |
| previous period                   | (50,369)  | 3,680       | 47,283      | 594     |
| Adjustments                       | (20)      | -           | -           | (20)    |
| Adjusted opening balance          | (50,389)  | 3,680       | 47,283      | 574     |
| Comprehensive income              |           |             |             |         |
| Surplus (deficit) for the period  | (3,469)   | -           | =           | (3,469) |
| Total comprehensive income        |           |             |             | (, ,    |
| recognised directly in equity     | (3,469)   | -           | -           | (3,469) |
| Transactions with owners          |           |             |             |         |
| Contribution by owners            |           |             |             |         |
| Appropriation (equity injection)  | -         | -           | 60          | 60      |
| Appropriation (departmental       |           |             |             |         |
| capital budget)                   | -         | -           | 2,025       | 2,025   |
| Total transactions with owners    | -         | -           | 2,085       | 2,085   |
| Estimated closing balance         |           |             |             |         |
| as at 30 June 2014                | (53,858)  | 3,680       | 49,368      | (810)   |

Table 3.2.5: Departmental capital budget (DCB) statement

|                                  | Estimated | Budget   | Forward  | Forward  | Forward  |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                  | actual    | estimate | estimate | estimate | estimate |
|                                  | 2012-13   | 2013-14  | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17  |
|                                  | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| NEW CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS       |           |          |          |          |          |
| Capital budget - Bill 1 - DCB    | 2,018     | 2,025    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| Equity injections - Bill 2       | 60        | 60       | -        | -        | -        |
| Total new capital appropriations | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| Provided for:                    |           |          |          |          |          |
| Purchase of non-financial assets | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| Total Items                      | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| PURCHASE OF                      | •         |          |          |          | _        |
| NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS             |           |          |          |          |          |
| Funded by capital                |           |          |          |          |          |
| appropriation - DCB              | 2,018     | 2,025    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| Funded by capital appropriations | 60        | 60       | -        | -        | -        |
| TOTAL                            | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| RECONCILIATION OF CASH           |           |          |          |          |          |
| USED TO ACQUIRE ASSETS           |           |          |          |          |          |
| TO ASSET MOVEMENT TABLE          |           |          |          |          |          |
| Total purchases                  | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |
| Total cash used to               | -         |          |          | ·        |          |
| acquire assets                   | 2,078     | 2,085    | 2,039    | 2,057    | 2,093    |

Table 3.2.6: Statement of asset movements — departmental

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|--|-----------|-----------------|-------------|----------|--|--|
|  |           | Other           |             |          |  |  |
|  |           | infrastructure, |             |          |  |  |
|  |           | plant and       |             |          |  |  |
|  | Buildings | equipment       | Intangibles | Total    |  |  |
|  | \$'000    | \$'000          | \$'000      | \$'000   |  |  |
| As at 1 July 2013                                      | -         |                 |             |          |  |  |
| Gross book value                                       | 14,602    | 7,375           | 8,963       | 30,940   |  |  |
| Accumulated depreciation/amortisation                  |           |                 |             |          |  |  |
| and impairment   | (1,437)   | (1,967)         | (4,597)     | (8,001)  |  |  |
| Opening net book balance                               | 13,165    | 5,408           | 4,366       | 22,939   |  |  |
| Capital asset additions                                |           |                 |             |          |  |  |
| By purchase - appropriation ordinary                   |           |                 |             |          |  |  |
| annual services  | 450       | 800             | 835         | 2,085    |  |  |
| Total additions  | 450       | 800             | 835         | 2,085    |  |  |
| Other movements  |           |                 |             |          |  |  |
| Depreciation/amortisation expense                      | (1,437)   | (1,899)         | (133)       | (3,469)  |  |  |
| Total other movements                                  | (1,437)   | (1,899)         | (133)       | (3,469)  |  |  |
| As at 30 June 2014                                     |           |                 |             |          |  |  |
| Gross book value                                       | 15,052    | 8,175           | 9,798       | 33,025   |  |  |
| Accumulated depreciation/amortisation                  |           |                 |             |          |  |  |
| and impairment   | (2,874)   | (3,866)         | (4,730)     | (11,470) |  |  |
| Closing net book balance                               | 12,178    | 4,309           | 5,068       | 21,555   |  |  |

Table 3.2.7: Schedule of budgeted income and expenses administered on behalf of Government (for the period ended 30 June)

|                            | Estimated | Budget   | Forward  | Forward  | Forward  |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                            | actual    | estimate | estimate | estimate | estimate |
|                            | 2012-13   | 2013-14  | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17  |
|                            | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| OWN-SOURCE INCOME          |           |          |          |          |          |
| Own-source revenue         |           |          |          |          |          |
| Non-taxation revenue       |           |          |          |          |          |
| Fees and fines             | 20,000    | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   |
| Total non-taxation revenue | 20,000    | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   |
| Total own-source revenues  |           |          |          |          |          |
| administered on behalf of  |           |          |          |          |          |
| Government                 | 20,000    | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   |
| Total own-sourced income   |           |          |          |          |          |
| administered on behalf of  |           |          |          |          |          |
| Government                 | 20,000    | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   |

Table 3.2.8: Schedule of budgeted assets and liabilities administered on behalf of Government (as at 30 June)

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|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                | Estimated | Budget   | Forward  | Forward  | Forward  |
|                                | actual    | estimate | estimate | estimate | estimate |
|                                | 2012-13   | 2013-14  | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17  |
|                                | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| ASSETS ADMINISTERED ON         |           |          |          |          |          |
| BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT           |           |          |          |          |          |
| Financial assets               |           |          |          |          |          |
| Cash and cash equivalents      | 9         | 9        | 9        | 9        | 9        |
| Receivables                    | 8,779     | 8,779    | 8,779    | 8,779    | 8,779    |
| Total financial assets         | 8,788     | 8,788    | 8,788    | 8,788    | 8,788    |
| Total assets administered      |           |          |          |          |          |
| on behalf of Government        | 8,788     | 8,788    | 8,788    | 8,788    | 8,788    |

Table 3.2.9: Schedule of budgeted administered cash flows (for the period ended 30 June)

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|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                  | Estimated | Budget   | Forward  | Forward  | Forward  |
|                                  | actual    | estimate | estimate | estimate | estimate |
|                                  | 2012-13   | 2013-14  | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17  |
|                                  | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES             |           |          |          |          |          |
| Cash received                    |           |          |          |          |          |
| Fees                             | 20,000    | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   |
| Total cash received              | 20,000    | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   |
| Cash used                        |           |          |          |          |          |
| Other                            | 20,000    | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   |
| Total cash used                  | 20,000    | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   | 20,000   |
| Net cash from or (used by)       |           |          |          |          |          |
| operating activities             |           | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Net increase or (decrease) in    |           |          |          |          |          |
| cash held                        |           | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Cash at beginning of reporting   |           |          |          |          |          |
| period                           | 9         | 9        | 9        | 9        | 9        |
| Cash at end of reporting period  | 9         | 9        | 9        | 9        | 9        |

# 3.2.4 Notes to the financial statements

# Accounting policy

The budgeted financial statements have been prepared on an accrual accounting basis having regard to statements of accounting concepts, and in accordance with:

- the Government's financial budgeting and reporting framework; and
- Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

# Departmental and administered items

Agency assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are those items that are controlled by the ACCC that are used by the ACCC in producing its program and include:

- computers, plant and equipment and building fitout used in providing goods and services;
- liabilities for employee entitlements;
- revenue from appropriations or independent sources in payment for the departmental program; and
- employee, supplier and depreciation expenses incurred in providing agency program.

Administered items are those items incurred in providing programs that are controlled by the Government and managed, or oversighted by the ACCC on behalf of the government. Administered revenues include fees and fines.

# Departmental revenue

Revenue from government represents the purchase of outputs from the ACCC by the Government and is recognised to the extent that it has been received into the ACCC's bank account.

Revenue from other sources, representing sales from goods and services, is recognised at the time that it is imposed on customers.

# Departmental expenses — employees

Payments and net increases in entitlements to employees for services rendered in the financial year.

# Departmental expenses — suppliers

Payments to suppliers for goods and services used in providing agency programs.

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# Departmental expenses — depreciation and amortisation

Depreciable property, plant and equipment, buildings and intangible assets are written-off to their estimated residual values over their estimated useful life, using the straight-line calculation method.

# Departmental assets — financial assets

The primary financial asset relates to receivables. Financial assets are used to fund the ACCC's capital program, employee entitlements, creditors and to provide working capital.

## Departmental assets — non-financial assets

These items represent future benefits that the ACCC will consume in producing outputs. The reported value represents the purchase paid less depreciation incurred to date in using the asset.

# Departmental liabilities — provisions and payables

Provision has been made for the ACCC's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees. The liability includes unpaid annual leave and long service leave.

Provision has also been made for unpaid expenses as at balance date.