

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF POLICY DECISIONS

Table A1: Revenue measures since the 2004-05 Budget^(a)

Impact on fiscal balance	2004-05 \$m	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S				
Customs duty				
Excise on imported grapewine products with an alcohol content exceeding 22 per cent	..	..	..	..
Extension of the SPARTECA-TCF scheme	-0.8	-1.1	-1.4	-1.6
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING				
Aged care - additional university places for aged care nursing	-	..	..	..
University of Notre Dame - additional places for medicine, nursing and teaching	-	-	..	..
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS				
Temporary Protection Visa - caseload resolution	4.3	1.4	0.1	-
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES				
Christmas Island Phosphates	-0.7	-0.2	-	-
Norfolk Island memorial for Minister Buffet - instrument fees	..	..	..	..
TREASURY				
Amend the tax treatment of copyright collecting societies	..	..	..	..
Capital gains tax - ensure deferred tax liabilities do not result in capital gains or losses in the transition to consolidation	*	*	*	*
Deductible gift recipients				
Admissions to registers of organisations and prescribed private funds	*	*	*	*
Deductibility of certain gifts	*	*	*	*
Defence Force Income Support Allowance - linked tax exemption	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Fuel tax reform - Removal of excise on burner fuels(b)	-	-	-	-
Mature-aged workers' participation tax offset	-	-335.0	-354.0	-350.0
Simplified imputation system - consequential and other amendments	..	..	..	..
Small business carve out for at call loans	*	*	*	*
Superannuation				
Bring forward the simplification of superannuation guarantee earnings bases to 1 July 2008	-1.0	-3.0	-3.0	-6.0
Changes to the reduction in the surcharge rate	-	-	-	200.0
Expansion of the definition of dependant	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
Grandfathering of superannuation payment rules for people aged 75 or more at 30 June 2005	0.9	-2.7	-1.9	-1.6

Table A1: Revenue measures since the 2004-05 Budget (continued)

Impact on fiscal balance	2004-05 \$m	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m	2007-08 \$m
TREASURY (continued)				
Removal of \$3,000 limit on child superannuation contributions	-	..	..	..
Removal of Superannuation Guarantee reporting requirement	*	*	*	*
Remove tax deductions for personal contributions by new co-contribution recipients	-	0.5	0.5	0.5
Transitional relief for small funds	*	*	*	*
Taxation of financial arrangements				
Defer the commencement of reforms to accruals/realisations framework	-15.0	-45.0	60.0	-5.0
Foreign currency regulations - technical and compliance cost savings amendments	*	*	*	*
Foreign currency regulations - use of weighted average cost and average rates of exchange	*	*	*	*
Tax treatment of financial instruments issued by credit unions	-1.0	-2.0	-3.0	-4.0
Taxation of debt and equity interests - technical amendments	*	*	*	*
Uniform capital allowances - Statutory effective life caps for trucks, buses, light commercial vehicles and truck trailers	-	-	-	-
Wine equalisation tax				
Extension of wine producer rebate to producers of cider, perry and sake	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Wine equalisation tax compliance improvements	*	*	*	*
Total impact of revenue measures(c)	-18.4	-392.1	-307.7	-172.8

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

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

(b) Measure reported as taken but not announced in the 2004-05 Budget. The impact of this measure is already included in the forward estimates.

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding.

Table A2: Expense measures since the 2004-05 Budget^(a)

Impact on fiscal balance	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CROSS PORTFOLIO				
Flood inquiry into Australian intelligence agencies(b)				
Defence Intelligence Organisation - additional funding	0.2	-	-	-
Defence Signals Directorate - additional funding	0.2	-	-	-
Increased personnel for defence intelligence agencies	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Language training	0.6	1.1	1.1	1.2
Australian Intelligence Community oversight activities - additional funding	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6
Additional funding for monitoring of Australian Intelligence Communities	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Open Source Collection Branch - additional funding	-	-	-	1.7
Office of National Assessments - increased accommodation	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Office of National Assessments - additional funding	3.0	11.9	11.9	11.9
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation - temporary accommodation	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.0
Maritime Security(c)				
Extension of closed circuit television network	0.4	2.4	2.5	2.5
Standardised information around the movement of cargo	1.4	0.5	-	-
Container examination facilities	13.9	14.0	14.3	14.6
Maintaining first port boarding levels	-	3.0	3.0	3.3
Increased presence of immigration officers at seaports	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.0
Maritime Security Identification Card	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.9
Transport Security Operations Centre	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Maritime intelligence capacity	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Aviation Security(d)				
Hardening of cockpit doors - additional funding	1.5	-	-	-
Counter-terrorism first response regional rapid deployment teams	1.7	4.3	4.4	4.5
Police and aviation security joint training exercise	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Public awareness campaign	0.5	0.5	-	-
Regional airport 24-hour closed circuit television pilot study	2.0	1.4	-	-
Regional passenger screening	4.5	1.4	1.4	1.1
Training for regional airline and airport staff	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
Air Security Officer Programme	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY				
Drought assistance - Exceptional Circumstances assistance(e)	42.4	28.1	1.6	-
Drought assistance - interim income support	2.5	-	-	-
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S				
National Community Crime Prevention Programme - additional funding	5.0	5.0	-	-
Centenary House Leasing Inquiry funding	3.8	-	-	-
Family law system reforms - additional funding for the Family Relationships Services Programme(f)	15.0	-	-	-
National Security Hotline - ongoing public awareness campaign	6.1	-	-	-
Australia's outward control points - enhancing security	0.1	..	..	..

Table A2: Expense measures since the 2004-05 Budget^(a) (continued)

Impact on fiscal balance	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)				
Protective Security				
Australian Federal Police National Operations Centre	1.4	2.2	2.2	2.2
Australian Federal Police surge capacity	1.8	2.5	2.5	2.6
Electronic surveillance devices	-	1.0	1.0	1.0
COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS				
Australia Council - additional funding in 2003-04	-	-	-	-
Australia Council - maintenance of major performing arts funding	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Surf Life Saving Australia - additional funding for centenary celebrations	0.5	-	-	-
Olympic and Paralympic teams 2004 - welcome home parades	0.4	-	-	-
Building a Healthy, Active Australia(g)				
Active after-school communities	18.9	27.8	28.3	15.0
Active kids in schools	-	-	-	-
Good nutrition information campaign	5.0	-	-	-
Healthy and active communities	13.3	1.7	-	-
Physical activity for children information campaign	6.0	-	-	-
DEFENCE				
Australian Army - new troop lift helicopters(h)	-	-	-	-
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING				
Aged Care - additional university places for aged care nursing	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.2
Success for Boys - boys' education initiatives	0.7	4.8	9.0	4.9
Tutorial credit initiative - extension	14.5	..	..	..
University of Notre Dame - additional places for medicine, nursing and teaching	-	3.5	3.9	8.0
University of Wollongong - establishment of a medical school	-	5.0	5.0	-
ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE				
National Tidal Centre - additional funding	-	-	-	-
Director of National Parks - additional funding	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.4
Great Barrier Reef Structural Adjustment Package - enhancement	16.0	4.0	-	-
Protecting Australia's Biodiversity Hotspots	11.5	10.0	10.0	-
Prime Ministers' Memorial - reconstruction of the commemorative wall	-	-	-	-
Securing Australia's Energy Future(i)				
Advanced electricity storage technologies	0.8	3.7	5.8	5.8
Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund	1.5	1.8	51.8	51.6
Solar Cities	2.1	5.9	21.2	24.6
Wind forecasting capability	1.1	4.4	4.0	3.2
Mandatory energy efficiency opportunity assessments	2.2	3.7	3.9	3.7
Renewable energy development initiative	-	-	-	-

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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES				
Australian research alliance for children and youth	-	-	-	-
Carer Allowance - revised implementation date for expanded eligibility criteria	16.0	-	-	-
Family law system reforms - consultation on proposed reforms(j)	0.6	-	-	-
Family law system reforms - establishment of a Child Support Task Force	1.1	-	-	-
Non-profit Council of Australia - seed funding	0.5	0.4	-	-
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE				
G8 Global Partnership on weapons of mass destruction - contribution	-	-	-	-
Iraq - forgiveness of debt	*	*	*	*
HEALTH AND AGEING				
Cancer Council Australia - Biggest Morning Tea Appeal	-	-	-	-
GP services - improving after-hours access	2.1	2.7	2.8	2.9
Haemophilia patients - increasing access to recombinant blood clotting factors	17.5	21.1	20.8	21.3
Medicare - additional incentive for GPs who bulk bill in areas of workforce shortage and lower than average bulk billing rates	19.7	23.7	5.3	-
Medicare - eight new Medicare offices	3.7	5.2	5.2	5.3
Medicare - extension of the After-hours Primary Medical Care Programme	-	-	-	-
Medicare - extended opening hours for Medicare offices	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.7
Medicare - higher rebate for services provided by other medical practitioners working after-hours in a Medical Deputising Service	1.1	1.9	2.4	2.4
Medicare - increasing the medicare rebate to 100 per cent of the schedule fee for GPs	251.6	505.6	503.4	504.6
Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia initiative	-	-	-	-
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - listing of Ezetrol(k)	24.5	47.6	64.8	78.2
Pneumococcal vaccination - programme for adults aged 65 years and over(l)	29.7	-18.9	-19.7	-22.0
Pneumococcal vaccination - universal childhood programme	69.5	77.1	30.7	-
Private Health Insurance rebate - increase for older Australians(m)	29.1	124.9	138.3	153.1
Public Health Outcome Funding Agreement	0.2	4.5	5.0	5.5
Royal Flying Doctors Service - increased funding	2.5	-	-	-
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS				
Child Migrants' Travel Fund	1.8	-	-	-
Temporary Protection Visa - caseload resolution(n)	-9.0	-14.4	-14.3	-8.3
INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES				
Australian Made Campaign	0.9	0.8	0.4	-
Labour market and structural adjustment assistance - South Australia assistance package(o)	22.1	22.8	5.0	0.1
Liquified petroleum gas - APA Manufacturing Pty Ltd	-	-	-	-

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Impact on fiscal balance	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET				
National Australia Day Council - additional funding	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security - additional resources	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2007 - additional funding for the establishment of a taskforce(p)	3.8	-	-	-
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES				
Pakenham bypass	-	21.0	-	-
South Australian roads - additional funding	15.0	30.0	-	-
AusLink - National Land Transport Network	-	-	50.0	210.0
Bushfire Mitigation - new initiatives(q)	-	8.0	8.0	8.0
Norfolk Island memorial for Minister Buffet - grant to establish the environmental trust fund	..	0.4	..	..
Scoresby Freeway - additional funding	40.0	40.0	40.0	-
Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme - savings	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7
Tasmanian Wheat Freight Scheme - continuing assistance for bulk wheat shipments	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Servicing of land administered by the National Capital Authority	0.7	-	-	-
TREASURY				
Fuel excise reforms - business credits(r)				
Conversion of partial excise for fuel used in heavy vehicles to a road user charge	-	-	-	-
Extension of full credit for fuels used in electricity generation	-	-	-	-
Extension of full excise credit for all business use of fuel off-road	-	-	-	-
Removal of metropolitan boundaries and extension of on-road credits to all fuels	-	-	-	-
Single business credit system	-	-	-9.3	-11.0
Removal of grant on burner fuels	-	-	-	-
Fuel excise reforms - cessation of the Petroleum Products Freight Subsidy Scheme	-	-	-3.5	-3.5
VETERANS' AFFAIRS				
Local Medical Officer Scheme - increase in the Veterans' Access Payment	2.3	4.0	4.2	4.4
Local Medical Officer Scheme - increase in payments provided to Veterans' from 100 per cent to 115 per cent of the Medical Benefits Schedule fee	10.5	22.5	24.1	25.9
Depreciation expense(s)	4.2	8.1	8.7	8.7
Total expense measures(t)	791.4	1,122.2	1,089.4	1,178.3

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Notes to Table A2: Expense measures since the 2004-05 Budget

- (a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in expenses, no sign before an estimate indicates increased expenses.
- (b) The Flood inquiry into Australian intelligence agencies package of measures includes funding for the following portfolios: Defence; Foreign Affairs and Trade; Attorney-General's; and Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- (c) The Maritime Security package of measures includes funding for the following portfolios: Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs; Attorney-General's; and Transport and Regional Services.
- (d) The Aviation Security package of measures includes funding for the Transport and Regional Services and Attorney-General's portfolios.
- (e) The Drought assistance — Exceptional Circumstances measure in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio, includes funding for the Family and Community Services and Health and Ageing portfolios.
- (f) The Family law system reforms — Family Relationships Services Programme measure in the Attorney-General's portfolio, includes funding for the Family and Community Services portfolio.
- (g) The Building a Healthy, Active Australia package of measures in the Communication, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio, includes funding for the Education, Science and Training portfolio.
- (h) The measure for the Australian Army — new troop lift helicopters in the Defence portfolio — will be funded from within the agreed Defence Capability Plan.
- (i) The Securing Australia's Energy Future measures package in the Environment and Heritage portfolio, includes funding for the Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio.
- (j) The Family law system reforms — proposed reforms measure in the Family and Community Services portfolio, includes funding for the Attorney-General's portfolio.
- (k) The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — listing of Ezetrol measure in the Health and Ageing portfolio, includes funding for the Veterans' Affairs portfolio.
- (l) The Pneumococcal vaccination — programme for adults aged 65 years and over measure in the Health and Ageing portfolio, includes funding for the Veterans' Affairs portfolio.
- (m) The Private Health Insurance rebate — increase for older Australians measure in the Health and Ageing portfolio, includes funding for the Treasury portfolio.
- (n) The Temporary Protection Visa — caseload resolution measure in the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio, includes funding for the Family and Community Services portfolio.
- (o) The Labour market and structural adjustment assistance — South Australia assistance package in the Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio, includes funding for the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.
- (p) The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2007 — additional funding for the establishment of a taskforce measure in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, includes funding for the Attorney-General's portfolio.
- (q) The Bushfire Mitigation — new initiatives measure in the Transport and Regional Services portfolio, includes funding for the Attorney-General's and Education, Science and Training portfolios.
- (r) The Fuel excise reforms — business credits package of measures in the Treasury portfolio, includes funding for the Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio. Some of these measures were included as decisions taken but not yet announced in the 2004-05 Budget.
- (s) Aggregate depreciation expenses in relation to capital measures.
- (t) Measures may not add due to rounding.

Table A3: Capital measures since the 2004-05 Budget^(a)

Impact on fiscal balance	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CROSS PORTFOLIO				
Flood Inquiry into Australian intelligence agencies(b)				
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation - temporary accommodation	4.5	-	-	-
Office of National Assessments - increased accommodation	1.4	-	-	-
Maritime security(c)				
Container examination facilities	0.9	-	-	-
Extension of closed circuit television network	3.5	5.9	-	-
Standardised information around the movement of cargo	0.1	-	-	-
Maritime Security Identification Card	1.5	-	-	-
Increased presence of immigration officers at seaports	0.1	-	-	-
Aviation security(d)				
Counter-terrorism first response regional rapid deployment teams	0.6	-	-	-
Training for regional airline and airport staff	0.3	-	-	-
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S				
Family law system reforms - consultation on proposed reforms	0.1	-	-	-
Australia's Outward Control Points - enhancing security	0.5	-	-	-
Protective security				
Electronic surveillance devices	3.4	-	-	-
Australian Federal Police National Operations Centre	7.4	-	-	-
Australian Federal Police surge capacity	2.2	-	-	-
HEALTH AND AGEING				
Medicare - eight new Medicare offices	2.3	-	-	-
Medicare - extended opening hours for Medicare offices	0.8	-	-	-
Pneumococcal vaccination - universal childhood programme	0.5	-	-	-
IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS				
Temporary Protection Visa - caseload resolution	0.1	-	-	-
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET				
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2007 - additional funding to initiate security planning(e)	0.1	-	-	-
TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES				
Norfolk Island memorial for Minister Buffet - proceeds from the transfer of crown land	-0.3	-0.1	..	..
Depreciation expense	-4.2	-8.1	-8.7	-8.7
Total capital measures(f)	25.7	-2.3	-8.7	-8.7

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

(b) The Flood inquiry into Australian intelligence agencies package of measures includes funding for the Attorney-General's portfolio and Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

(c) The Maritime Security package of measures includes funding for the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio and the Attorney-General's portfolio.

(d) The Aviation Security package of measures includes funding for the Transport and Regional Services portfolio and the Attorney-General's portfolio.

(e) The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2007 — additional funding measure in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio includes funding for the Attorney-General's portfolio.

(f) Measures may not add due to rounding.