

PART C

AGENCY BUDGET STATEMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

(DFAT)

SECTION 1

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW, APPROPRIATIONS, BUDGET MEASURES SUMMARY

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Department contributes to Australia's security, supports national economic and trade performance, and strengthens international cooperation in ways that advance Australia's interests. It assists Australian travellers and Australians overseas, and projects a positive image of Australia internationally. The Department's work towards its three outcomes is carried out by staff serving at its network of overseas posts as well as in Canberra and in State and Territory capitals.

The Department in 2000-01 will contribute to Australia's security by helping to maintain strong defence and intelligence links with Australia's allies and by working with other countries to promote a stable regional and global security environment. The Department will also continue - through its posts - to work closely with other countries to develop and implement international arms control agreements, and to combat threats to global security from terrorism, organised illegal movement of people, and international crime. In service of these objectives, the Department will maintain secure systems for the communication and protection of sensitive Government information.

The Department will promote trade and investment through bilateral activities, and assist Austrade in providing information and assistance to Australian business. The Department will continue to work to overcome market barriers to Australian exports of goods and services through bilateral negotiation and active participation in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and regional forums such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) grouping. A key focus during the year will be working to build support for the launch of a new round of market access-focused negotiations, while promoting the Government's agenda in the WTO negotiations on agriculture and services. The rules and processes of the WTO will be used to protect and pursue Australia's trade interests, and the Department will actively use its international network to build support for freer trade, and economic and governance reform.

Working through multilateral institutions, the Department will enhance international cooperation and economic development by supporting efforts to address global environmental issues and encouraging wider application of universal human rights standards,

democratic principles and good governance. A priority during the year will be preparation for the 6th Conference of the Parties to the Climate Change Convention in November 2000.

The Department will continue to advise and support Australians travelling overseas, as well as their families in Australia, through the network of posts and honorary consulates, the 24-hour Consular Operations Centre, and consular cooperation arrangements with other countries. Key departmental objectives will be to provide an improved consular network, including more honorary consuls, and an improved consular information program. Improved client access to passport services and strengthened security features for Australian travel documents will also be a priority.

The Department will continue to promote positive perceptions of contemporary Australia overseas through sponsorship of visits to Australia by targeted opinion-makers and through international cultural and public information programs. It will use the Sydney Olympics in September 2000 to raise international awareness of Australia. The Department will expand its role in providing Australians with information about Australian foreign and trade policy and, in particular, in promoting the benefits of trade to all Australians.

In support of these contributions to Australian interests, the Department's corporate services are designed to maintain a professional and motivated workforce and to maximise the benefit to the Australian community of the Government's public service reform agenda. Management of departmental resources will continue to focus on maintaining high standards of ethical and personal conduct, promoting flexibility, adaptability and sensitivity, and on the acquisition and maintenance of relevant language, technical and policy skills.

Performance information has been developed to ensure clear linkages between the main stages of the accountability process: the Appropriation Bills, the Portfolio Budget Statements, the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements and the Annual Report. (Consistent with Department of Finance and Administration guidelines, corporate services are distributed across the Department's outputs for performance information and pricing purposes and are not given a separate profile in the Department's Budget statements.)

APPROPRIATIONS

The total appropriation for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in the 2000-01 Budget is \$732.012m.

Table 1.1 on the following page, shows the total appropriations for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for 2000-01 by the Department's three outcomes, by administered expenses, price of output appropriation and administered capital and departmental equity injections and loans.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE - APPROPRIATIONS 2000-01

Table 1.1 Appropriations (\$'000)

Outcomes	Departmental (Price of Outputs)					Administered				TOTAL APPROPS (J=C+I)
	Revenue from Government (Appropriations)			Revenue from other sources (D)	Price of Outputs (E=C+D)	Annual Appropriations		Special Approps (H)	Total Admin Approps (I=F+G+H)	
	Bill No 1 (A)	Special Approps (B)	Total (C=A+B) (C1) 69.43%			Bill No 1 (F)	Bill No 2 (SPPs & NAOs) (G)			
1. Australia's national interests protected and advanced through contributions to international security, national economic and trade performance and global cooperation	422,422		422,422 (C1) 69.43%	66,560	488,982 (E1)	119,053			119,053 (I1)	541,475
2. Australians informed about and provided access to consular and passport services in Australia and overseas	135,694		135,694 (C2) 22.30%	222	135,916 (E2)	175			175 (I2)	135,869
3. Public understanding in Australia and overseas of Australia's foreign and trade policy and a positive image of Australia internationally.	50,337		50,337 (C3) 8.27%	0	50,337 (E3)	4,297			4,297 (I3)	54,634
TOTALS	608,453		608,453	66,782	675,235	123,525			123,525	731,978
									Departmental Capital (Equity Injections and Loans)	34
									Administered Capital	0
									TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	732,012

Amounts in shading are included in annual appropriation bills

BUDGET MEASURES - DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

Table 1.2 Summary of Measures Disclosed in the 2000-01 Budget

Measure	Outcome	Output	Appropriations Budget 2000-01 (\$'000)			Appropriations Forward Estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)			Appropriations Forward Estimate 2002-03 (\$'000)			Appropriations Forward Estimate 2003-04 (\$'000)		
			Admin Expenses	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Expenses	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Expenses	Dept Outputs	Total	Admin Expenses	Dept Outputs	Total
Pricing review of departmental resourcing	2	2.1		1,100	1,100		1,100	1,100		1,100	1,100		1,100	1,100

ADMINISTERED CAPITAL AND DEPARTMENTAL EQUITY INJECTIONS AND LOANS

In 2000-01, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade will be appropriated \$0.034m in departmental equity injections as ongoing funding for new measures introduced in the 1999-2000 Budget. The Department will not receive any funding for loans in 2000-01.