

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

A full outline of the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio Overview can be found in the 2009-10 Portfolio Budget Statements.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade remain the two portfolio Ministers and there have been no changes in the responsibilities of the Parliamentary Secretaries for Trade and International Development Assistance since the 2009-10 Portfolio Budget Statements. The Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs announced his retirement on 31 October 2009.

The Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio responsibilities have not changed since the enactment of the Administrative Arrangements Orders of 25 January 2008.

The Government has decided to transfer responsibility for international promotion of Australian education from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to the Australian Trade Commission from 1 July 2010, however this is yet to be reflected in the Administrative Arrangements Orders.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS - PORTFOLIO LEVEL

The portfolio is seeking a net increase of \$37.194 million in resourcing for 2009-10 as listed below. This includes Bill No. 3 and Bill No. 4 appropriations (Departmental and Administered). Further details are provided in each agency's Additional Estimates statements.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) \$33.647 million

Departmental Items

- \$15.722m to upgrade the Australian Consulates-General in Chennai and Mumbai;
- (\$6.712m) to reduce costs within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
- \$19.900m in adjustments for foreign exchange movements;
- \$8.381m in adjustments for overseas inflation;
- \$1.473m in adjustments for 2008-09 VAT refunds; and
- **(\$5.116m)** in adjustments to passport funding due to the lower than expected number of passports issued in 2008-09.

Up to **\$1.500 million** from within existing resources will be made available to support recovery efforts in L'Aquila, Italy, following the April 2009 earthquake.

DFAT's Overseas Property Office will also deliver savings of **\$0.986 million** in 2009-10. This will be returned to Government by way of a dividend from the Overseas Property Special Account so is not reflected in the Appropriation Bills.

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Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) (\$5.444 million)

Departmental Items

- \$3.203m to match resources to opportunities and growth in India;
- \$4.526m to build Brand Australia to develop a new international brand promoting Australia as a nation producing quality products and services across a diverse field of activities;
- **(\$1.858m)** to reduce costs by rationalising Austrade's onshore office network to better target service locations and improve online information provision; and
- (\$11.314m) in adjustments for overseas inflation and foreign exchange movements.

Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) \$8.741 million

Departmental Items

• \$8.991m to establish an Office of Deployable Civilian Capacity.

Administered Items

• **(\$0.250m)** to the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research for the Overseas Development Assistance – Food Security Through Rural Development initiative.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) \$0.250 million

Administered Items

• **\$0.250m** for the Overseas Development Assistance – Food Security Through Rural Development initiative.

Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS)

There are no additional measures or variations for ASIS.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Trade The Hon. Simon Crean MP The Hon. Stephen Smith MP Parliamentary Secretary for International Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister Development Assistance for Trade The Hon. Bob McMullan MP The Hon. Anthony Byrne MP Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Acting Secretary, Ms Gillian Bird Outcome 1: The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign and trade policy priorities Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad and access to secure international travel documentation through timely and responsive travel advice and consular and passport services in Australia and overseas Outcome 3: A secure Australian Government presence overseas through the provision of security services and information and communications technology infrastructure, and the management of the Commonwealth's overseas owned estate Australian Agency for International **Australian Trade Commission** Development Chief Executive Officer, Acting Director General, Mr Peter Baxter Mr Peter O'Byrne Outcome 1: To assist developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable Outcome 1: Advance Australia's trade and investment through information, advice development, in line with Australia's national and services to businesses, industry and governments interest Outcome 2: Australia's national interest Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of advanced by implementing a partnership Australians abroad through timely and between Australia and Indonesia for responsive consular and passport services reconstruction and development in specific locations overseas Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Chief Executive Officer, Dr Nicholas Austin Outcome 1: Agriculture in developing countries and Australia is more productive and sustainable as a result of better technologies, practices, policies and systems Australian Secret Intelligence Service Director-General, Mr Nick Warner PSM Outcome 1: Enhance government understanding of the overseas environment affecting Australia's vital interests and take appropriate action, consistent with applicable legislation, to protect particular identified interests

Figure 1: Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio structure and outcomes

PORTFOLIO RESOURCES

Table 1 shows the total resources provided to the portfolio in the 2009-10 Budget year, by agency.

Table 1: Portfolio resources 2009-10

| | Appropriation | | Move | Movements | |
|---|---------------|------------|---------|-----------|------------------|
| | Bill No. 3 | Bill No. 4 | Special | Receipts | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Department of Foreign Affairs and | | | | | |
| Trade | | | | | |
| Administered appropriations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Departmental appropriations Total: | 25,493 | 8,154 | - | - | 33,647 33,647 |
| Australian Trade Commission | | | | | |
| Administered appropriations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Departmental appropriations | (5,413) | (31) | | | (5,444) |
| Total: | | | | | (5,444) |
| Australian Agency for International Development | | | | | |
| Administered appropriations | (250) | - | - | - | (250) |
| Departmental appropriations | 7,771 | 1,220 | - | - | 8,991 |
| Total: | | | | | 8,741 |
| Australian Centre of International Agricultural Research | | | | | |
| Administered appropriations | 250 | - | - | - | 250 |
| Departmental appropriations Total: | - | - | - | - | 250 |
| Portfolio total | | | | | 37,194 |
| Additional resources available within portfolio: | | | | | 37,194 |