

## Section 2: Revisions to agency resources and planned performance

### 2.1 RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

No changes have been made to the Department's outcome structure since the 2009-10 Budget. Details of the Department's resources and performance information can be found in the 2009-10 Portfolio Budget Statements.

#### OUTCOME 1

##### *Outcome 1 Strategy*

No changes have been made to the Department's outcome strategy since the 2009-10 Budget.

##### **Table 2.1 Budgeted Expenses and Resources for Outcome 1**

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

##### **Table 2.1: Budgeted Expenses and Resources for Outcome 1**

<b>Outcome 1:</b> Develop a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband, broadcasting and communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, which promotes the digital economy for all Australians	2008-09 Actual Expenses \$'000	2009-10 Revised Estimated Expenses \$'000
<b>Program 1.1: Broadband and Communications Infrastructure</b>		
<i>Administered Expenses</i>	5,720	5,588
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bills No. 1 & 3)	5,720	5,588
<i>Departmental Expenses</i>	32,880	64,771
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bills No. 1 & 3)	32,582	64,218
Revenues from Independent Sources (Section 31)	204	438
Expenses not requiring Appropriation in the Budget year <sup>1</sup>	94	116
<b>Total for Program 1.1</b>	<b>38,600</b>	<b>70,359</b>
<b>Program 1.2: Telecommunications, Online and Postal Services</b>		
<i>Administered Expenses</i>	162,574	164,410
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bills No. 1 & 3)	162,193	164,410
Special Accounts	381	-
<i>Departmental Expenses</i>	56,107	68,665
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bills No. 1 & 3)	55,232	67,437
Revenues from Independent Sources (Section 31)	565	971
Special Accounts	49	-
Expenses not requiring Appropriation in the Budget year <sup>1</sup>	261	256
<b>Total for Program 1.2</b>	<b>218,681</b>	<b>233,075</b>

**Table 2.1: Budgeted Expenses and Resources for Outcome 1 (Continued)**

	2008-09 Actual Expenses \$'000	2009-10 Revised Estimated Expenses \$'000
<b>Outcome 1:</b> Develop a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband, broadcasting and communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, which promotes the digital economy for all Australians		
<b>Program 1.3: Broadcasting and Digital Television</b>		
<i>Administered Expenses</i>	17,384	49,457
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bills No. 1 & 3)	17,384	49,457
<i>Departmental Expenses</i>	26,043	28,707
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bills No. 1 & 3)	25,704	28,238
Revenues from Independent Sources (Section 31)	232	371
Expenses not requiring Appropriation in the Budget year <sup>1</sup>	107	98
<b>Total for Program 1.3</b>	<b>43,427</b>	<b>78,164</b>
<b>Outcome 1 Totals by Appropriation type</b>		
<i>Administered Expenses</i>	185,678	219,455
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bills No. 1 & 3)	185,297	219,455
Special Accounts	381	-
<i>Departmental Expenses</i>	115,031	162,143
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bills No. 1 & 3)	113,519	159,893
Revenues from Independent Sources (Section 31)	1,001	1,780
Special Accounts	49	-
Expenses not requiring Appropriation in the Budget year <sup>1</sup>	462	470
<b>Total Expenses for Outcome 1</b>	<b>300,709</b>	<b>381,598</b>
	2008-09	2009-10
<b>Average Staffing Level (number)</b>	638	678

1. Expenses not requiring Appropriation in the Budget year is the difference between the total Departmental Expenses and Appropriations.

Departmental Appropriation splits and totals are indicative estimates and may change in the course of the Budget year as government priorities change.

## Contributions to Outcome 1

A detailed explanation of the contribution made by the Department's programs to the achievement of its outcome appears on pages 39 to 50 of the 2009-10 Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio Budget Statements. The following tables outline variations to the deliverables, expenses and performance information previously published.

There have been some changes in the Policy and Program Support departmental estimates across all programs reflecting the impact of Government measures and a reallocation of expenses between programs in line with a re-organisation of the Department, which although occurring on 1 June 2009, was after publication of the 2009-10 Portfolio Budget Statements.

### Program 1.1: Broadband and Communications Infrastructure

#### Program 1.1 – Objective:

To facilitate the increased availability of fast, affordable and reliable broadband and communications infrastructure across Australia.

#### Program 1.1 – Expenses:

The reduction in program expenses for the International Organisations Contributions administered expenses item reflects movements in foreign exchange rates since the 2009-10 Budget.

	2008-09 Actual (\$'000)	2009-10 Revised budget (\$'000)	2010-11 Forw ard year 1 (\$'000)	2011-12 Forw ard year 2 (\$'000)	2012-13 Forw ard year 3 (\$'000)
Annual Administered Expenses:					
<i>International Organisations Contributions</i>	5,720	5,588	5,580	5,580	5,580
<i>National Broadband Network - Regional Backbone Blackspots Program</i>	-	-	6,250	6,250	6,250
Policy & Program Support	32,786	64,656	15,331	15,732	16,309
Expenses not requiring Appropriation in the Budget year <sup>1</sup>	94	116	73	81	93
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>38,600</b>	<b>70,359</b>	<b>27,234</b>	<b>27,643</b>	<b>28,232</b>

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**Program 1.2: Telecommunications, Online and Postal Services**

**Program 1.2 - Objective:**

To support all Australians to safely and securely realise the full potential of the digital economy. Ensure the availability and reliability to consumers and businesses of reasonably priced basic and essential communications services.

**Program 1.2 - Expenses:**

The change in administered expenses across the programs reflects a number of factors, including:

- Australian Broadband Guarantee – the provision of \$23.8 million in 2009-10;
- Regional Telecommunications Review Response – the transfer of \$22.9 million over four years to the Department of the Treasury to make payments for Local Government projects under the Digital Regions Initiative;
- Cyber-safety – the transfer of \$2.0 million in 2009-10 between elements of the Cyber-safety Plan from the Department to the ACMA; and
- minor adjustments to other programs as a result of indexation adjustments.

	2008-09 Actual (\$'000)	2009-10 Revised budget (\$'000)	2010-11 Forw ard year 1 (\$'000)	2011-12 Forw ard year 2 (\$'000)	2012-13 Forw ard year 3 (\$'000)
<b>Annual Administered Expenses:</b>					
<i>Australian Broadband Guarantee</i>	84,183	81,960	46,366	16,057	-
<i>Consumer Representation Grants Program</i>	1,363	2,000	2,028	2,063	2,100
<i>Connect Australia</i>	44,510	18,647	915	-	-
<i>Cyber-safety</i>	3,369	28,505	4,671	3,607	3,671
<i>E-Security</i>	1,150	1,142	1,460	1,484	1,510
<i>ICT Centre of Excellence</i>	27,338	25,437	25,946	25,000	23,750
<i>Regional Telecommunications Review Response</i>	-	6,719	6,698	6,337	6,543
<i>Telecommunications Action Plan for Remote Indigenous Communities</i>	280	-	-	-	-
<b>Special Account Expenses:</b>					
<i>Communications Fund Special Account</i>	381	-	-	-	-
<i>International Aid Special Accounts20 FMA Act</i>	49	-	-	-	-
Policy & Program Support	55,847	68,409	52,969	48,685	49,900
Expenses not requiring Appropriation in the Budget year <sup>1</sup>	261	256	245	242	274
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>218,730</b>	<b>233,075</b>	<b>141,297</b>	<b>103,474</b>	<b>87,748</b>

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**Program 1.2 - Changed deliverables:**

The Australian Broadband Guarantee Program is now expected to deliver 33,000 subsidies in 2009-10.

A key deliverable of the Indigenous Communications Program's Internet Access and Training element is the negotiation of National Partnership Agreement Implementation Plans with each participating State and Territory government. Once agreed, each plan will establish the deliverables and performance targets to be achieved by each State and Territory partner under the program. To date, negotiation with the South Australian Government has concluded. At the conclusion of negotiations with the remaining participating State and Territory governments, the deliverables for this element of the program will be revised.

	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Revised Budget	2010-11 Forward year 1	2011-12 Forward year 2	2012-13 Forward year 3
<b>Regional Services</b>					
Australian Broadband Guarantee Connections subsidised	36,671	33,000	18,000	6,000	-

**Program 1.2 - Changed performance information:**

Performance expectations for the Indigenous Communication Program's Internet Access and Training element will be established through negotiation of National Partnership Agreement Implementation Plans. Performance indicators and targets will be revised at the conclusion of the negotiations.

**Program 1.3: Broadcasting and Digital Television**

**Program 1.3 – Objective:**

Ensure the smooth transition to digital television by the end of 2013. Support access to high quality and diverse broadcasting services that deliver content consistent with Australia’s diverse community expectations.

**Program 1.3 - Expenses:**

The change in administered expenses across the programs reflects a number of factors, including:

- Community Broadcasting Program – the provision of \$2.6 million in 2009-10 for community television broadcasters to commence digital television broadcasting from 2010 and indexation adjustments in the forward years; and
- Digital Television Switchover – additional funding of \$2.8 million over the period from 2009-10 to 2011-12, reflecting a change in the number of eligible households under the Household Assistance Program.

	2008-09 Actual (\$'000)	2009-10 Revised budget (\$'000)	2010-11 Forw ard year 1 (\$'000)	2011-12 Forw ard year 2 (\$'000)	2012-13 Forw ard year 3 (\$'000)
<b>Annual Administered Expenses:</b>					
<i>ABC &amp; SBS Digital Interference Scheme</i>	2	100	1,475	-	-
<i>Community Broadcasting Program</i>	8,707	18,923	11,620	11,809	11,413
<i>Digital Television Switchover</i>	7,346	27,467	47,380	40,232	-
<i>National Transmission Network</i>					
<i>Residual Funding Pool</i>	721	133	137	140	525
<i>Regional Equalisation Plan</i>	300	1,300	1,300	1,000	1,000
<i>Television Towers</i> <sup>1</sup>	308	nfp	-	-	-
Policy & Program Support	25,936	28,609	32,105	28,927	17,642
Expenses not requiring Appropriation in the Budget year <sup>2</sup>	107	98	152	147	103
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>43,427</b>	<b>76,630</b>	<b>94,169</b>	<b>82,255</b>	<b>30,684</b>

1. 'nfp' = not for publication. Provision has been made for funding in the 2009-10 Budget. However, contracts for the provision of services have not been negotiated.
2. Expenses not requiring Appropriation in the Budget year is the difference between the total Departmental Expenses and Appropriations

**Program 1.3 - Changed deliverables:**

In addition to the deliverables for the switchover from analog to digital television transmission by the end of 2013 outlined in the 2009-10 Portfolio Budget Statements, in 2009-10, the Government will also provide community television broadcasters in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth with funding to commence digital television broadcasting from 2010.

**Program 1.3 - Changed performance information:**

Community television broadcasters in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth commence digital television broadcasting from 2010.

