

OFFICE OF THE
PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

Section 1: Overview, appropriations and budget measures summary

OVERVIEW

The main focus of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner is to promote an Australian culture that respects privacy. In achieving this the Office of the Privacy Commissioner recognises that this right should be balanced against other important social interests such as the free flow of information and the need for government and business to operate efficiently.

APPROPRIATIONS

The total appropriation for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner in the 2001–02 Budget is \$3.559m. Table 1.1 shows appropriations (2001–02) and other revenue by outcome.

ADMINISTERED CAPITAL AND DEPARTMENTAL EQUITY INJECTIONS AND LOANS

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner does not have an appropriation for an equity injection or loan or an appropriation for administered capital.

Office of the Privacy Commissioner — Appropriations 2001–02

Table 1.1: Appropriations and other revenue (\$'000)

Outcome	Departmental (price of outputs)					Administered			Total appropriations	
	Revenue from government (appropriations)			Revenue from other sources	Price of outputs	Annual appropriations		Special approps		Total administered appropriations
	Bill 1	Special approps	Total			Bill 1	Bill 2 (SPPs & NAOs)			
	(A)	(B)	(C=A+B)	(D)	(E=C+D)	(F)	(G)	(H)		(I=F+G+H)
An Australian culture in which privacy is respected, promoted and protected	3,559	-	3,559 84.4%	658	4,217	-	-	-	-	3,559
Total	3,559	-	3,559	658	4,217	-	-	-	-	3,559
Departmental capital (equity injections and loans)									-	
Administered capital									-	
Total appropriations									3,559	

Notes:

- Columns C, D, E and I refer to information provided in Table 2.1.1.
- Under the appropriation structure, Bill 2 includes Specific Purpose Payments (SPP)'s, New Agency Outcomes (NAO's), administered capital and departmental capital via departmental injections and loans.
- Refer to Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Performance for application of agency revenue.
- Revenue from other sources includes other revenue from government (eg resources free of charge) and revenue from other sources (eg sales of goods and services). Non-appropriated departmental and administered revenues are detailed in Appendix 1.
- Percentage figure in column C indicates the percentage contribution of revenue from government (departmental appropriations) to the total price of outputs, by outcome

Section 2: Outcomes and outputs information

OUTCOMES AND OUTPUT GROUPS

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner has one outcome:

An Australian culture in which privacy is respected, promoted and protected

There is one output for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner's outcome:

Complaint handling, compliance and monitoring and education and promotion

Financial and non-financial information is provided as follows:

Map 2.1 - details outcome and output resourcing and illustrates the relationship between the outcomes and contributing outputs.

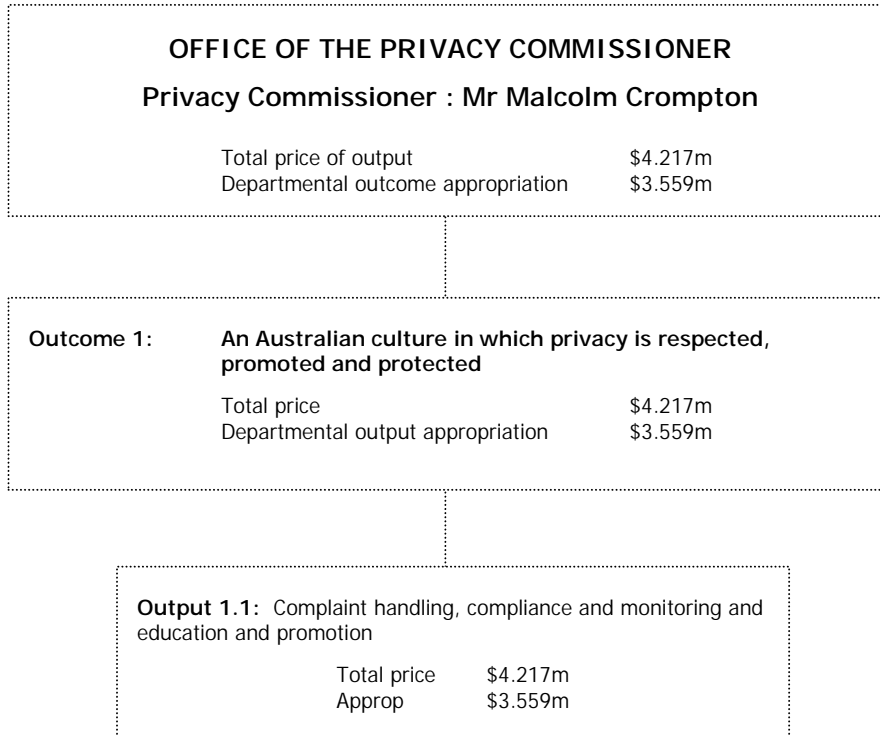
Table 2.1.1 - details financial information for outcome 1.

Table 2.2.1 - details non-financial information for outcome 1.

CHANGES TO OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

There have been no changes to the outcome and outputs structure for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner.

Map 2.1: Outcome and output groups



OUTCOME 1 — AN AUSTRALIAN CULTURE IN WHICH PRIVACY IS RESPECTED, PROMOTED AND PROTECTED

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner's output - complaint handling, compliance activities, inquiries and promotion and educational activities - is a key element in the Government's social justice initiatives and reflect the Government's commitment to the protection and promotion of citizens' privacy rights.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner is responsible for implementing the *Privacy Act 1988*.

Functions under this Act are vested in the Privacy Commissioner and the Act is administered by the Federal Attorney-General.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner:

- investigates complaints from individuals about potential interferences with their privacy;
- conducts audits of the personal information handling practices of Commonwealth and ACT agencies and other organisations covered by the Act;
- inquires into acts or practices that may be interferences with privacy; and
- fosters public discussion, and undertakes and coordinates research and educational programs to promote the concept of privacy protection.

OUTCOME 1 — RESOURCING

Table 2.1 shows how the 2001–02 appropriations translate to total resourcing for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner’s outcome: revenue from government (appropriations), revenue from other sources and the total price of the output.

Table 2.1.1: Total resources for outcome 1 (\$'000)

	Estimated Actual 2000–01 (\$'000)	Budget Estimate 2001–02 (\$'000)
DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS		
Output 1.1: Complaint handling, compliance and monitoring and education and promotion	3,750	3,559
Total revenue from government (appropriations) contributing to price of outcome	3,750 85.1%	3,559 84.4%
REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES		
Output 1.1: Complaint handling, compliance and monitoring and education and promotion	658	658
Total revenue from other sources	658	658
Total price of departmental outputs <i>(Total revenue from government and other sources)</i>	4,408	4,217
Total estimated resourcing for outcome 1 <i>(Total administered expenses)</i>	4,408	4,217
AVERAGE STAFFING LEVEL	35	35

OUTCOME 1 — PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner's output - complaint handling, compliance activities, inquiries and promotion and educational activities - is a key element in the Government's social justice initiatives and reflect the Government's commitment to the protection and promotion of citizens' privacy rights.

Table 2.2.1 provides information on the strategies chosen to deliver outcome 1, and shows the links between the output and the outcome.

Table 2.2.1 Performance information for outcome 1

Performance information for departmental outputs	
<i>Output Description</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>
Output 1.1: Complaint handling, compliance and monitoring and education and promotion	<p><i>Price:</i> \$4.217m</p> <p><i>Quality:</i> Strategy developed to inform the community, including businesses, of their rights and responsibilities in respect of the Office's new jurisdictional responsibilities</p> <p>Internal processes, such as complaints handling, will be reviewed to ensure their effectiveness for application to the new jurisdiction</p> <p>Development in consultation with relevant segments of the community of processes and guidelines to support the implementation of new jurisdictional responsibilities</p> <p><i>Quantity:</i> Development of quantitative and qualitative measures to assess the effectiveness of services provided to the community</p>

COMPETITIVE TENDERING AND CONTRACTING

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner will implement competitive tendering and contracting when appropriate and has not yet entered into any purchaser/provider agreements.

Section 3: Budgeted Financial Statements

Table 3.1: Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Performance
for the period ended 30 June

	Estimated Actual 2000-01 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2001-02 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004-05 \$'000
Revenues from ordinary activities					
Revenues from government	3,750	3,559	3,553	3,572	3,543
Sales of goods and services	650	650	650	650	650
Other	8	8	8	8	8
Total revenues from ordinary activities	4,408	4,217	4,211	4,230	4,201
Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)					
Employees	2,418	2,461	2,456	2,495	2,462
Suppliers	1,929	1,683	1,682	1,652	1,700
Depreciation and amortisation	61	73	73	83	39
Total expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)	4,408	4,217	4,211	4,230	4,201
Borrowing cost expense	-	-	-	-	-
Net surplus or (deficit) from ordinary activities	-	-	-	-	-
Gain or loss on extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Net surplus or (deficit)	-	-	-	-	-
Capital use charge	-	-	-	-	-
Net surplus or (deficit) after capital use charge	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 3.2: Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June**

	Estimated Actual 2000-01 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2001-02 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004-05 \$'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets					
Cash	5	39	75	171	226
Receivables	1	1	1	1	1
Other	3	3	3	3	3
Total financial assets	9	43	79	175	230
Non-financial assets					
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	179	156	134	101	112
Total non-financial assets	179	156	134	101	112
Total assets	188	199	213	276	342
LIABILITIES					
Debt					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total debt	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions and payables					
Employees	468	521	572	624	678
Suppliers	176	134	97	107	120
Total provisions and payables	644	655	669	731	798
Total liabilities	644	655	669	731	798
EQUITY					
Capital	237	237	237	237	237
Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	(693)	(693)	(693)	(693)	(693)
Total equity	(456)	(456)	(456)	(456)	(456)
Current liabilities	444	404	365	375	389
Non-current liabilities	199	251	303	356	409
Current assets	9	43	79	175	230
Non-current assets	179	156	134	101	112

**Table 3.3: Budgeted Departmental Statement of Cash Flows
for the period ended 30 June**

	Estimated Actual 2000-01 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2001-02 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004-05 \$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Appropriations for outputs	3,750	3,559	3,553	3,572	3,543
Sale of goods and services	650	650	650	650	650
Total cash received	4,400	4,209	4,203	4,222	4,193
Cash used					
Employees	2,572	2,409	2,404	2,442	2,409
Suppliers	1,771	1,716	1,713	1,634	1,679
Total cash used	4,343	4,125	4,117	4,076	4,088
Net cash from operating activities	57	84	86	146	105
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Other	148	-	-	-	-
Total cash received	148	-	-	-	-
Cash used					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	200	50	50	50	50
Total cash used	200	50	50	50	50
Net cash from investing activities	(52)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash Received					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash received	-	-	-	-	-
Cash used					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash used	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash from financing activities	-	-	-	-	-
Net increase in cash held	5	34	36	96	55
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	-	5	39	75	171
Cash at the end of the reporting period	5	39	75	171	226

Table 3.4: Departmental Capital Budget Statement

	Estimated Actual 2000-01 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2001-02 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004-05 \$'000
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS					
Total equity injections	148	-	-	-	-
Represented by:					
Purchase of non-current assets	148	-	-	-	-
Total	148	-	-	-	-
PURCHASE OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Funded by capital appropriations	148	-	-	-	-
Funded internally by departmental resources	52	50	50	50	50
Total	200	50	50	50	50

Table 3.5: Departmental Non-financial Assets — Summary of Movement (Budget Year 2001–02)

	Land	Buildings	Total land and buildings	Other infrastructure plant and equipment	Total infrastructure plant and equipment	Intangibles	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
GROSS VALUE							
<i>As at 1 July 2001 (opening)</i>	-	-	-	280	280	-	280
Additions	-	-	-	50	50	-	50
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>As at 30 June 2002 (closing)</i>	-	-	-	330	330	-	330
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION							
<i>As at 1 July 2001 (opening)</i>	-	-	-	101	101	-	101
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the reporting period	-	-	-	73	73	-	73
Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>As at 30 June 2002 (closing)</i>	-	-	-	174	174	-	174
Net book value as at 30 June 2002 (closing book value)	-	-	-	156	156	-	156
Net book value as at 1 July 2001 (opening book value)	-	-	-	179	179	-	179
TOTAL ADDITIONS							
Self funded	-	-	-	50	50	-	50
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	50	50	-	50

Appendix 1

Non-Appropriation Departmental Revenue

	Estimated Revenue 2000-01 \$'000	Estimated Revenue 2001-02 \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		
Resources received free of charge	8	8
Section 31 (FMA Act) receipts	650	650
Total Estimated Departmental Revenue	658	658

