

# CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH COUNCIL

## Section 1: Agency overview and resources

### 1.1 STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR 2008–09

The Criminology Research Council (CRC) is established by the *Criminology Research Act 1971*. The CRC is an integral part of a state, territory and Australian Government-funded approach to research on crime and justice issues in Australia.

The principal objectives of the CRC are to support research that is relevant to current and future public policy issues, to foster the undertaking of quality criminological research, and to ensure that CRC-supported criminological research is disseminated effectively.

The CRC provides a forum for state and territory Attorney's-General and justice delegates to assess needs in the field of criminological research and to fund specific research projects. The research funded by the CRC addresses the Australian Government's national research priorities. During 2008–09, research funding will be provided across contemporary topics including:

- mainstreaming specialty courts
- collaboration with the National Justice Mental Health Initiative
- environmental crime
- juvenile recidivism
- Indigenous over-representation in the judicial system
- families and crime in neighbourhoods, and
- offender treatment programs.

To improve dissemination of research findings, during 2008–09 the CRC is redesigning its website along thematic lines.

## 1.2 AGENCY RESOURCE STATEMENT

Table 1.1 shows total resources from all origins.

**Table 1.1: Resource statement—Budget estimates for 2008–09  
(as at Budget May 2008)**

	Estimate of prior year amounts available in 2008–09 (\$'000)	+	Proposed at Budget 2008–09 (\$'000)	=	Total estimate 2008–09 (\$'000)	Estimated available appropriation 2007–08 (\$'000)
<b>OPENING BALANCE/RESERVES AT BANK</b>	<b>539</b>				<b>539</b>	<b>577</b>
<b>REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT</b>						
<b>Ordinary annual services</b>						
Outcome 1: Criminological research which informs the Commonwealth and States			330 <sup>1</sup>		330	323 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total ordinary annual services</b>			<b>330</b>		<b>330</b>	<b>323</b>
<b>Total revenue from government</b>			<b>330</b>		<b>330</b>	<b>323</b>
<b>FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES</b>						
Interest			30		30	36
Other			203		203	181
<b>Total funds from other sources</b>			<b>233</b>		<b>233</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>Total resourcing for the Criminology Research Council</b>			<b>563</b>		<b>1,102</b>	<b>1,117</b>

All figures are GST exclusive.

The CRC is not directly appropriated as it is a *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* body. Appropriations are made to the relevant *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* agency, the Attorney-General's Department, which are then paid to the CRC and are considered 'departmental' for all purposes.

Notes:

1. Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2008–09.

2. The total available operating appropriation will not equal the amount presented in the income statement and cash flow statement. These statements represent the adjusted appropriation balance which reflects the return of \$1,000 to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

## 1.3 BUDGET MEASURES

There are no new measures for the CRC.

## Section 2: Outcomes and planned performance

### 2.1 OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Australian Government requires agencies to measure their intended and actual performance in terms of outcomes. Government outcomes are the results, impacts or consequences of actions by the government on the Australian community. Agencies are required to identify the output groups that demonstrate their contribution to government outcomes over the coming year.

The CRC's outcome is described below by output, including the indicators and targets used to assess and monitor performance.

#### 2.1.1 Outcome 1: Criminological research which informs the Commonwealth and States

##### Outcome 1 strategy

The CRC controls and administers the Criminology Research Fund, which provides research grants to researchers in universities, government departments and similar institutions within Australia. It also engages research consultants in order to achieve its outcome.

The CRC's role is to fund criminological research in the areas of sociology, psychology, law, statistics, police, judiciary, corrections, mental health, social welfare, education and related fields. The research to be conducted is policy-oriented, and research outcomes should have the potential for application in other jurisdictions or nationally.

The CRC fulfils this role by:

- consulting with state and territory governments to determine research priorities
- providing funds to facilitate the conduct of, or otherwise supporting, impartial and policy-relevant research
- keeping key stakeholders informed of CRC activities
- working cooperatively with state and territory government agencies and other organisations
- regularly consulting with the Australian criminological community as to the activities and directions of the CRC, and

- actively disseminating research findings to policy makers, practitioners and the general public across Australia and internationally.

### Outcome 1 resource statement

Table 2.1 provides additional detail of Budget appropriations and the total resourcing available for Outcome 1.

**Table 2.1: Total resources available for Outcome 1**

	2008–09 total estimate of available resources (\$'000)	2007–08 estimated actual (\$'000)
<b>Outcome 1</b>		
<b>Output 1.1: Criminological research grants</b>		
Departmental outputs	330	323 <sup>1</sup>
Revenues from other sources	230	223
<b>Total resources for Outcome 1</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>546</b>
<b>Average staffing level (number)</b>	–	–

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## Contributions to Outcome 1

### Output 1.1

<b>Output 1.1: Criminological research grants</b>	
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<b>Key performance indicator</b>	<b>2008–09 target</b>
Reports are based on identified needs and priorities	Research reports are of value to recipient agencies as determined by the agency heads

## Section 3: Explanatory tables and budgeted financial statements

Section 3 presents budgeted financial statements which provide a comprehensive snapshot of agency finances for the Budget year 2008–09. It explains how budget plans are incorporated into the financial statements.

## **3.1 EXPLANATORY TABLES**

### **3.1.1 Reconciliation of total available appropriation and outcomes**

The agency resource statement (Table 1.1) details the total available appropriation from all sources. For departmental operating appropriation (outputs) this includes carry-forward amounts as well as amounts appropriated at Budget. As agencies incur and are funded for future liabilities (generally depreciation and employee entitlements), the total amount of departmental operating appropriation available to an agency is unlikely to be fully used in the Budget year.

The difference between the agency resource statement and the sum of all payments made at the departmental outputs level is the expected carry-forward amount of resources for the 2009-10 Budget year, including amounts related to meeting future obligations to maintain the agency's asset base and to meet employee entitlement liabilities.

### **3.1.2 Movement of administered funds between years**

The CRC has no administered funds.

### **3.1.3 Special accounts**

The CRC has no special accounts.

### **3.1.4 Australian Government Indigenous expenditure**

The CRC has no Australian Government Indigenous expenditure.

## **3.2 BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **3.2.1 Differences between agency resourcing and financial statements**

There are no significant differences between the agency resourcing and financial statements.

### 3.2.2 Analysis of budgeted financial statements

#### Income statement

Total revenue for 2008–09 is estimated to be \$0.560m, representing no change from the previously published estimate.

Total expenses for 2008–09 are estimated to be \$0.560m, representing no change from the previously published estimate.

#### Balance sheet

The CRC's estimated 2008–09 net asset position of \$0.540m represents a net increase of \$0.028m against the previously published estimate. The increase is attributable to the reduced operating loss in 2007–08 from the previously published estimate.

### 3.2.3 Budgeted financial statements tables

**Table 3.2.1: Budgeted departmental income statement (for the period ended 30 June)**

	Estimated actual 2007–08 (\$'000)	Budget estimate 2008–09 (\$'000)	Forward estimate 2009–10 (\$'000)	Forward estimate 2010–11 (\$'000)	Forward estimate 2011–12 (\$'000)
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>Revenue</b>					
Revenue from government	322	330	337	348	357
Interest	36	30	27	25	20
Other revenue	187	200	210	218	237
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>614</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Suppliers	220	193	217	210	222
Grants	373	367	357	381	392
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>614</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) attributable to the Australian Government</b>	<b>(48)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

Table 3.2.2: Budgeted departmental balance sheet (as at 30 June)

	Estimated actual 2007–08 (\$'000)	Budget estimate 2008–09 (\$'000)	Forward estimate 2009–10 (\$'000)	Forward estimate 2010–11 (\$'000)	Forward estimate 2011–12 (\$'000)
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	539	539	539	539	539
Trade and other receivables	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Total liabilities</b>	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>EQUITY<sup>1</sup></b>					
<b>Parent entity interest</b>					
Contributed equity	36	36	36	36	36
Retained surpluses or accumulated deficits	504	504	504	504	504
<b>Total parent entity interest</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Current liabilities</b>	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	–	–	–	–	–

Note:

1. Equity is the residual interest in assets after deduction of liabilities.

**Table 3.2.3: Budgeted departmental statement of cash flows (for the period ended 30 June)**

	Estimated actual 2007–08 (\$'000)	Budget estimate 2008–09 (\$'000)	Forward estimate 2009–10 (\$'000)	Forward estimate 2010–11 (\$'000)	Forward estimate 2011–12 (\$'000)
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Appropriations	322	330	337	348	357
Interest	36	30	27	25	20
Other	188	203	215	218	237
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>614</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Suppliers	210	198	222	210	222
Grants	374	365	357	381	392
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>614</b>
<b>Net cash from (used by) operating activities</b>	<b>(38)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>(38)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	577	539	539	539	539
<b>Cash at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>539</b>

**Table 3.2.4: Departmental statement of changes in equity—summary of movement (Budget year 2008–09)**

	Retained earnings (\$'000)	Asset revaluation reserve (\$'000)	Contributed equity/ capital (\$'000)	Total equity (\$'000)
<b>Opening balance as at 1 July 2008</b>				
Balance carried forward from previous period	504	–	36	540
<b>Income and expenses</b>				
Net operating result	–	–	–	–
<b>Total income and expenses</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Estimated closing balance as at 30 June 2009</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>540</b>

### **3.2.4 Notes to the financial statements**

#### **Basis of accounting**

The budgeted financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Finance Minister's Orders, Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards and Accounting Guidance Releases, and having regard to the Statements of Accounting Concepts.

#### **Revenue from government**

Appropriations for departmental outputs are recognised as revenue.

#### **Interest**

Funds surplus to the CRC's short-term needs are invested in accordance with subsection 18(3) of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.

#### **Other revenue**

The CRC receives contributions from state and territory governments which are to be used by the CRC in the delivery of its output.

#### **Supplier expenses**

Supplier expenses consist of consultant and contractor costs, travel expenses and administrative costs.

#### **Grants**

These consist of grants awarded to undertake criminological research in areas identified as relevant by the CRC.

#### **Cash**

Cash includes notes and coins held and any deposits held at call with a bank or other financial institution.

