

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

CHANGES TO THE PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

Since the 2000-01 Budget the following changes have occurred to the structure of the portfolio:

- the Office of the Privacy Commissioner was established as a prescribed Agency under the Financial Management and Accountability (FMA) Act with effect from 1 July 2000;
- the Federal Magistrates Service (FMS) was established as a prescribed Agency under the FMA Act with effect from 1 July 2000; and
- the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA) was established as a prescribed Agency under the FMA Act with effect from 1 July 2000.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner, the FMS and ITSA do not have additional estimates but appear in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements as agencies in their own right for the first time.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS – PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

The agencies within the portfolio that have additional estimates and variations to the 2000-01 Budget appropriations are the Attorney-General's Department, the High Court, the Family Court, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the National Native Title Tribunal, the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Customs Service.

The total portfolio additional estimates in Appropriation Bill Nos 3 and 4 is \$46.291m, comprising \$16.560m in departmental resourcing, \$3.871m in administered expenses, \$5.258m in equity injections and \$20.602m in carryover of capital from previous years.

The Additional Estimates appropriations and revenue estimates contain the following measures announced by the Government since the 2000-01 Budget:

- \$8.503m additional funding in 2000-01 for the Attorney-General's Department for protective security for diplomatic and consular missions;
- \$3.700m additional funding in 2000-01 for the National Native Title Tribunal for increased workload in the Northern Territory and Queensland;
- \$0.384m per year additional funding over the next four years for the Australian Customs Service for the storage of imported handguns prior to sale;
- \$0.195m additional funding in 2000-01 and \$0.120m per year thereafter for the High Court;

- \$0.590m capital funding in 2000-01 for the High Court; and
- \$1.000m reduction in administered revenues in 2000-01 in the Australian Customs Service arising from the extension of the Import Credit Scheme to Fiji for three months to 30 September 2000.

Explanations of the measures and other variations are contained in agencies' Additional Estimates Statements in Part C.