

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 2002–03 Budget is \$3.588m. Table 1.1 shows appropriations (2002–03) 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 2002–03

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)	(J=C+I)
An Australian culture in which privacy is respected, promoted and protected	3,588	-	3,588 84.5%	658	4,246	-	-	-	-	3,588
Total	3,588	-	3,588	658	4,246	-	-	-	-	3,588
Non-operating: equity injections, loans and previous years' outputs									-	
Administered assets and liabilities									-	
Total appropriations									3,588	

Notes:

- Columns C, D, E and I refer to information provided in Table 2.1.1.
- Under the appropriation structure, Bill 2 includes appropriations for Specific Purpose Payments (SPPs), New Agency Outcomes (NAOs), administered assets and liabilities and equity injections, loans and previous years' outputs.
- 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.
- 84.5% 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:

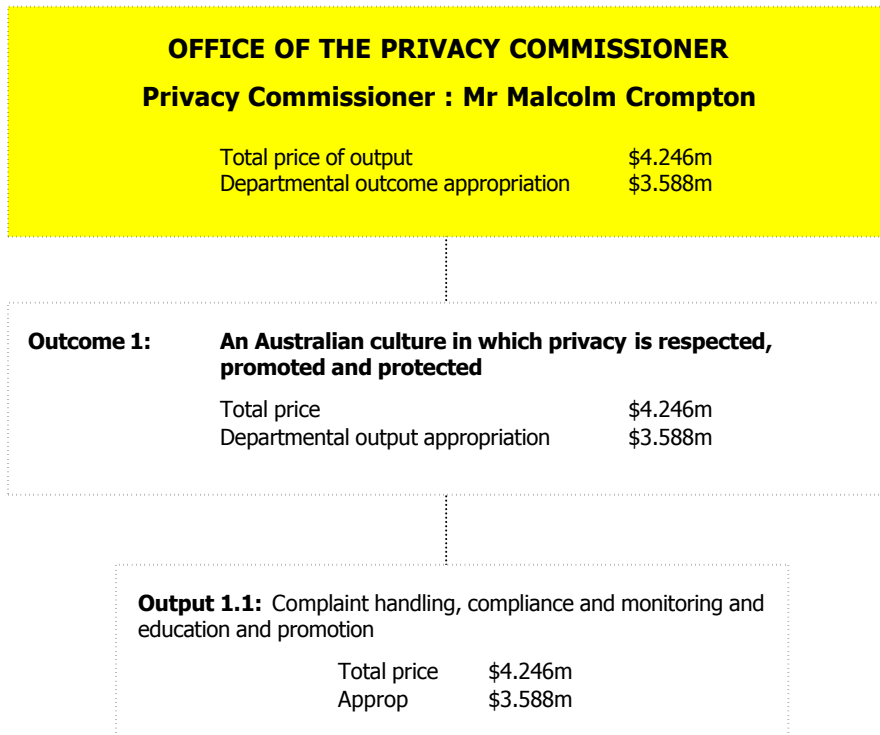
Complaint handling, compliance and monitoring and education and promotion

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 2002–03 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 2001–02 (\$'000)	Budget Estimate 2002–03 (\$'000)
DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS		
Output 1.1: Complaint handling, compliance and monitoring and education and promotion	3,559	3,588
Total revenue from government (appropriations) contributing to price of outcome	3,750 84.4%	3,588 84.5%
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 (Total revenue from government and other sources)	4,217	4,246
Total estimated resourcing for outcome 1 (Total administered expenses)	4,217	4,246
AVERAGE STAFFING LEVEL	35	40

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	
Output description	Performance measure
Output 1.1: Complaint handling, compliance and monitoring and education and promotion	<p>Price: \$4.246m</p> <p>Quality: 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>Quantity: Development of quantitative and qualitative measures to assess the effectiveness of services provided to the community</p>

Section 3: Budgeted Financial Statements

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

	Estimated Actual 2001–02 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2002–03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003–04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004–05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005–06 \$'000
Revenues from ordinary activities					
Revenues from government	3,559	3,588	3,617	3,587	3,667
Sales of goods and services	650	650	650	650	650
Other	8	8	8	8	8
Total revenues from ordinary activities	4,217	4,246	4,275	4,245	4,325
Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)					
Employees	2,461	2,491	2,540	2,507	2,586
Suppliers	1,683	1,681	1,652	1,700	1,700
Depreciation and amortisation	73	74	83	38	39
Total expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)	4,217	4,246	4,275	4,245	4,325
Borrowing costs 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 2001-02 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005-06 \$'000
ASSETS					
Financial assets					
Cash	427	464	560	616	672
Receivables	31	31	31	31	31
Other	49	49	49	49	49
Total financial assets	507	544	640	696	752
Non-financial assets					
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	120	97	64	74	85
Total non-financial assets	120	97	64	74	85
Total assets	627	641	704	770	837
LIABILITIES					
Debt					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total debt	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions and payables					
Employees	495	509	572	638	705
Suppliers	126	126	126	126	126
Total provisions and payables	621	635	698	764	831
Total liabilities	621	635	698	764	831
EQUITY					
Capital	(445)	(445)	(445)	(445)	(445)
Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	451	451	451	451	451
Total equity	6	6	6	6	6
Liabilities and equity	627	641	704	770	837

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

	Estimated Actual 2001-02 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005-06 \$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Appropriations for outputs	3,559	3,588	3,617	3,587	3,667
Sale of goods and services	650	650	650	650	650
Total cash received	4,209	4,238	4,267	4,237	4,317
Cash used					
Employees	2,401	2,430	2,479	2,445	2,524
Suppliers	1,724	1,721	1,642	1,686	1,687
Total cash used	4,125	4,151	4,121	4,131	4,211
Net cash from operating activities	84	87	146	106	106
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash received	-	-	-	-	-
Cash used					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	50	50	50	50	50
Total cash used	50	50	50	50	50
Net cash from investing activities	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Net increase in cash held	34	37	96	56	56
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	393	427	464	560	616
Cash at the end of the reporting period	427	464	560	616	672

Table 3.4: Departmental Capital Budget Statement

	Estimated Actual 2001-02 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward Estimate 2005-06 \$'000
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS					
Total equity injections	-	-	-	-	-
Represented by:					
Purchase of non-financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Funded by capital appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Funded internally by departmental resources	50	50	50	50	50
Total	50	50	50	50	50

Table 3.5: Departmental Non-financial Assets — Summary of Movement (Budget Year 2002–03)

	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
Carrying amount at the start of year	-	-	-	120	120	-	120
Additions	-	-	-	50	50	-	50
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation increments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoverable amount write-downs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net transfers free of charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation/amortisation expenses	-	-	-	(74)	(74)	-	(74)
Write-off of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount at the end of year	-	-	-	97	97	-	97
Total Additions							
Self funded	-	-	-	50	50	-	50
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	50	50	-	50

APPENDIX 1

Receipts from Independent Sources

	Estimated Revenue 2001-02 \$'000	Estimated Revenue 2002-03 \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		
Resources received free of charge	8	8
Section 31 (FMA Act) receipts	650	650
Total Estimated Departmental Revenue	658	658

