

# **Refugee Review Tribunal**



# REFUGEE REVIEW TRIBUNAL

## Section 1: Overview, appropriations and budget measures summary

### OVERVIEW

The Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) provides independent merits review of decisions of DIMIA to refuse or cancel protection visas. This outcome contributes to ensuring that Australia meets its international obligations pursuant to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. The RRT is required to provide a mechanism of review that is fair, just, economical, informal and quick.

### APPROPRIATIONS AND RESOURCING

The total appropriation for the Tribunal in the 2003-04 Budget is \$19.73 million.

The appropriation is based on a purchasing agreement (PA) between the Department of Finance and Administration and the RRT for the period 2002-04. The PA allows for an annual caseload of 5,600 cases at a rate of \$3,522.50 per finalised case for 2003-04 which includes variations as per the PA from the 2003-04 base rate and supplementation for superannuation increases.

### MEASURES

RRT has no 2003-04 Budget measures.

### REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES

The Tribunal now provides corporate services functions for the Migration Review Tribunal (MRT). The RRT charges a fee to the MRT for these services, and the increase in revenue is reflected in the Budget 2003-04 as revenue from other resources.

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Refugee Review Tribunal — appropriations 2003-04

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

Outcome	Departmental (price of outputs) (\$'000)					Administered (\$'000)			Total appropriations (\$'000)	
	Revenue from Government (appropriations)		Revenue from other sources <sup>(4)</sup>	Price of outputs <sup>(3)</sup>	Annual appropriations (\$'000)	Special approp <sup>(5)</sup>	Total administered appropriations			
	Bill No. 1 (A)	Special approps <sup>(5)</sup> (B)	Total (C = A+B) (C1) <sup>(1)</sup>	(D)	(E = C+D) (E1) <sup>(1)</sup>	Bill No. 1 (F)	Bill No. 2 (SPPs & NAOs) <sup>(2)</sup> (G)	(H)	(I = F+G+H) (I1) <sup>(1)</sup>	(J=C+I)
<b>Outcome 1</b> - Contribute to ensuring that Australia meets its obligations pursuant to the convention relating to the status of refugees	19,726	-	19,726	1,085	20,811	-	-	-	-	<b>19,726</b>
			94.79%							
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,726</b>	-	<b>19,726</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>20,811</b>	-	-	-	(K2) <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>19,726</b>
			(K1) <sup>(1)</sup>	Departmental capital (equity injections and loans)					(K3) <sup>(1)</sup>	-
									(K4) <sup>(1)</sup>	-
										<b>19,726</b>

1. Cells C1, E1 and I1 refer to information provided in Total Resources for Outcome tables. Amounts K1, K2 to Budgeted Statement of Financial Performance, and amounts K3, K4 to Capital Budget Statements.
  2. Under the appropriation structure, Bill No. 2 includes Specific Purpose Payments (SPP's), new agency Outcomes (NAO's), administered capital and departmental capital via departmental injections and loans.
  3. Refer to Budgeted Statement of Financial Performance for application of agency revenue.
  4. Revenue from other sources includes other revenue from government (for example, resources free of charge) and revenue from other sources (for example, sales of goods and services by agencies such as the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) or the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)). Non-appropriated departmental and administered revenues are details in Table 1.3.
  5. Estimated expenses from individual Special Appropriations are shown in Table 1.4.
- Note: Percentage figures indicate the percentage contribution of Revenue from Government (Departmental Appropriations) to the Total Price of Outputs, by outcome.

## RECEIPTS FROM INDEPENDENT SOURCES

**Table 1.3: Receipts from independent sources**

	Estimated revenue 2002-03 \$'000	Estimated revenue 2003-04 \$'000
Corporate services fee - MRT	1,020	1,020
Resources received free of charge - audit fee	28	28
Other	44	37
<b>Total estimated revenue</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,085</b>

Note: The proportion of receipts from independent sources that are due to cost recovery arrangements for the RRT is nil.

## NON-APPROPRIATION DEPARTMENTAL AND ADMINISTERED REVENUE

**Table 1.6: Non-appropriation departmental and administered revenue**

	Revised estimate 2002-03 \$'000	Budget estimate 2003-04 \$'000
RRT Fees	5,000	5,000
Section 31 of the FMA	1,064	1,057
Resources received free of charge	28	28
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>6,092</b>	<b>6,085</b>

## Section 2: Outcomes and outputs information

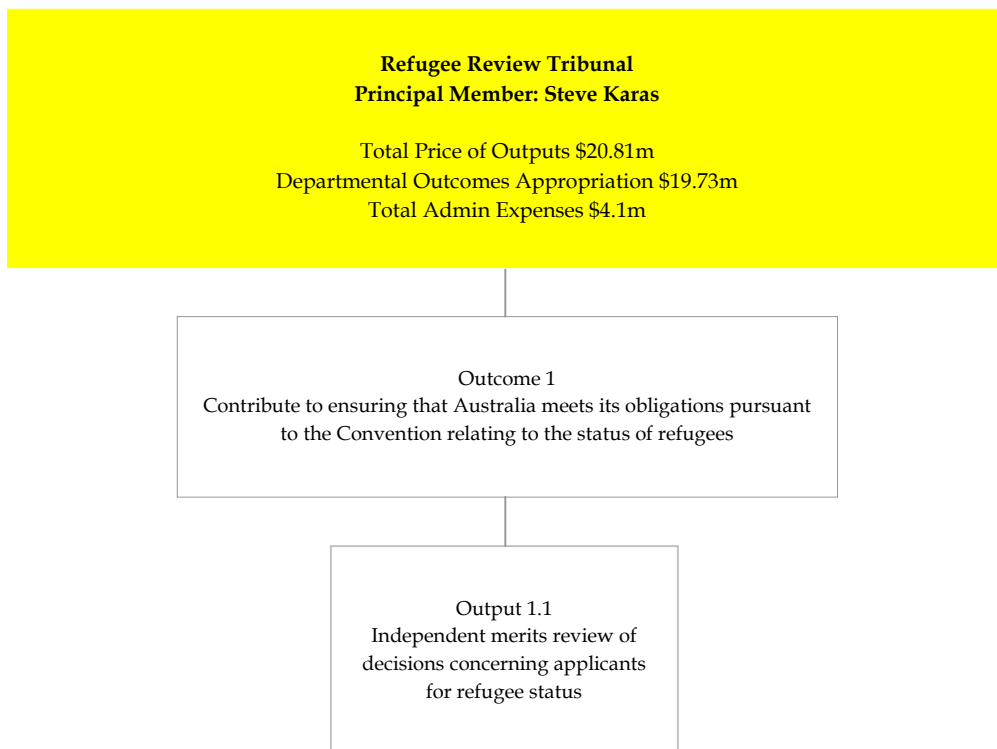
### OUTCOMES AND OUTPUT GROUPS

The Refugee Review Tribunal works to achieving its outcome *contribute to ensuring that Australia meets its obligations pursuant to the convention relating to the status of refugees.*

#### Output cost attribution

There is one output within the RRT which is *independent merits review of decisions concerning applications for refugee status.* All costs are allocated to this output.

#### Map 2: Outcomes and output groups



## OUTCOME 1 — CONTRIBUTE TO ENSURING THAT AUSTRALIA MEETS ITS OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THE CONVENTION RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES

The RRT contributes to ensuring that Australia meets its international obligations pursuant to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. The RRT is required to provide a mechanism of review that is fair, just, economical, informal and quick.

### OUTCOME 1 — RESOURCING

Table 2.1.1 shows how the 2003-04 Budget appropriations translate to total resourcing for outcome 1, including administered expenses, revenue from government (appropriation), revenue from other sources, and the total price of outputs

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

	Estimated actual 2002-03 \$'000	Budget estimate 2003-04 \$'000	
<b>Administered Appropriations</b>	-	-	(I1)
Non-Cash Expenses	4,100	4,100	
<b>Total administered expenses</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,100</b>	
<b>Departmental appropriations</b>			
Output Group 1.1 - Independent merits review of decisions concerning applicants for protection visas	18,728	19,726	
<b>Subtotal Output Group 1.1</b>	<b>18,728</b>	<b>19,726</b>	(C1)
<b>Total Revenues from government (appropriations)</b>	<b>18,728</b>	<b>19,726</b>	
<b>Contributing to price of departmental outputs</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>94.8%</b>	
<b>Revenue from other sources</b>			
S31 Revenue	1,064	1,057	
Resources received free of charge	28	28	
<b>Total revenue from other sources</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,085</b>	
<b>Total price from departmental outputs</b> (Total revenue from government and from other sources)	<b>19,820</b>	<b>20,811</b>	(E1)
<b>Total estimated resourcing for Outcome 1</b> (Total price of outputs and administered appropriations)	<b>19,820</b>	<b>20,811</b>	
	2002-03	2003-04	
<b>Average staffing level (number)</b>	216	224	

## OUTCOME 1 — CONTRIBUTION OF OUTPUTS

There is one output within the RRT which is *independent merits review of decisions concerning applications for refugee status*.

### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR OUTCOME 1

**Table 2.2.1: Performance information for Outcome 1**

EFFECTIVENESS - OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE OUTCOME	
Decisions are correct and preferable	Outcome of applications for judicial review

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUTS	
Output Group 1	Independent merits review of decisions concerning applicants for refugee concerning applicants for refugee status
Output 1.1 Cases Finalised	<p>Quantity: 5,600 cases are finalised.</p> <p>Quality: Outcome of applicants for judicial review - extent to which decisions are upheld.</p> <p>Timeliness: Extent to which time standards for finalisation of detention and other cases are met.</p> <p>Price: \$3,522.50 per finalised case.</p>

## Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

### **ANALYSIS OF BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **Departmental financial statements**

An analysis of the Tribunal's budgeted financial statements for 2003-04 is provided below.

#### **Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Performance**

The Tribunal is funded by way of a purchasing agreement which sets a cost per finalised case. Total expenses for 2003-04 are estimated at \$23.5 million, which will lead to a planned deficit of \$2.68 million, reducing cash reserves accumulated in previous years. A round of new member appointments is likely to occur later than expected, resulting in a lower than expected expenditure on employees in 2003-04.

The purchasing agreement is due to expire at the end of 2003-04, and a new arrangement will be negotiated during the course of the year to reflect the ongoing operating expenses of the Tribunal.

#### **Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Position**

Cash will be reduced to a balance of \$1.61 million as a result of the operating loss for 2003-04. Assets are depreciating as normal with a standard asset replacement plan in place, with additions of \$0.543 million.

#### **Budgeted Departmental Statement of Cash Flows**

The movement in cashflow from a balance of \$3.56 million (2002-03) to \$1.16 million (2003-04) reflects the net loss for the period.

#### **Departmental Capital Budget Statement**

The RRT's asset replacement plan allows for renewal of assets as they reach the end of useful life.

#### **Departmental Non Financial Assets — Summary of Movement**

Expenditure for 2003-04 of \$0.543 million includes minor fitout work of \$0.020 million, and the replacement of IT equipment and office machines totalling \$0.523 million.

## Schedule of administered activity

### **Schedule of Budgeted Revenues and Expenses Administered on behalf of Government**

The RRT charges a post decision fee of \$1,000 to applicants whose decision has been upheld. The fees totalling \$5 million reflect the anticipated charge for 2003-04, and the other expenses are bad debts. Applicants whose debts remain unpaid are placed on DIMIA's movement alert system until the debt has been recovered. The debt recovery process is managed by DIMIA.

### **Schedule of Budgeted Assets and Liabilities Administered on behalf of Government**

Receivables reflect the net amount of outstanding debts at the 30 June 2004.

### **Schedule of Budgeted Administered Cash Flows**

The \$0.900 million for fees represents the anticipated recovery of fees for 2003-04.

## **BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The following financial statements for the MRT are presented in this section:

### **Departmental Financial Statements**

- Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Performance;
- Budgeted Departmental Statement of Financial Position;
- Budgeted Departmental Statement of Cash Flows;
- Departmental Capital Budget Statement; and
- Departmental Non Financial Assets – Summary of Movement.

### **Schedule of Administered Activity**

- Schedule of Budgeted Revenues and Expenses Administered on behalf of Government;
- Schedule of Assets and Liabilities Administered on behalf of Government; and
- Schedule of Budgeted Administered Cash Flows.

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

	Estimated actual 2002-03 \$'000	Budget estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward estimate 2006-07 \$'000
<b>REVENUE</b>					
<b>Revenues from ordinary activities</b>					
Revenues from government <sup>(K1)</sup>	18,728	19,726	19,649	19,649	19,649
Revenue from sales of assets	14	2	2	2	2
Other	1,078	1,083	1,113	1,145	1,177
<b>Revenues from ordinary activities</b>	<b>19,820</b>	<b>20,811</b>	<b>20,764</b>	<b>20,796</b>	<b>20,828</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
<b>Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)</b>					
Employees	14,473	16,190	13,292	13,223	13,266
Suppliers	6,049	6,378	6,405	6,476	6,549
Depreciation and amortisation	862	920	1,067	1,097	1,013
Write-down of assets	3	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs expense)</b>	<b>21,387</b>	<b>23,488</b>	<b>20,764</b>	<b>20,796</b>	<b>20,828</b>
Borrowing costs expense	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating surplus or deficit from ordinary activities</b>	<b>(1,567)</b>	<b>(2,677)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Gain or loss on extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Capital User Charge	260	-	-	-	-
<b>Net surplus or deficit</b>	<b>(1,827)</b>	<b>(2,677)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(K1) links to table 1.1

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

	Estimated actual 2002-03 \$'000	Budget estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward estimate 2006-07 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash	3,556	1,613	2,808	3,807	4,734
Receivables	335	335	335	335	335
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>3,891</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>3,143</b>	<b>4,142</b>	<b>5,069</b>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>					
Land and buildings	2,021	1,510	979	524	72
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	754	896	572	378	265
Intangibles	7	-	-	-	-
Other	157	156	156	157	156
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>493</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>6,830</b>	<b>4,510</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>5,201</b>	<b>5,562</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Provisions</b>					
Employees	3,959	4,281	4,621	4,971	5,331
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<b>3,959</b>	<b>4,281</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>5,331</b>
<b>Payables</b>					
Suppliers	629	664	664	665	666
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payables</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>666</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,588</b>	<b>4,588</b>	<b>4,588</b>	<b>4,588</b>	<b>4,588</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>					
<b>Parent entity interest</b>					
Contributed equity	765	(1,912)	(1,912)	(1,912)	(1,912)
Reserves	1,477	1,477	1,477	1,477	1,477
Retained surpluses or deficits	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total entity</b>	<b>2,242</b>	<b>(435)</b>	<b>(435)</b>	<b>(435)</b>	<b>(435)</b>
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>4,048</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>4,299</b>	<b>5,226</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>336</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>3,426</b>	<b>3,796</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>2,201</b>

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

	Estimated actual 2002-03 \$'000	Budget estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward estimate 2006-07 \$'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Appropriations	18,728	19,726	19,649	19,649	19,649
Other	1,055	1,052	1,086	1,116	1,150
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>19,783</b>	<b>20,778</b>	<b>20,735</b>	<b>20,765</b>	<b>20,799</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Employees	14,153	15,867	12,952	12,872	12,905
Suppliers	6,024	6,314	6,377	6,448	6,521
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>20,177</b>	<b>22,181</b>	<b>19,329</b>	<b>19,320</b>	<b>19,426</b>
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>(394)</b>	<b>(1,403)</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>1,373</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	15	2	2	2	2
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	321	543	213	448	448
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>448</b>
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<b>(306)</b>	<b>(541)</b>	<b>(211)</b>	<b>(446)</b>	<b>(446)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Capital use charge paid	322	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<b>(322)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>(1,022)</b>	<b>(1,944)</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>927</b>
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	4,579	3,557	1,613	2,808	3,807
<b>Cash at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>3,557</b>	<b>1,613</b>	<b>2,808</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>4,734</b>

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**Table 3.4: Departmental Capital Budget Statement**

	Estimated actual 2002-03 \$'000	Budget estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward estimate 2006-07 \$'000
<b>CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
Total equity injections <sup>(K3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Total loans <sup>(K3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Represented by</b>					
Purchase of non-current assets	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PURCHASE OF NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Funded by capital appropriation	-	-	-	-	-
Funded internally by					
Departmental resources	321	543	213	448	448

(K3) links to Table 1.1

**Table 3.5: Departmental Non-financial Assets — Summary of Movement (Budget year 2003-04)**

	Land	Buildings	Specialist military equipment	Other infrastructure plant and equipment	Heritage and cultural assets	Computer software	Other intangibles	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying amount at the start of year	-	2,021	-	755	-	-	7	<b>2,783</b>
Additions	-	20	-	523	-	-	-	<b>543</b>
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation increments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoverable amount write-downs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net transfers free of charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	531	-	382	-	-	7	<b>920</b>
Write-off of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount at the end of year	-	1,510	-	896	-	-	-	<b>2,406</b>
<b>Total additions</b>								
Self funded	-	20	-	523	-	-	-	<b>543</b>
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>20</b>	-	<b>523</b>	-	-	-	<b>543</b>

**Table 3.6: Schedule of Budgeted Revenues and Expenses Administered on behalf of Government**  
for the period ended 30 June

	Estimated actual 2002-03 \$'000	Budget estimates 2003-04 \$'000	Forward estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward estimate 2006-07 \$'000
<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>Non-taxation (Revenues from Government)</b>					
Other sources of non-taxation revenues	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>Total revenues administered on behalf of the Government</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Subsidies	-	-	-	-	-
Personal benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Other	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100
<b>Total expenses administered on behalf of the Government</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,100</b>

**Table 3.7: Schedule of Budgeted Assets and Liabilities Administered on behalf of Government**  
as at 30 June

	Estimated actual 2002-03 \$'000	Budget estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward estimate 2006-07 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Receivables	750	750	750	750	750
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>					
Other non-financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total assets administered on behalf of the Government</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Provisions</b>					
Employees	-	-	-	-	-
Other Provisions	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total provisions</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payables</b>					
Suppliers	3	3	3	3	3
Personal benefits payable	-	-	-	-	-
Other payables	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total liabilities administered on behalf of the Government</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

**Table 3.8: Schedule of Budgeted Administered Cash Flows**  
for the period ended 30 June

	Estimated actual 2002-03 \$'000	Budget estimate 2003-04 \$'000	Forward estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward estimate 2006-07 \$'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Other taxes, fees and fines	900	900	900	900	900
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Cash to Official Public Account from -	900	900	900	900	900
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>Net cash from/(used by)</b>					
<b>operating activities</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net cash from/(used by)</b>					
<b>investing activities</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Cash from Official Public Account	2	2	2	2	2
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Cash to Official Public Account	2	2	2	2	2
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Net cash from/(used by)</b>					
<b>financing activities</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net increase (decrease) in</b>					
<b>cash held</b>					
Cash at beginning of reporting period	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash at end of reporting period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Departmental Financial Statements and Notes Administered Items

Under the Commonwealth's accrual budgeting framework, and consistent with Australian Accounting Standards, transactions that agencies control (departmental transactions) are separately budgeted for and reported on from transactions agencies do not have control over (administered transactions). This ensures that agencies are only held fully accountable for the transactions over which they have control.

- Departmental items are those assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses in relation to an agency or authority that are controlled by the agency. Departmental expenses include employee and supplier expenses and other administrative costs, which are incurred by the agency in providing its goods and services.
- Administered items are revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities that are managed by an agency or authority on behalf of the Government according to set Government directions. Administered expenses include subsidies, grants and personal benefit payments and administered revenues include taxes, fees, fines and excises.

### Appropriations in the accrual budgeting framework

Under the Commonwealth's accrual budgeting framework, separate annual appropriations are provided for:

- departmental price of outputs appropriations: representing the Government's purchase of outputs from agencies;
- departmental capital appropriations: for investments by the Government for either additional equity or loans in agencies;
- administered expense appropriations: for the estimated Administered expenses relating to an existing outcome, a new outcome or a Specific Purpose Payment to the states; and
- administered capital appropriations: for increases in administered equity through funding non-expense administered payments.

Special appropriations fund the majority of payments from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (especially those that are entitlement driven or involve transfers to State governments).

## **Capital Use Charge**

The Government has agreed to discontinue the Capital Use Charge from 1 July 2003.

## **Administered investments in controlled entities**

Each Commonwealth Department is required to show an administered investment in each *Commonwealth Authorities and Company (CAC) Act 1997* entity within their portfolio. These administered investments should be valued at the Commonwealth's ownership interest in the net assets of those CAC entities, fixed at a notional acquisition date of 30 June 1997.

## **Asset valuation**

From 1 July 2002 Commonwealth agencies and authorities are required to use either the cost basis or the fair value basis to measure Property, Plant and Equipment. The shift from the deprival method of valuation to fair value should occur gradually over a three-year period. Fair value essentially reflects the current market value of an asset.

## Section 4: Purchaser/Provider and Cost Recovery Arrangements

### **PURCHASER/PROVIDER ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **CROSS AGENCY OVERVIEW**

The Tribunal provides corporate services functions for the MRT. The MRT is charged a fee for this service which is based on direct costs, comprising mainly of staff and rent.

The Tribunals implemented a shared Human Resources Management System and are currently canvassing a joint Certified Agreement as part of ongoing measures for increased efficiencies between the two tribunals.

The RRT currently purchases its financial system from DIMIA, together with the processing and collection of the Tribunals' Post Decision Fees.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The reporting of these arrangements forms part of the RRT's annual report.

#### **CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS**

The RRT is accountable for its operation, while the MRT remains accountable, the day to day management of corporate services for the MRT is the responsibility of the RRT.

#### **RESOURCING**

Charges are funded within the RRT's resources.

#### **PERFORMANCE AGAINST OUTCOMES OF PURCHASED OUTPUTS**

The services which are provided by other agencies are support services and their effectiveness will be reported in the RRT's annual report.

#### **COST RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS**

The RRT has no cost recovery arrangements.

