

PART B

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THE ROLE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

A list of the major entities within the portfolio is below. Note that only entities that require additional estimates are included in the PAES and are italicised.

Department of State

- *Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA)*

Other Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 Agencies

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services (ATSIS)
- *Migration Review Tribunal (MRT)*
- *Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT)*

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997 bodies

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC)
- Anindilyakwa Land Council
- Central Land Council
- Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC)
- Northern Land Council
- Tiwi Land Council
- Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)
- Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council

Other Statutory Authorities

- Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)

Companies limited by guarantee

- National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI)

MAJOR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

As a result of the administrative arrangement orders dated 24 June 2004, the structure of the portfolio has changed. The following bodies have transferred to other portfolios:

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- Aboriginal Hostels Limited – to the Family and Community Services Portfolio;
 - Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies – to the Education, Science and Training Portfolio;
 - Indigenous Business Australia – to the Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio; and
 - Office of Evaluation and Audit – to the Finance and Administration Portfolio.

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES

There have been no changes to the functional classification of expenses since Budget 2004-05. Please refer to the 2004-05 PBS for full text.

MAJOR OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2004-05

There have been no changes to the major objectives and planned achievements since Budget 2004-05 except where noted below. The text printed below adds to the text printed in the 2004-05 PBS for DIMIA and replaces the text printed for the tribunals.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Outcome 2

- support increased settlement of humanitarian entrants and other migrants in regional Australia (IMIA 2004-05 PBS p.15).

Outcome 4

A review of Indigenous related outcomes will be undertaken following the 2004-05 Additional Estimates (IMIA 2004-05 PBS p.16).

Outcome 5

The transfer of specific Indigenous service delivery functions to mainstream government agencies is now complete. A review of Indigenous related outcomes will be undertaken following the 2004-05 Additional Estimates (IMIA 2004-05 PBS p.16).

Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

The MRT will continue to provide final and independent merits review of decisions concerning non-humanitarian entry and stay. The RRT will continue to provide final and independent merits review of decisions concerning applications for protection as refugees. Merits review by the tribunals contributes towards ensuring that administrative decisions are correct and preferable, and the tribunals are required to operate in a way that is fair, just, economical, informal and quick.

The MRT and the RRT will continue to identify and pursue administrative efficiency measures through the co-location of the tribunals, common service provision and other measures.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS — PORTFOLIO LEVEL

Additional estimates are sought for the following agencies:

- Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- Migration Review Tribunal
- Refugee Review Tribunal

The portfolio is seeking additional funding of \$35.5 million, which is offset by savings and reduced funding of \$4.9 million and transfers of \$739.6 million.

Additional funding comprises:

- \$15.5 million of new measure funding for departmental outputs and administered expenses;
- \$8.4 million funding appropriated in prior years;
- \$8.0 million for special appropriations; and
- \$3.6 million for departmental equity injections.

Savings comprise:

- \$3.3 million relating to new measures; and
- \$1.6 million in other savings and workload variations.

Transfers comprise:

- \$71.5 million for departmental outputs;
- \$655.3 million for administered expenses; and
- \$12.8 million for administered assets and liabilities.

The revised funding requirements by agency outcomes and their impact on revised appropriations are summarised in the following table and detailed in Part C of this document.

Total appropriation for agencies in the portfolio

	2004-05 budget \$'000	2004-05 revised \$'000	Increase/ (decrease) \$'000
DIMIA			
Administered¹			
Administered appropriations (Bills 1 & 3)			
Outcome 1	102,930	103,266	336
Outcome 2	168,639	170,696	2,057
Outcome 3	4,500	5,615	1,115
Outcome 4	-	-	-
Outcome 5	1,016,496	1,023,428	6,932
Total DIMIA administered Bills 1 & 3	1,292,565	1,303,005	10,440
<i>Adjustments not appearing in bills</i>			
Outcome 5 ²	-	(655,271)	(655,271)
Total resourcing	1,292,565	647,734	(644,831)
Administered Bills 2 & 4			
Outcome 2 Specific purpose payments to the states and territories (Bills 2 & 4)	2,140	2,140	-
Administered assets and liabilities (Bills 2 & 4)	13,700	13,700	-
Total DIMIA administered Bills 2 & 4	15,840	15,840	-
<i>Adjustments not appearing in bills</i>			
Administered assets and liabilities ²	-	(12,814)	(12,814)
Total resourcing	15,840	3,026	(12,814)
Departmental			
Departmental appropriations (Bills 1 & 3)			
Outcome 1	701,244	706,753	5,509
Outcome 2	120,943	116,899	(4,044)
Outcome 3	5,807	5,815	8
Outcome 4	9,696	9,697	1
Outcome 5	173,035	173,234	199
Total DIMIA departmental Bills 1 & 3	1,010,725	1,012,398	1,673
<i>Adjustments not appearing in bills</i>			
Outcome 1 ³	-	8,447	8,447
Outcome 4 ²	-	(207)	(207)
Outcome 5 ²	-	(71,323)	(71,323)
Total adjustments	-	(63,083)	(63,083)
Total resourcing	1,010,725	949,315	(61,410)
Departmental equity injections (Bills 2 & 4)	55,198	58,768	3,570
Other Appropriations¹			
Administered special appropriations			
Outcome 1	5,000	5,000	-
Outcome 4	45,200	53,200	8,000

Note 1: Adjustments to special appropriations are excluded from additional estimates/savings statements.

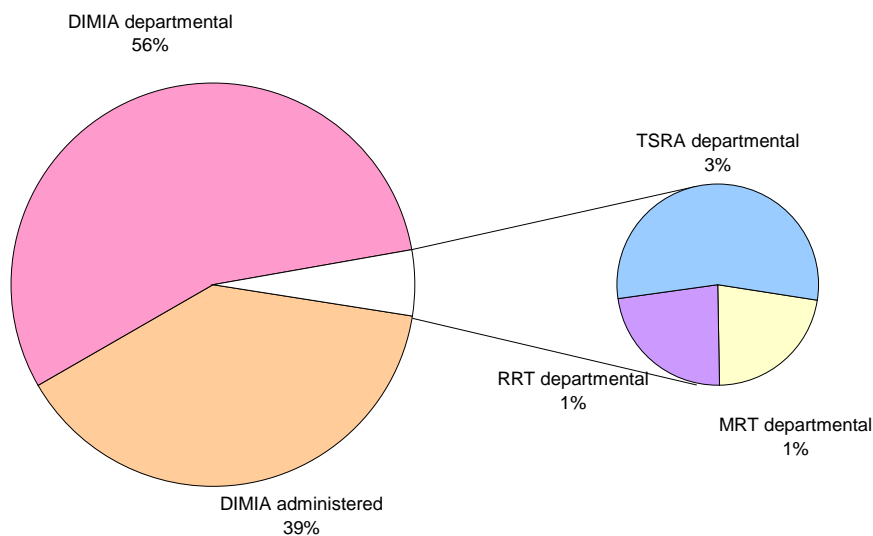
Note 2: The transfer of funding to agencies following the AAO of 24 June 2004 does not appear in the Appropriation Bills. Authority for the transfer is provided by directions from the Minister for Finance and Administration pursuant to section 32 of the FMA Act

Note 3: The \$8.4 million variation relates to a transfer between financial years and does not require supplementary funding in the 2004-05 Appropriation Bills.

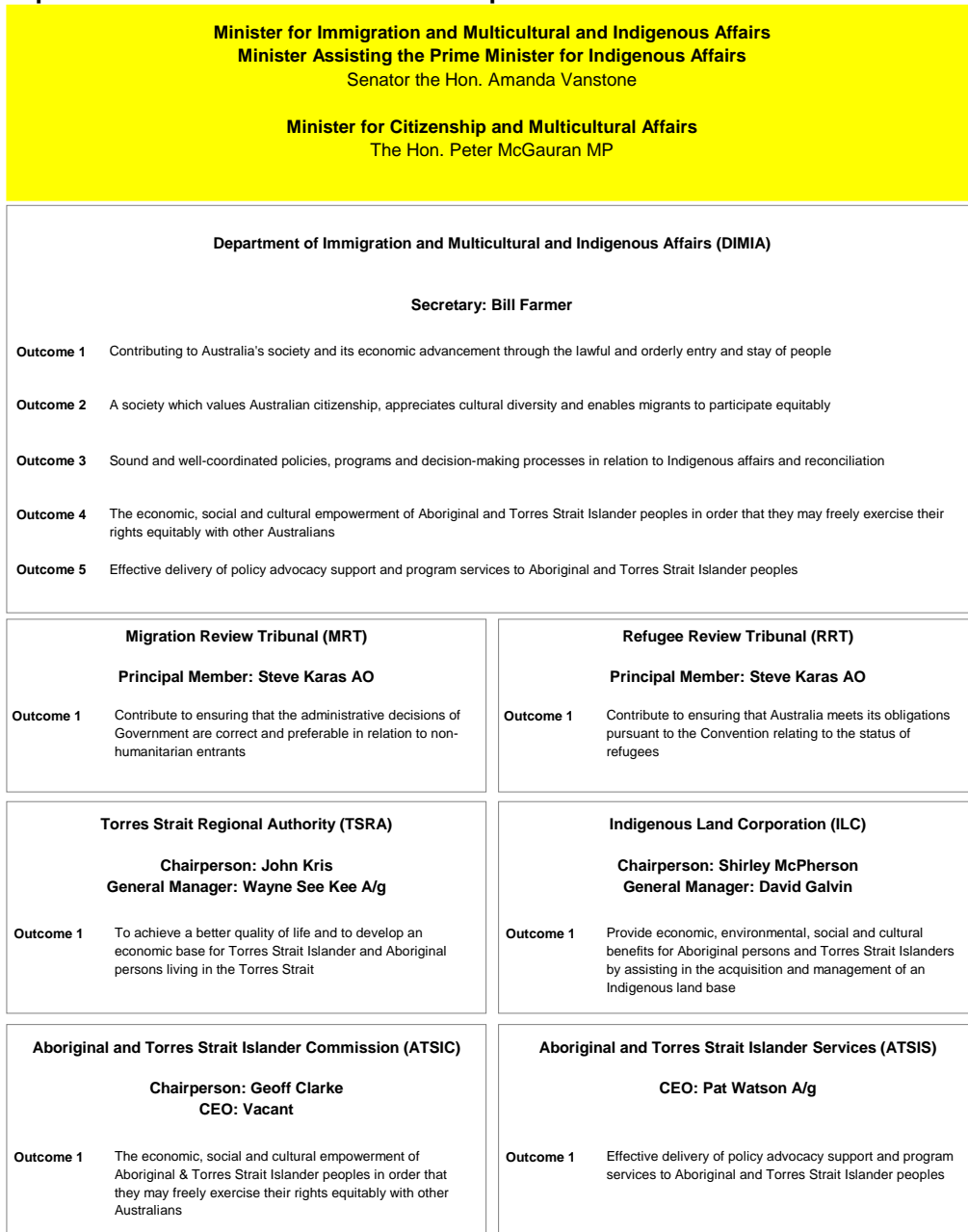
Total appropriation for agencies in the portfolio (continued)

	2004-05 budget \$'000	2004-05 revised \$'000	Increase/ (decrease) \$'000
MRT			
Departmental			
Departmental appropriations (Bills 1 & 3)			
Outcome 1	21,554	21,055	(499)
RRT			
Departmental			
Departmental appropriations (Bills 1 & 3)			
Outcome 1	23,113	22,075	(1,038)
TSRA			
Departmental			
Departmental appropriations (Bill Nos 1 & 3)			
Outcome 1	52,042	52,042	-
Previous years' outputs (Bill Nos 2 & 4)⁴	23	23	-

Note 4: Previous years' outputs appropriations provide funding for outputs that were delivered in a previous year. Such activities are funded initially from existing cash balances, which are then replenished by the previous years' outputs appropriation in the subsequent financial year.

Percentage of total appropriation by agency

Map 1A: Structure of outcomes for the portfolio



Map 1B: Corporate structure of the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio

