

# REFUGEE REVIEW TRIBUNAL

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## **PART C: AGENCY ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES STATEMENTS**

### **REFUGEE REVIEW TRIBUNAL**

#### **Section 1: Overview, variations and measures**

##### **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.

##### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND VARIATIONS TO OUTCOMES**

The total price of the RRT's departmental outputs for 2004-05 has decreased from \$23.113 million to \$22.075 million. The \$1.038 million decrease comprises a reduction in funding of \$0.488 million due to measures and \$0.550 million in other savings.

The number of cases for 2004-05 has been reviewed and it is estimated that 4,360 will be finalised during the year taking into account the measure *Temporary Protection Visa – caseload resolution*, being a reduction of 580 cases for \$0.488 million. This is a reduction from the PBS 2004-05 where it was estimated 5,400 cases would be finalised.

The appropriation shown in the statement of cash flow (table 3.3) of \$21.074 million includes a repayment to Finance for a decrease of \$1.001 million for previous years' output.

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**Measures announced since the 2004-05 Budget**

	2004-05 (\$'000)	2005-06 (\$'000)	2006-07 (\$'000)	2007-08 (\$'000)
<b>Departmental appropriations increase/(decrease)</b>				
<b>Bill 3</b>				
Temporary Protection Visa - caseload resolution	(488)	(480)	(238)	-
<b>Total departmental</b>	<b>(488)</b>	<b>(480)</b>	<b>(238)</b>	-

**Other variations to appropriations**

	2004-05 (\$'000)	2005-06 (\$'000)	2006-07 (\$'000)	2007-08 (\$'000)
<b>Departmental appropriations increase/(decrease)</b>				
<b>Bill 3</b>				
Reduction due to reduced caseload 2004-05	(527)	-	-	-
Comcover clawback	(23)	-	-	-
<b>Total departmental</b>	<b>(550)</b>	-	-	-

**MEASURES — AGENCY SUMMARY**

The RRT has taken into account a decrease in caseload due to the extension of reintegration assistance to holders of Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs). The decrease in cases is estimated to be 500 in 2004-05, 500 in 2005-06 and 251 in 2006-07.

**Table 1.1: Summary of Measures since the 2004-05 Budget**

Measure	Outcome	Output groups affected	Fiscal impact 2004-05 (\$'000)			Fiscal impact 2005-06 (\$'000)			Fiscal impact 2006-07 (\$'000)			Fiscal impact 2007-08 (\$'000)		
			Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total
Temporary Protection Visa - caseload resolution	1	1.1	-	(488)	<b>(488)</b>	-	(480)	<b>(480)</b>	-	(238)	<b>(238)</b>	-	-	-

## BREAKDOWN OF ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES BY APPROPRIATION BILL

**Table 1.2: Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2004-05**

	2003-04 available <sup>1</sup> \$'000	2004-05 budget \$'000	2004-05 revised \$'000	Additional estimates \$'000	Reduced estimates \$'000
<b>DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUTS</b>					
<b>Outcome 1</b>					
Contribute to ensuring that Australia meets its obligations pursuant to the Convention on the status of refugees	21,598	23,113	22,075	-	(1,038)
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,598</b>	<b>23,113</b>	<b>22,075</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,038)</b>

Note 1: 2003-04 available appropriation is included to allow a comparison of this year's appropriation with what was made available for use in the previous year. Available appropriation is the amount available to be drawn down, and is equal to: Budget Appropriation + Additional Estimates Appropriation + DIAB + AFM - Savings - Rephasings - Other Reductions +/- Section 32 transfers

**Table 1.3: Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2004-05**

The RRT has no Bill (No. 4) items in Additional Estimates 2004-05. For this reason, table 1.3 is not presented.

## SUMMARY OF STAFFING CHANGES

**Table 1.4: Average Staffing Level (ASL)**

	Budget 2004-05	Revised 2004-05	Variation
<b>Outcome 1</b>			
Contribute to ensuring that Australia meets its obligations pursuant to the Convention on the status of refugees	224	190	(34)
<b>Total</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>(34)</b>

## SUMMARY OF AGENCY SAVINGS:

S	Savings from annual appropriations	<b>\$1.038 million</b>
M	Movements of funding between years	<b>\$0.000 million</b>
Total agency savings		<b>\$1.038 million</b>

The RRT is reporting net savings against the price of departmental outputs of \$1.04 million. The main variations are:

- Measures resulting in the decrease in caseload due to the extension of the reintegration assistance to holders of TPVs.
- Further reduction in caseload to a total of 4,360 finalised cases.

## VARIATIONS TO REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES THROUGH NET ANNOTATED (SECTION 31) RECEIPTS

**Table 1.5: Changes to net annotated appropriations (section 31) receipts**

	Total resourcing 2004-05 budget \$'000	Total resourcing 2004-05 revised \$'000	Receipts from independent sources budget \$'000	Receipts from independent sources revised \$'000	Variation in non-govt revenue \$'000
<b>Outcome 1</b>					
Contribute to ensuring that Australia meets its obligations pursuant to the Convention on the status of refugees	23,113	22,075	1,774	1,867	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,113</b>	<b>22,075</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>93</b>

## REVENUE FROM INDEPENDENT SOURCES

**Table 1.6: Revenue from independent sources**

	Budget estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Revised estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Increase/ (decrease) 2004-05 \$'000
<b>DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE</b>			
Departmental section 31 receipts			
Resources received free of charge - audit fee	28	28	-
Corporate service fee - MRT	1,703	1,796	93
Sale of assets	71	71	-
<b>Total non-appropriation departmental revenue</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>ADMINISTERED REVENUE</b>			
RRT fees	4,800	4,530	(270)
<b>Total non-appropriation administered revenue</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>(270)</b>

## ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES FROM SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

**Table 1.7: Estimates of expenses from special appropriations**

The RRT has no special appropriations. For this reason, table 1.7 is omitted.

## ESTIMATED SPECIAL ACCOUNT FLOWS

**Table 1.8: Estimated special account flows**

The RRT has no special accounts. For this reason, table 1.8 is omitted.

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## Section 2: Revisions to outcomes and outputs

### **OUTCOMES AND OUTPUT GROUPS**

The RRT has no changes to outcomes and outputs groups at Additional Estimates 2004-05.

#### **Output cost attribution**

The RRT works to achieve its outcome which is to *contribute to ensuring that Australia meets its obligations pursuant to the convention relating to the status of refugees*, and all costs are attributed to this output.

#### **OUTCOME 1**

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.

**Table 2.1.1: Revised resources for Outcome 1**

	2004-05 budget \$'000	2004-05 revised \$'000	Additional estimates \$'000	Reduced estimates \$'000
<b>ADMINISTERED ITEMS</b>				
<b>Outcome 1</b>				
Non-cash expenses	3,750	4,000	250	-
<b>Total administered expenses</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUTS</b>				
<b>Outcome 1</b>				
Output 1.1 - Independent merits review of decisions concerning applicants for refugee status	23,113	22,075	-	(1,038)
<b>Total Outcome 1</b>	<b>23,113</b>	<b>22,075</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,038)</b>
<b>Total revenue from government (appropriations)</b>	<b>23,113</b>	<b>22,075</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,038)</b>
<b>Contributing to price of departmental outputs</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Revenue from other sources</b>				
Resources received free of charge	28	28	-	-
Section 31 (FMA Act) revenue	1,703	1,796	93	-
Sale of assets	71	71	-	-
<b>Total revenue from other sources</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total price from departmental outputs</b> (Total revenue from government and from other sources)	<b>24,915</b>	<b>23,970</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>(1,038)</b>
<b>Total estimated resourcing for Outcome 1</b> (Total price of outputs and administered appropriations)	<b>24,915</b>	<b>23,970</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>(1,038)</b>

**Revised performance information and level of achievement – 2004-05****Table 2.2.1: Revised performance information for Outcome 1**

	Budget estimate 2004-05	Revised estimate 2004-05	Increase/ (decrease)
<b>Output Group 1 — Independent merits review of decisions concerning applicants for refugee status</b>			
<b>Output 1.1 — Cases Finalised</b>			
Quantity:			
Cases finalised	5,400	4,360	(1,040)

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**Map 3: New outcome and output structure for Outcome 1**

There have been no changes to the outcome and output structure for Outcome 1 presented in the 2004-05 PBS.

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## Section 3: Budgeted financial statements

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

An analysis of the budgeted financial statements for 2004-05 is provided below.

### **BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **Departmental financial statements**

##### **Budgeted departmental statement of financial performance**

The Tribunal is funded by way of an agreement with Finance, and receives funding for fixed costs plus variable costs based on the Tribunals' total operating costs. Total expenses for 2004-05 are estimated at \$22.9 million, which will lead to an anticipated \$1.1 million surplus.

The Tribunal is co-locating with the Migration Review Tribunal in Sydney mid 2005, and productivity improvements should be achieved in outyears after transitional costs are incurred.

##### **Budgeted departmental statement of financial position**

Financial assets will decrease by \$1.0 million due to increase in non-financial assets as a result of the Sydney co-location project and a joint case management system project. This will also be offset by increase of a lease incentive liability.

Financial assets will increase in outyears as a result of lower capital expenditure.

##### **Budgeted departmental statement of cash flows**

Budgeted cash flows, as reflected in the statement of cash flows, provide important information on the extent and nature of cash flows by categorising them into expected cash flows from operating activities, investing activities and financing activities.

##### **Departmental capital budget statement**

Shows all planned departmental capital expenditure (capital expenditure on non-financial assets), whether funded through capital appropriations for additional equity or borrowings, or from funds from internal sources.

##### **Departmental non-financial assets — summary of movement**

Shows budgeted acquisitions and disposals of non-financial assets during the budget year.

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**Schedule of administered activity****Schedule of budgeted administered financial performance**

The RRT charges a post decision fee of \$1,400 to applicants where the primary decision to refuse a visa has been upheld. The fees reflect the anticipated fees payable for 2004-05, and the other expenses are bad debts. Applicants who 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 administered financial position**

Receivables reflect the net amount outstanding debt at 30 June 2005.

**Schedule of budgeted administered cash flows**

The \$0.5 million for fees represents anticipated recovery of fees for 2004-05.

**Schedule of administered capital budget statement**

This note shows details of planned administered capital expenditure.

**Table 3.1: Budgeted departmental statement of financial performance**  
for the year ended 30 June

	Actual	Revised	Forward	Forward	Forward
	2003-04	Budget	estimate	estimate	estimate
	\$'000	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>REVENUE</b>					
<b>Revenues from ordinary activities</b>					
Revenue from government	20,625	22,075	21,028	19,800	20,238
Goods and services	1,663	1,824	1,850	1,850	1,850
Revenue from sale of assets	21	71	-	-	-
<b>Revenues from ordinary activities</b>	<b>22,309</b>	<b>23,970</b>	<b>22,878</b>	<b>21,650</b>	<b>22,088</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
<b>Expenses from ordinary activities</b>					
<b>(Excluding borrowing costs expense)</b>					
Employees	17,722	14,929	14,960	13,501	14,097
Suppliers	6,682	6,726	6,816	6,884	6,953
Depreciation and amortisation	1,406	1,228	1,102	1,265	1,038
Write-down of assets	567	-	-	-	-
Value of assets sold	12	-	-	-	-
<b>Expenses from ordinary activities</b>	<b>26,389</b>	<b>22,883</b>	<b>22,878</b>	<b>21,650</b>	<b>22,088</b>
<b>Net surplus or (deficit) attributable to the Australian Government</b>	<b>(4,080)</b>	<b>1,087</b>	-	-	-

**Table 3.2: Budgeted departmental statement of financial position**  
as at 30 June

	Actual	Revised	Forward	Forward	Forward
	2003-04	Budget	estimate	estimate	estimate
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash	835	304	464	442	389
Receivables	3,244	2,644	3,244	3,944	4,744
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>4,079</b>	<b>2,948</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>4,386</b>	<b>5,133</b>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>					
Land and buildings	2,026	3,438	3,094	2,750	2,406
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	776	2,467	1,789	1,218	604
Intangibles	8	5	-	-	-
Other non-financial assets	47	47	47	47	47
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>	<b>2,857</b>	<b>5,957</b>	<b>4,930</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>3,057</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>6,936</b>	<b>8,905</b>	<b>8,638</b>	<b>8,401</b>	<b>8,190</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Interest bearing liabilities</b>					
Other interest bearing liabilities	1,530	3,413	3,151	2,914	2,703
<b>Total interest bearing liabilities</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>3,413</b>	<b>3,151</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>2,703</b>
<b>Provisions</b>					
Employees	3,721	3,721	3,721	3,721	3,721
<b>Total provisions</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>3,721</b>
<b>Payables</b>					
Suppliers	343	343	338	338	338
Other payables	1,001	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>6,595</b>	<b>7,477</b>	<b>7,210</b>	<b>6,973</b>	<b>6,762</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>					
<b>Parent entity interest</b>					
Reserves	1,477	1,477	1,477	1,477	1,477
Retained surpluses or accumulated deficits	(1,136)	(49)	(49)	(49)	(49)
<b>Total parent entity interest</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,428</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,428</b>
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>3,755</b>	<b>4,433</b>	<b>5,180</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>2,810</b>	<b>5,910</b>	<b>4,883</b>	<b>3,968</b>	<b>3,010</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>3,627</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>2,621</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>4,851</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>4,352</b>	<b>4,141</b>

**Table 3.3: Budgeted departmental statement of cash flows**  
for the year ended 30 June

	Actual	Revised	Forward	Forward	Forward
	2003-04	Budget	estimate	estimate	estimate
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Goods and services	1,663	1,824	1,850	1,850	1,850
Appropriations	23,834	21,074	21,028	19,800	20,238
Other	110	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>25,607</b>	<b>22,898</b>	<b>22,878</b>	<b>21,650</b>	<b>22,088</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Employees	17,748	14,929	14,960	13,501	14,097
Suppliers	7,035	6,726	6,816	6,884	6,953
Transfer to/(from) OPA	550	(600)	600	700	800
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>25,333</b>	<b>21,055</b>	<b>22,376</b>	<b>21,085</b>	<b>21,850</b>
<b>Net cash from/ (used by) operating activities</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	21	71	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	1,936	4,328	80	350	80
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>4,328</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Net cash from/ (used by) investing activities</b>	<b>(1,915)</b>	<b>(4,257)</b>	<b>(80)</b>	<b>(350)</b>	<b>(80)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Proceeds from lease incentive	1,585	2,000	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Repayments of lease Incentive	55	117	262	237	211
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>Net cash from/ (used by) financing activities</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>(262)</b>	<b>(237)</b>	<b>(211)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>(111)</b>	<b>(531)</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>(53)</b>
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	946	835	304	464	442
<b>Cash at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>389</b>

**Table 3.4: Departmental capital budget statement**

	Actual	Revised	Forward	Forward	Forward
	2003-04	Budget	estimate	estimate	estimate
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
Total equity injections	-	-	-	-	-
Total loans	-	-	-	-	-
<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	1,936	4,328	80	350	80

**Table 3.5: Departmental non-financial assets — summary of movement***Budget year 2004-05*

	Land	Buildings	Specialist military equipment	Other infrastructure plant and equipment	Heritage and cultural assets	Computer software	Other intangibles	<b>Total</b>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying amount at the start of year	-	2,026	-	776	-	8	-	<b>2,810</b>
Additions	-	2,000	-	2,328	-	-	-	<b>4,328</b>
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Revaluation increment / decrement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoverable amount write-downs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net transfers free of charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	588	-	637	-	3	-	<b>1,228</b>
Write-off of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount at the end of year	-	3,438	-	2,467	-	5	-	<b>5,910</b>
<b>Total additions</b>								
Self funded	-	2,000	-	2,328	-	-	-	<b>4,328</b>
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>2,000</b>	-	<b>2,328</b>	-	-	-	<b>4,328</b>

**Table 3.6: Schedule of budgeted revenues and expenses administered on behalf of government**

*for the year ended 30 June*

	Actual	Revised Budget	Forward estimate	Forward estimate	Forward estimate
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>Non-taxation (revenues from government)</b>					
Other sources of non-taxation revenues	6,043	4,530	4,400	3,800	3,800
<b>Total non-taxation</b>	<b>6,043</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>3,800</b>
<b>Total revenues administered on behalf of government</b>	<b>6,043</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>3,800</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Write down and impairment of assets	5,328	4,000	3,450	3,000	3,000
<b>Total expenses administered on behalf of the government</b>	<b>5,328</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>3,450</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>

**Table 3.7: Schedule of budgeted assets and liabilities administered on behalf of government**

*as at 30 June*

	Actual	Revised Budget	Forward estimate	Forward estimate	Forward estimate
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables	346	760	760	760	760
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>760</b>
<b>Total assets administered on behalf of government</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>760</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Payables</b>					
Suppliers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total liabilities administered on behalf of government</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 3.8: Schedule of budgeted administered cash flows**  
for the period ended 30 June

	Estimated actual 2003-04 \$'000	Budget estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Forward estimate 2005-06 \$'000	Forward estimate 2006-07 \$'000	Forward estimate 2007-08 \$'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Cash received</b>					
Rendering of services	1,129	530	950	800	800
Cash from Official Public Account	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Cash used</b>					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Cash to Official Public Account	1,207	530	950	800	800
<b>Total cash used</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Net cash from/(used by) operating activities</b>	<b>(78)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase or (decrease) in cash held</b>					
Cash at beginning of reporting period	-	-	-	-	-
Cash to Official Public Account for:					
Post decision fees	78	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash at end of reporting period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Basis of accounting**

The agency budget statements are prepared in compliance with Australian Accounting Standards, Accounting Guidance Releases and having regard to Statements of Accounting Concepts.

## Section 4: Purchaser/provider and cost recovery arrangements

### **CROSS AGENCY OVERVIEW**

The RRT and the MRT have established a Joint Management Board and other joint corporate governance arrangements, and are continuing to implement measures to find efficiencies in the operations of the Tribunals through common service arrangements, common infrastructure, and common purchasing. The Tribunals co-located in Melbourne in 2003 and will co-locate in Sydney in 2005.

### **PURCHASER/PROVIDER ARRANGEMENTS**

The RRT provides corporate, research and library services to the MRT. The MRT is charged a fee for this service which is based on direct costs, comprised mainly of staff and rent.

The RRT currently purchases its financial system from DIMIA, and has an agreement with DIMIA for the processing and collection of post-decision fees.

### **COST RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS**

The RRT has no cost recovery arrangements. Fees and charges for courts and tribunals are excluded from the Government's cost recovery policy (which generally encompasses fees and charges related to the provision of government goods and services to the private and other non-government sectors of the economy).

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The reporting of these arrangements forms part of the RRT's Annual Reports.

### **CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS**

The RRT is accountable for its operations, and there are joint corporate governance arrangements in place across RRT and MRT operations.

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## **RESOURCING**

A service fee (\$1.8 million for 2004-05) is paid by the MRT for services utilising RRT resources.

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

The services which are provided by other agencies are support services and the effectiveness will be reported in the RRT's Annual Report. The services provided or sourced support the efficient delivery of the RRT's single outcome.