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[Assented to 1 December 2008]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Part 1—Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) Act (No. 1) 2008-2009*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

3 Definitions

In this Act:

administered item means an amount set out in Schedule 1 opposite an outcome for an Agency under the heading “Administered Expenses”.

Agency means:

- (a) an Agency within the meaning of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*; or
- (b) the High Court of Australia.

CAC Act body means:

- (a) a Commonwealth authority within the meaning of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*; or
- (b) a Commonwealth company within the meaning of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.

CAC Act body payment item means the total amount set out in Schedule 1 in relation to a CAC Act body under the heading “Administered Expenses”.

Note: The amounts set out opposite outcomes for CAC Act bodies, under the heading “Administered Expenses”, are “notional”. They are not part of the item, and do not in any way restrict the scope of the expenditure authorised by the item.

Chief Executive has the same meaning as in the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

current year means the financial year ending on 30 June 2009.

departmental item means the total amount set out in Schedule 1 in relation to an Agency under the heading “Departmental Outputs”.

Note: The amounts set out opposite outcomes, under the heading “Departmental Outputs”, are “notional”. They are not part of the item, and do not in any way restrict the scope of the expenditure authorised by the item.

expenditure means payments for expenses, acquiring assets, making loans or paying liabilities.

Finance Minister means the Minister administering this Act.

item means an administered item, a CAC Act body payment item or a departmental item.

Portfolio Budget Statements means the Portfolio Budget Statements that were tabled in the Senate or the House of Representatives in relation to the Bill for the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2008-2009* and the Bill for the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2008-2009*.

Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements means the Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements that were tabled in the Senate or the House of Representatives in relation to the Bill for this Act and the Bill for the *Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) Act (No. 2) 2008-2009*.

Special Account has the same meaning as in the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

4 Portfolio Statements

The Portfolio Budget Statements and Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements are hereby declared to be relevant documents for the purposes of section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Note: See paragraph 15AB(2)(g) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

5 Notional payments, receipts etc.

For the purposes of this Act, notional transactions between Agencies are to be treated as if they were real transactions.

Note: This section applies, for example, to a “payment” between Agencies that are both part of the Commonwealth. One of the effects of this section is that the payment will be debited from an appropriation for the paying Agency, even though no payment is actually made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Part 2—Appropriation items

6 Summary of appropriations

The total of the items specified in Schedule 1 is \$146,054,000.

Note 1: Items in Schedule 1 can be adjusted under Part 3 of this Act.

Note 2: See also sections 30 to 32 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, which provide for adjustments of amounts appropriated by this Act.

7 Departmental items

The amount specified in a departmental item for an Agency may be applied for the departmental expenditure of the Agency.

Note: The Finance Minister manages the expenditure of public money through the issue of drawing rights under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

8 Administered items

- (1) The amount specified in an administered item for an outcome for an Agency may be applied for expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving that outcome.

Note: The Finance Minister manages the expenditure of public money through the issue of drawing rights under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

- (2) If the Portfolio Budget Statements or Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements indicate that activities of a particular kind were intended to be treated as activities in respect of a particular outcome, then expenditure for the purpose of carrying out those activities is taken to be expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving the outcome.

9 CAC Act body payment items

- (1) The amount specified in a CAC Act body payment item for a CAC Act body may be paid to the body to be applied for the purposes of the body.

Note: The Finance Minister manages the expenditure of public money through the issue of drawing rights under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

- (2) If:
- (a) an Act provides that a CAC Act body must be paid amounts that are appropriated by the Parliament for the purposes of the body; and
 - (b) Schedule 1 contains a CAC Act body payment item for that body;
- then the body must be paid the full amount specified in the item.

Part 3—Adjusting appropriation items

10 Reducing departmental items

- (1) A written request to reduce a departmental item for an Agency may be made to the Finance Minister by:
 - (a) the Minister who is responsible for the Agency; or
 - (b) if the Finance Minister is responsible for the Agency—the Chief Executive of the Agency.
- (2) If a request is made under subsection (1), the Finance Minister may, by writing, determine that the item is to be reduced by the amount specified in the request.
- (3) However, the determination has no effect to the extent that it would reduce the item below nil, after subtracting amounts that have been applied under Part 2 in respect of the item.
- (4) The item is taken to be reduced in accordance with the determination.
- (5) A request made under subsection (1) is not a legislative instrument.
- (6) A determination made under subsection (2) is a legislative instrument and, despite subsection 44(2) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, section 42 (disallowance) of that Act applies to the determination. However, Part 6 (sunsetting) of that Act does not apply to the determination.

11 Reducing administered items

- (1) If:
 - (a) an annual report for an Agency for the current year is tabled in the Parliament; and
 - (b) the report specifies the amount required by the Agency in respect of an administered item for the Agency; and
 - (c) the required amount is less than the amount of the item;the item is taken to be reduced to the required amount.

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- (2) The Finance Minister may, by writing, determine that subsection (1):
 - (a) does not apply in relation to the item; or
 - (b) applies as if the amount specified in the annual report were the amount specified in the determination.
- (3) A determination made under subsection (2) is a legislative instrument and, despite subsection 44(2) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, section 42 (disallowance) of that Act applies to the determination. However, Part 6 (sunsetting) of that Act does not apply to the determination.

12 Reducing CAC Act body payment items

- (1) A written request to reduce a CAC Act body payment item for a CAC Act body may be made to the Finance Minister by:
 - (a) the Minister who is responsible for the body; or
 - (b) if the Finance Minister is responsible for the body—the Secretary of the Department.

Note: For *Department*, see subsection 19A(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

- (2) If a request is made under subsection (1), the Finance Minister may, by writing, determine that the item is to be reduced by the amount specified in the request.
- (3) However, the determination has no effect to the extent that it would reduce the item below nil, after subtracting amounts that have been paid to the body in respect of the item.
- (4) The item is taken to be reduced in accordance with the determination.
- (5) Subsection 9(2) does not limit the reduction of a CAC Act body payment item under this section.
- (6) A request made under subsection (1) is not a legislative instrument.
- (7) A determination made under subsection (2) is a legislative instrument and, despite subsection 44(2) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, section 42 (disallowance) of that Act applies

to the determination. However, Part 6 (sunsetting) of that Act does not apply to the determination.

Part 4—Miscellaneous

13 Crediting amounts to Special Accounts

If any of the purposes of a Special Account is a purpose that is covered by an item (whether or not the item expressly refers to the Special Account), then amounts may be debited against the appropriation for that item and credited to that Special Account.

14 Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund

The Consolidated Revenue Fund is appropriated as necessary for the purposes of this Act, including the operation of this Act as affected by the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

Schedule 1—Services for which money is appropriated

Note: See sections 6 and 14.

Abstract

Page Reference	Portfolio	Total \$'000
13	Defence	638
15	Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	117,300
17	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	28,116
Total		146,054

APPROPRIATIONS

SUMMARY**Supplementary Appropriation (bold figures)—2008-2009**
Budget Appropriation (italic figures)—2008-2009

Portfolio	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	-
	<i>356,378</i>	<i>454,952</i>	<i>811,330</i>
Attorney-General's	-	-	-
	<i>3,282,381</i>	<i>592,774</i>	<i>3,875,155</i>
Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	-	-	-
	<i>196,702</i>	<i>1,258,649</i>	<i>1,455,351</i>
Defence	638	-	638
	<i>19,790,181</i>	<i>133,228</i>	<i>19,923,409</i>
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	117,300	117,300
	<i>2,163,107</i>	<i>4,668,763</i>	<i>6,831,870</i>
Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	-	-	-
	<i>743,521</i>	<i>1,971,617</i>	<i>2,715,138</i>
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	16,566	11,550	28,116
	<i>1,516,629</i>	<i>1,753,513</i>	<i>3,270,142</i>
Finance and Deregulation	-	-	-
	<i>323,379</i>	<i>200,086</i>	<i>523,465</i>
Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-
	<i>1,348,773</i>	<i>3,175,632</i>	<i>4,524,405</i>
Health and Ageing	-	-	-
	<i>641,998</i>	<i>5,262,139</i>	<i>5,904,137</i>
Human Services	-	-	-
	<i>1,689,621</i>	<i>139,184</i>	<i>1,828,805</i>
Immigration and Citizenship	-	-	-
	<i>1,224,795</i>	<i>483,808</i>	<i>1,708,603</i>
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	-	-	-
	<i>229,964</i>	<i>486,634</i>	<i>716,598</i>
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	-	-	-
	<i>310,608</i>	<i>1,624,605</i>	<i>1,935,213</i>
Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-
	<i>377,263</i>	<i>42,770</i>	<i>420,033</i>
Resources, Energy and Tourism	-	-	-
	<i>207,845</i>	<i>432,961</i>	<i>640,806</i>
Treasury	-	-	-
	<i>3,786,552</i>	<i>8,434</i>	<i>3,794,986</i>
Total: Bill 1	17,204	128,850	146,054
	<i>38,189,697</i>	<i>22,689,749</i>	<i>60,879,446</i>

Schedule 1 Services for which money is appropriated

DEFENCE PORTFOLIO

SUMMARY

Supplementary Appropriation (bold figures)—2008-2009
Budget Appropriation (italic figures)—2008-2009

Entity	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Defence	- <i>19,392,037</i>	-	- <i>19,392,037</i>
Defence Materiel Organisation	- <i>94,960</i>	-	- <i>94,960</i>
Department of Veterans' Affairs	638 <i>303,184</i>	- <i>94,631</i>	638 <i>397,815</i>
<i>Payments to CAC Act bodies:</i>			
Australian War Memorial		- <i>38,597</i>	- <i>38,597</i>
Total: Defence	638 <i>19,790,181</i>	- <i>133,228</i>	638 <i>19,923,409</i>

DEFENCE PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Appropriation (bold figures)—2008-2009

Budget Appropriation (italic figures)—2008-2009

Actual Available Appropriation (light figures)—2007-2008

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS			
Outcome 1 -			
Eligible persons (including veterans, serving and former defence force members, war widows and widowers, certain Australian Federal Police personnel with overseas service) and their dependants have access to appropriate income support and compensation in recognition of the effects of their service	638	-	638
	<i>140,128</i>	<i>36,506</i>	<i>176,634</i>
	144,317	42,927	187,244
Total: Department of Veterans' Affairs	638	-	638

Schedule 1 Services for which money is appropriated

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS
PORTFOLIO**

SUMMARY

Supplementary Appropriation (bold figures)—2008-2009
Budget Appropriation (italic figures)—2008-2009

Entity	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	- <i>1,883,693</i>	117,300 <i>4,662,991</i>	117,300 <i>6,546,684</i>
<i>Payments to CAC Act bodies:</i>			
Comcare	-	- <i>5,772</i>	- <i>5,772</i>
Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat	- <i>7,479</i>	-	- <i>7,479</i>
Australian Industrial Registry	- <i>55,258</i>	-	- <i>55,258</i>
Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner	- <i>32,814</i>	-	- <i>32,814</i>
Office of the Workplace Ombudsman	- <i>70,726</i>	-	- <i>70,726</i>
Workplace Authority	- <i>113,137</i>	-	- <i>113,137</i>
Total: Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	- <i>2,163,107</i>	117,300 <i>4,668,763</i>	117,300 <i>6,831,870</i>

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS
PORTFOLIO**

Supplementary Appropriation (bold figures)—2008-2009
Budget Appropriation (italic figures)—2008-2009
 Actual Available Appropriation (light figures)—2007-2008

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS			
Outcome 4 -			
Vocational Education and Training - Individuals achieve relevant skills from Vocational Education and Training which enhance employability and productivity	- 99,963 103,437	117,300 <i>1,432,098</i> 801,563	117,300 <i>1,532,061</i> 905,000
Total: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	-	117,300	117,300

Schedule 1 Services for which money is appropriated

**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS
AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

SUMMARY

Supplementary Appropriation (bold figures)—2008-2009
Budget Appropriation (italic figures)—2008-2009

Entity	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	16,566 <i>1,513,691</i>	11,550 <i>1,629,453</i>	28,116 <i>3,143,144</i>
<i>Payments to CAC Act bodies:</i>			
Aboriginal Hostels Limited		- <i>34,281</i>	- <i>34,281</i>
Indigenous Business Australia		- <i>37,875</i>	- <i>37,875</i>
Torres Strait Regional Authority		- <i>51,904</i>	- <i>51,904</i>
Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency	- <i>2,938</i>	- <i>-</i>	- <i>2,938</i>
Total: Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	16,566 <i>1,516,629</i>	11,550 <i>1,753,513</i>	28,116 <i>3,270,142</i>

FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Appropriation (bold figures)—2008-2009
Budget Appropriation (italic figures)—2008-2009
 Actual Available Appropriation (light figures)—2007-2008

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS			
Outcome 2 -			
Seniors, people with disabilities, carers, youth and women are supported, recognised and encouraged to participate in the community - Services and assistance that help people to: participate actively in community and economic life; access a responsive and sustainable safety net; and develop their capabilities	8,467	2,726	11,193
	<i>586,758</i>	<i>514,289</i>	<i>1,101,047</i>
	<i>558,024</i>	<i>447,768</i>	<i>1,005,792</i>
Outcome 3 -			
Families and children have choices and opportunities - Services and assistance that: help children have the best possible start in life; promote healthy family relationships; help families adapt to changing economic and social circumstances; and assist families with the costs of children	8,099	2,394	10,493
	<i>538,420</i>	<i>165,110</i>	<i>703,530</i>
	<i>554,432</i>	<i>307,226</i>	<i>861,658</i>
Outcome 4 -			
Strong and resilient communities - Services and assistance that: help homeless people and low-income households to gain affordable and appropriate housing; promote community partnerships; and encourage participation in the local community by individuals, families, business and government	-	6,430	6,430
	<i>116,173</i>	<i>178,632</i>	<i>294,805</i>
	<i>146,463</i>	<i>144,088</i>	<i>290,551</i>
Total: Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	16,566	11,550	28,116

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