



**PORTFOLIO
SUPPLEMENTARY
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS
2005-06**

**COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS PORTFOLIO**

EXPLANATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2005-06



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Dear Mr President
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Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements 2005-06

I hereby submit Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements in support of the supplementary appropriations being sought for the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio through the Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the funding requirements being sought for the Portfolio.

I present these statements by virtue of my ministerial responsibility for accountability to the Parliament and, through it, the public.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Coonan', written in a cursive style.

HELEN COONAN

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Introduction

The purpose of the Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements (PSES) is to explain Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006. This document serves to inform senators and members of parliament of the proposed allocation of supplementary appropriations to the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

The PSES are declared by the Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006 to be a 'relevant document' to the interpretation of the Bill according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Whereas the PSES are focused on explaining the supplementary estimates appropriations, further information on related agency resourcing issues – including special appropriations, special accounts, revenue from other sources, performance information, and a full set of agency budgeted financial statements – can be found in the 2005-06 Portfolio Budget Statements accompanying the 2005-06 annual appropriation bills.

**PORTFOLIO SUPPLEMENTARY
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements: Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006

OVERVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES SOUGHT

As a result of decisions taken by the Australian Government since the 2005-06 Budget, the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA) is seeking additional appropriations through Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-06. The new measures relate to the Connect Australia package, which aims to give Australians in regional, rural and remote areas improved access to advanced telecommunication services, and additional funding for the existing Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme (HiBIS). Other variations to appropriations reflect approved rephasing of Outcome 3 administered annual appropriations to bring forward HiBIS funding from 2006-07 to 2005-06.

Variations - Measures

Table 1.1: Supplementary estimates and variations to outcome – measures

	2005-06 (\$'000)	2006-07 (\$'000)	2007-08 (\$'000)	2008-09 (\$'000)
Outcome 3				
<i>Increase in administered appropriations</i>				
Connect Australia - Broadband Connect	144,759	231,795	239,507	245,015
Connect Australia - Mobile Connect	4,000	8,000	8,300	5,000
Connect Australia - Clever networks	-	20,000	32,500	35,000
Connect Australia - Backing Indigenous Ability	-	21,407	22,153	21,926
Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme - additional funding	50,000	-	-	-
<i>Increase in departmental appropriations</i>				
Connect Australia - Broadband Connect	2,701	4,753	4,767	4,706
Connect Australia - Mobile Connect	758	1,227	1,231	946
Connect Australia - Consumer information campaign	-	4,053	1,815	-
Connect Australia - Clever networks	-	2,759	3,486	3,480
Connect Australia - Backing Indigenous Ability	-	1,564	1,582	1,602
Connect Australia - Consumer safeguards	-	367	371	-

Other variations

Table 1.2: Supplementary estimates and variations to outcome – other variations

	2005-06 (\$'000)	2006-07 (\$'000)	2007-08 (\$'000)	2008-09 (\$'000)
Outcome 3				
<i>Variations in administered appropriations</i>				
Rephasing of Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme	17,000	(17,000)	-	-

MEASURES — DCITA SUMMARY

There are no measures affecting Outcomes 1 and 2.

Table 1.3: Summary of measures since 2005-06 Budget

Measure	Outcome	Output affected	2005-06 (\$'000)			2006-07 (\$'000)			2007-08 (\$'000)			2008-09 (\$'000)		
			Admin expenses	Dept outputs	Total	Admin expenses	Dept outputs	Total	Admin expenses	Dept outputs	Total	Admin expenses	Dept outputs	Total
Connect Australia - Broadband Connect	3	3.1	144,759	2,701	147,460	231,795	4,753	236,548	239,507	4,767	244,274	245,015	4,706	249,721
Connect Australia - Mobile Connect	3	3.1	4,000	758	4,758	8,000	1,227	9,227	8,300	1,231	9,531	5,000	946	5,946
Connect Australia - Consumer information campaign	3	3.1	-	-	-	-	4,053	4,053	-	1,815	1,815	-	-	-
Connect Australia - Clever networks	3	3.1	-	-	-	20,000	2,759	22,759	32,500	3,486	35,986	35,000	3,480	38,480
Connect Australia - Backing Indigenous Ability	3	3.1, 3.2	-	-	-	21,407	1,564	22,971	22,153	1,582	23,735	21,926	1,602	23,528
Connect Australia - Consumer safeguards	3	3.1	-	-	-	-	367	367	-	371	371	-	-	-
Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme - additional funding	3	3.1	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			198,759	3,459	202,218	281,202	14,723	295,925	302,460	13,252	315,712	306,941	10,734	317,675

BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES BY APPROPRIATION BILL, OF FUNDING SOUGHT

Table 1.4: Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006

	2004-05 available \$'000	2005-06 budget \$'000	2005-06 revised \$'000	additional estimates \$'000	reduced estimates \$'000
ADMINISTERED ITEMS					
Outcome 1					
Development of a rich and stimulating cultural sector for all Australians	152,328	178,479	178,479	-	-
Outcome 2					
Development of a stronger and internationally competitive Australian sports sector and encouragement of greater participation in sport by all Australians	38,165	31,527	31,527	-	-
Outcome 3					
Development of services and provision of a regulatory environment which encourages a sustainable and effective communications sector for the benefit of all Australians and an internationally competitive information economy and Information and Communications Technology industry	176,233	170,848	386,607	215,759	-
Total	366,726	380,854	596,613	215,759	-
DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUTS					
Outcome 1					
Development of a rich and stimulating cultural sector for all Australians	40,515	42,721	42,721	-	-
Outcome 2					
Development of a stronger and internationally competitive Australian sports sector and encouragement of greater participation in sport by all Australians	6,848	8,163	8,163	-	-
Outcome 3					
Development of services and provision of a regulatory environment which encourages a sustainable and effective communications sector for the benefit of all Australians and an internationally competitive information economy and Information and Communications Technology industry	66,817	63,456	66,915	3,459	-
Total	114,180	114,340	117,799	3,459	-
Total administered and departmental	480,906	495,194	714,412	219,218	-

Note 1: 2004-05 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

Note 2: No appropriation is provided in Appropriation Bill 3 for the agency where the total funding change across outcomes for departmental outputs is negative (where the amount shown in the 'Reduced Estimates' column is greater than the amount in the 'Additional Estimates' column insert a note as 'Explanatory text')

