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2008–09 Annual Report



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Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Secretary

The Hon Lindsay Tanner MP
Minister for Finance and Deregulation
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report of the Department of Finance and Deregulation for the year ended 30 June 2009, as required by section 63 of the *Public Service Act 1999* (the Act).

Subsection 63(1) of the Act requires me to provide you with a report to present to the Parliament. This report has been prepared in accordance with the *Requirements for Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies* approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, as required by subsection 63(2) of the Act.

This report includes the Report on the Operations of the Office of Evaluation and Audit (Indigenous Programs) for 2008-09.

Yours sincerely

David Tune
24 September 2009

cc Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig
Special Minister of State

The Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP
Minister Assisting the Finance Minister on Deregulation

Senator the Hon Nick Sherry
Assistant Treasurer

2008–09 The Department of Finance and Deregulation's People





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Guide to the Annual Report

Structure

The Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) 2008-09 Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the *Requirements for Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies*, as approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit.

This report is presented in seven sections as outlined below.

Introduction and Overview

This section contains three chapters that provide:

- a review by the Secretary of the 2008-09 year (Chapter 1);
- an overview of Finance and of the Finance and Deregulation Portfolio (Chapter 2); and
- a summary of the department's corporate governance arrangements (Chapter 3).

Report on Performance

This section contains six chapters that detail Finance's performance against its four outcomes and its financial, ICT and human resource management:

- Sustainable Government Finances (Chapter 4);
- Improved and More Efficient Government Operations (Chapter 5);
- An Efficiently Functioning Parliament (Chapter 6);
- Effective and Efficient use of Information and Communication Technologies by the Australian Government (Chapter 7);
- Financial Performance and Information Communication Technology (Chapter 8); and
- Human Resource Management (Chapter 9).

Chapters 4 to 7 report on performance against outcomes and commence with an overview and performance summary. They conclude with a report on the performance indicators set out in the *2008-09 Portfolio Budget Statements* and details of financial and staffing resources.

Management and Accountability

This section contains two chapters detailing Finance's management and accountability in the following areas:

- Purchasing and Asset Management (Chapter 10); and
- External Scrutiny (Chapter 11).

Appendices

The report includes eight appendices, which contain information required under specific legislation or other reporting requirements. A Consultancy Services table is available online at the link shown on page viii.

Financial Statements

The report contains Finance's audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2009.

Report on the Operations of the Office of Evaluation and Audit (Indigenous Programs) for 2008-09

The report also contains the report on the operations of the Office of Evaluation and Audit (Indigenous Programs) for the 2008-09 year. This report has been prepared in accordance with section 193ZA (4) of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005*.

Glossary, Compliance Index and Index

A glossary of terms and acronyms, a compliance index for locating mandatory requirements, and an index have been included to enhance the useability of the report.

Online Annual Report

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