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FINANCE MINISTER AS A FINAL CHARGE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003**

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Appropriation Acts (No. 1 and No. 3) 2002-2003  
— \$175,000,000

Appropriation Acts (No. 2 and No. 4) 2002-2003  
— \$215,000,000

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# INTRODUCTION

The Advance to the Finance Minister (the Advance) is a provision authorised by the annual Appropriation Acts and made available to the Finance Minister as a central contingency fund to provide urgent funding to agencies through the year. The relevant sections of the 2002-03 Appropriation Acts specifying the use of the Advance are set out under.

## **Appropriation Acts (Nos. 1 and 3)**

- Sections 11 of the Appropriation Acts (Nos. 1 and 3) 2002-2003 apply if:
  - 1) The Finance Minister is satisfied that:
    - a) there is an urgent need for expenditure that is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in Schedules 1; and
    - b) the additional expenditure is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in Schedules 1:
      - i) because of an erroneous omission or understatement; or
      - ii) because the additional expenditure was unforeseen until after the last day on which it was practicable to provide for it in the Bills for these Acts, before those Bills were introduced into the House of Representatives.
  - 2) These Acts have effect as if Schedules 1 were amended, in accordance with a determination of the Finance Minister, to make provision for so much (if any) of the additional expenditure as the Finance Minister determines.
  - 3) The total of the amounts determined under these sections cannot be more than \$175 million.
  - 4) The Finance Minister must give the Parliament details of amounts determined under these sections.

## **Appropriation Acts (Nos. 2 and 4)**

- Sections 12 of the Appropriation Acts (Nos. 2 and 4) 2002-2003 apply if:
  - 1) The Finance Minister is satisfied that:
    - a) there is an urgent need for expenditure that is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in Schedules 2; and

- b) the additional expenditure is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in Schedules 2:
  - i) because of an erroneous omission or understatement; or
  - ii) because the additional expenditure was unforeseen until after the last day on which it was practicable to provide for it in the Bills for these Acts, before those Bills were introduced into the House of Representatives.
- 2) These Acts have effect as if Schedules 2 were amended, in accordance with a determination of the Finance Minister, to make provision for so much (if any) of the additional expenditure as the Finance Minister determines.
- 3) The total of the amounts determined under these sections cannot be more than \$215 million.
- 4) The Finance Minister must give the Parliament details of amounts determined under these sections.

The August 1979 Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Government Operations entitled *The Advance to the Minister for Finance* recommended the monthly tabling of a statement of approved issues from the Advance. In accordance with the undertaking given by the Government in its response to that recommendation, monthly statements of issues from the Advance have been tabled in Parliament since May 1981.

This report discloses those issues that remained as a final charge to the Advance as at 30 June 2003, and related expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2003.

**NOTES:**

- 1. Cents have been omitted and each amount in this Statement is shown to the nearer dollar. Amounts may therefore not add to the totals because of rounding.
- 2. Issue amounts are the net balance of the issues — that is, the total amount of all issues less any funds recovered or returned.

# ABSTRACT

## ISSUES FROM THE ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER AS A FINAL CHARGE

**Appropriation Acts (Nos. 1 and 3) 2002-2003 — \$17,142,926**

Page No.	Portfolio	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
		\$	\$
5	Attorney-General's	290,204	290,204
5	Finance and Administration	2,718,407	2,718,407
5	Health and Ageing	5,670,888	5,408,882
5	Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	532,427	532,427
6	Prime Minister and Cabinet	6,631,000	6,631,000
6	Transport and Regional Services	1,300,000	1,264,251
		<b>17,142,926</b>	<b>16,845,171</b>

# ABSTRACT

## ISSUES FROM THE ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER AS A FINAL CHARGE

**Appropriation Acts (Nos. 2 and 4) 2002-2003 — \$11,173,513**

Page No.	Portfolio	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
		\$	\$
7	Industry, Tourism and Resources	2,480,785	2,480,785
7	Transport and Regional Services	8,692,728	8,692,727
		<b>11,173,513</b>	<b>11,173,512</b>

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January 2004

NICK MINCHIN  
Minister for Finance  
and Administration  
January 2004

## **ISSUES FROM THE ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER AS A FINAL CHARGE**

### **Appropriation Acts (Nos. 1 and 3) 2002-2003 — \$17,142,926**

Portfolio/Agency	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
	\$	\$
<b>Attorney-General's</b>		
<b>Attorney-General's Department</b>		
Administered expenses — Outcome 2		
Coordinated federal criminal justice, security and emergency management activity, for a safer Australia	290,204	290,204
<b>Total: Attorney-General's Department</b>	<b>290,204</b>	<b>290,204</b>
<b>Finance and Administration</b>		
<b>Department of Finance and Administration</b>		
Administered expenses — Outcome 2		
Improved and more efficient government operations	2,718,407	2,718,407
<b>Total: Finance and Administration</b>	<b>2,718,407</b>	<b>2,718,407</b>
<b>Health and Ageing</b>		
<b>Department of Health and Ageing</b>		
Administered expenses — Outcome 6		
To reduce the consequence of hearing loss for eligible clients and the incidence of hearing loss in the broader community	5,670,888	5,408,882
<b>Total: Health and Ageing</b>	<b>5,670,888</b>	<b>5,408,882</b>
<b>Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</b>		
<b>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</b>		
Administered expenses — Outcome 3		
Sound and well-coordinated policies, programmes and decision-making processes in relation to Indigenous affairs and reconciliation	532,427	532,427
<b>Total: Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</b>	<b>532,427</b>	<b>532,427</b>



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### **Appropriation Acts (Nos. 1 and 3) 2002-2003 — \$17,142,926**

Portfolio/Agency	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
	\$	\$
<b>Prime Minister and Cabinet</b>		
<b>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</b>		
Administered expenses – Outcome 1		
Sound and well coordinated government policies, programmes and decision making processes	6,631,000	6,631,000
<b>Total: Prime Minister and Cabinet</b>	<b>6,631,000</b>	<b>6,631,000</b>
<b>Transport and Regional Services</b>		
<b>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</b>		
Administered expenses — Outcome 1		
A better transport system for Australia	1,300,000	1,264,251
<b>Total: Transport and Regional Services</b>	<b>1,300,000</b>	<b>1,264,251</b>

## **ISSUES FROM THE ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER AS A FINAL CHARGE**

### **Appropriation Acts (Nos. 2 and 4) 2002-2003 — \$11,173,513**

Portfolio/Agency	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
	\$	\$
<b>Industry, Tourism and Resources</b>		
<b>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</b>		
Specific Payments to the States and Territories — Outcome 1		
A stronger, sustainable and internationally competitive Australian industry, comprising the manufacturing, resources and services sectors	2,480,785	2,480,785
<b>Total: Industry, Tourism and Resources</b>	<b>2,480,785</b>	<b>2,480,785</b>
<b>Transport and Regional Services</b>		
<b>Department of Transport and Regional Services</b>		
Specific Payments to the States and Territories — Outcome 1		
A better transport system for Australia	8,692,728	8,692,727
<b>Total: Transport and Regional Services</b>	<b>8,692,728</b>	<b>8,692,727</b>