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Overview documents

- Building a defence force for the future, Budget Overview 2008-09
- Enhancing security and development, Budget Overview 2008-09

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- Defence 2008-09 Budget, Minister for Defence, Media Release, 13 May 2008
- Investment in Future Defence Capability, Minister for Defence, Media Release, 13 May 2008
- Sustaining Defence Operations, Minister for Defence, Media Release, 13 May 2008
- $650 Million Committed to Army’s New Infantry Battalions, Minister for Defence, Media Release, 13 May 2008
- $1.1 Billion for Defence Infrastructure Programs, Minister for Defence, Media Release, 13 May 2008

Defence funding, 1998-99 to 2010-11
current and constant dollars


Detailed statements

- **Section One: Defence Overview & Resources**, Department of Defence, Portfolio Budget Statements 2008-09<br />

In the 2008-09 Budget, Defence’s departmental appropriations will be $21,757.8m (refer Table 1.2.1, serial 4). The addition of the drawdown of appropriations carried forward, net capital receipts and own source revenue, provides total departmental funding in 2008-09 of $22,690.3m. This represents 1.8 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP). Since the 2007-08 Additional Estimates, total funding from the Government to Defence across 10 years has increased by $13,408.5m. Government funding to Defence in 2008-09 and across the next nine years includes an additional $2,430.0m for new budget measures. This includes supplementation on a ‘no-win–o-loss’ basis for the net additional costs of the following operations in the forward estimates period:• Iraq – continued funding for stabilisation and reconstruction activities ($23.6m);• Timor-Leste – continued funding to help restore peace and stability ($18.7m); and• Afghanistan – continued funding for Australian Defence Force deployments ($53.1m). Also included, is an additional $905.8m in 2016-17 and $1,879.3m in 2017-18 as a result of the Government’s continuation of its commitment to the three per cent per annum real growth in funding to Defence. All other budget measures and the 2008-09 costs of operations will be funded by price indexation supplementation and Defence’s savings and efficiencies program.

**ADF Operations, 1999-2000 to 2011-12, net additional cost**
2. Australian Federal Police

Media releases


- **AFP Ranks Boosted by 500**, Budget 2008-09, Attorney-General, Media release, 13 May 2008

- **AFP Training for Overseas Policing**, Budget 2008-09, Minister for Home Affairs, Media release, 13 May 2008

- **AFP Numbers Boosted in Afghanistan**, Budget 2008-09, Minister for Home Affairs, Media release, 13 May 2008

- **Iraqi Police to Train in Australia**, Budget 2008-09, Minister for Home Affairs, Media release, 13 May 2008

Detailed statements

- **Australian Federal Police**, Portfolio Budget Statement 2008-2009, Attorney-General Department [PDF]

Total net resourcing for the Australian Federal Police [Total estimate 2008-09]: $1.78
2008–09 will see the commencement of measures to enhance the AFP’s core investigative capacity, including the first year of a five-year program to add 500 sworn officers to the AFP at a cost of $191.9m. These officers will be directed to build the AFP’s capacity to tackle organised and transnational crime, particularly in the areas of high-tech crime, drug trafficking, major fraud, money laundering and combating terrorism.

Building relationships of respect and trust with Australia’s Islamic communities is important to counter radicalising influences, and the establishment of AFP Islamic Liaison Teams in each capital city during 2008–09 will facilitate communication and relationship-building activities with these communities.

New measures in the 2008–09 Budget include the second stage of the Timor-Leste Police Development Program, which will allow the deployment of up to 80 specialist personnel to help develop the Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste into a more effective police service supporting the stability and security of Timor-Leste. Up to eight additional AFP members will be deployed to Afghanistan to contribute to the international effort to develop the law and order and counter-narcotics capacities of the Afghan police. Around 80 members of the Iraqi Police Service will be trained in Australia in each of the next three years in specialist management, leadership and forensic and technical disciplines. Australia’s close involvement in the development of policing capacities in the Pacific region will be further enhanced; the AFP will work closely with AusAID to extend the Pacific Police Development Program and provide programs in Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Nauru.

3. Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)

- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Portfolio Budget Statement 2008-2009, Attorney-General Department Department [PDF]

In October 2005 ASIO commenced implementation of a five-year strategic plan to boost its intelligence collection and analytical capabilities, including additional recruitment of staff across all work areas. ASIO remains on track to meet the government-endorsed target of 1,860 staff by 2010-11. ASIO currently has around 1,470 staff, which is more than double the number at the end of 2002-03 (668). ASIO will continue to recruit around 170 staff in each of 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Total income is estimated to be $358.383m in 2008–09, an increase of $62.080m from 2007–08. The majority of the increase relates to measures arising from the independent review of ASIO’s resources conducted in 2005–06 (the Taylor Review). Commencing in 2006–07, the combined measures provide a five-year strategic program for ASIO to strengthen its capability to better meet the range of challenges faced.

4. Australian Secret Intelligence Service

- Australian Secret Intelligence Service, Portfolio Budget Statement 2008-2009, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
Outcome 1 Strategy
Enhance Government understanding of the overseas environment affecting Australia’s vital interests and take appropriate action, consistent with applicable legislation, to protect and promote Australia’s vital interests through the provision of unique foreign intelligence services as directed by Government. Measures and targets are not divulged in the interests of national security.

Total net resourcing for ASIS: $220 mn. (including $20 mn available from 2007-08).

5. Office of National Assessments, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

- Office of National Assessments, Portfolio Budget Statement 2008-2009, PMC

Total available departmental operating appropriation (outputs) $37.8 m.

See also Australian Forces Abroad:

- ADF budget – general
- ADF budget – Afghanistan
- ADF budget – Solomon Islands
- AFP budget – Solomon Islands
- AFP in Afghanistan

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