

**PORTFOLIO
SUPPLEMENTARY
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES
STATEMENTS**

**APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2007-08
AND
APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2007-08**

RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO

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Dear Mr President
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit these Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements in support of the additional appropriations sought for the Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio, through Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2007-08.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as statements 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 read 'M Ferguson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Martin Ferguson

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USER GUIDE

The purpose of the Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements (SAES) is to explain Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2007-08 and Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2007-08. This document serves to inform senators and members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of extra appropriation resources to Government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio.

Appropriation Bill (No. 5), which follows on from Appropriation Bill (No. 1), found in Budget Paper No. 4 and Appropriation Bill (No. 3) produced at Additional Estimates, will provide additional expenditure authority for the ordinary annual services of government in respect of the 2007-08 financial year. Appropriation Bill (No. 6), which follows on from Appropriation Bill (No. 2), found in Budget Paper No. 4 and Appropriation Bill (No. 4) produced at Additional Estimates, will provide additional expenditure authority in respect of the 2007-08 financial year for capital works and services, payments to or for the States, Territories and local government authorities, and new administered outcomes not authorised by specific legislation.

The SAES are declared by Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2007-08 and Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2007-08 to be a 'relevant document' to the interpretation of the Bills according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

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GEOSCIENCE AUSTRALIA

OVERVIEW OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS SOUGHT

Geoscience Australia is seeking additional appropriations through Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2007-08. The increase relates to the application of the Wage Cost Index (WCI) to Geoscience Australia's departmental appropriation.

Departmental appropriations are indexed to maintain their real value. The index used is the WCI. This is a weighted index consisting of two components: the Safety Net Adjustment, which is used to measure changes in labour costs; and the Consumer Price Index, which is used to measure changes in non-labour costs. The increase of \$1.063 million is the increase required to Geoscience Australia's appropriation as a result of the application of the revised WCI.

Geoscience Australia is not seeking funding through Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2008-09.

VARIATIONS — OTHER

Table 1.1: Supplementary additional estimates and variations to outcome – measures

Geoscience Australia is not seeking additional estimates due to measures.

Other variations

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

	2007-08 (\$'000)	2008-09 (\$'000)	2009-10 (\$'000)	2010-11 (\$'000)
Outcome 1				
Increase in departmental appropriations	1,063	1,140	1,289	1,214

BREAKDOWN, BY APPROPRIATION BILL, OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOUGHT

Table 1.3: Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2007-08

	2007-08 Budget and Additional Estimates (\$'000)	2007-08 Revised (\$'000)	2007-08 Supplementary Additional Estimates (\$'000)
DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUTS			
Outcome 1			
Enhanced potential for the Australian Community to obtain economic, social and environmental benefits through the application of first class geoscientific research and information	143,931	144,994	1,063
Total	143,931	144,994	1,063
ADMINISTERED ITEMS			
Outcome 1			
Enhanced potential for the Australian Community to obtain economic, social and environmental benefits through the application of first class geoscientific research and information	20	20	-
Total	20	20	-
Total administered and departmental	143,951	145,014	1,063