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Senator SHERRY asked:

Please provide full details of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible expenditure and activities undertaken by Department since 2000-2001 to date

Answer:

Expenditure that has been appropriated through the Treasury Portfolio classified as Official Development Assistance (ODA) is as follows:

Table 1: ODA Expenditure administered by Treasury Portfolio

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (expected outcome)
12,864,422	11,726,560	7,742,920	8,981,776	7,415,777	3,127,732

Source: AusAID statistical database

Details of ODA expenditure appropriated through the Treasury Portfolio are provided at Attachment 1.

Treasury has also provided assistance through programmes administered by AusAID. This includes Treasury's involvement in assisting Papua New Guinea (PNG), the Solomon Islands, and Nauru. It also includes Treasury's involvement in the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development (AIPRD). Details of these activities are provided in Attachments 2 and 3 respectively.

Attachment 1: Treasury Portfolio Administered ODA expenditure from 2000-01 to 2004-05 (Actual) and 2005-06 (Expected Outcome)

Activity Name	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
International Monetary Fund Poverty Reduction & Growth Facility	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Asian Development Bank General Capital Increase	7,549,980	6,606,509	4,655,772	4,655,772	4,655,772	
Multilateral Guarantee Investment Agency General Capital Increase	2,499,105	2,346,291				
OECD Outreach Program	200,000	200,000	173,950	141,954	116,099	184,693
Pacific Governance				1,300,000		
Macroeconomic policy and structural change in East Asia					28,056	
Promoting Economic Security in East Asia Initiative						250,376
Australian Bureau of Statistics activities	115,337	73,760	281,780	350,050	65,250	100,000
APEC-OECD Insolvency in East Asia Conference						38,573
Global Forum on Taxation - facilitating Pacific Attendance						20,090
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Investigation course					18,000	
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission course on competition issues			4,800			
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Internship Programme			32,500			
Other assistance			94,118	34,000	32,600	34,000
	12,864,422	11,726,560	7,742,920	8,981,776	7,415,777	3,127,732

Attachment 2: Treasury assistance to Pacific countries (administered by AusAID)

	Commenced	May 2000- June 2001	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (for first 6 months to Dec 06)	Total
Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands ¹	Deployed July 2003	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$631,883	\$1,223,703	\$1,268,764	\$743,499	\$ 3,867,849
Enhanced Cooperation Programme ²	Deployed Feb 2004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$482,353	\$1,293,267	\$1,428,303	\$932,635	\$ 4,136,558
PNG - Australian Treasury Twinning Scheme ³	Commenced 1999	\$199,547	\$105,114	\$101,425	\$90,591	\$ 294,837	\$ 280,289	\$ 56,130	\$ 1,127,933
Economic Advice and Government Assistance Programme ⁴	Deployed July 2004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,638	\$ 234,464	\$ 392,614	\$188,965	\$ 834,681

¹ Treasury has a leadership role in the Financial Management Strengthening Program (FMSP) of RAMSI. Treasury officers are currently deployed to six positions in the Solomon Islands Department of Finance and Treasury plus two officers from AOFM.

² Treasury has a leadership role in relation to the economic and public sector reform stream of the ECP and currently has six officers deployed plus one officer from AOFM to in-line and adviser roles in PNG.

³ The overall purpose of the PNG-Australia Treasury Twinning Scheme (PATTS) is to strengthen relationships between the PNG Treasury and the Australian Treasury through placements of Australian & PNG Treasury officers in their counterpart institutions and through training and development opportunities in Australia for PNG Treasury officers.

⁴ The Australian Finance Team was deployed to Nauru as part of the package of assistance offered by Australia under the Memorandum of Understanding between the countries for cooperation in the management of asylum seekers and related issues. The Finance Team consists of two officers deployed from Treasury (plus one officer deployed from the Department of Finance and Administration).

Attachment 3: Treasury assistance to Indonesia through the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development (administered by AusAID)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Total
Government Partnerships Fund ⁵ (expenditure reimbursed as of 31 Dec 2006).	\$25,737.49	\$117,412.90	\$78,262.60	\$ 220,933

⁵ The \$50 million Government Partnerships Fund (GPF) is an important component of the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development (AIPRD) – a \$1 billion programme to support Indonesia’s reconstruction and development efforts, both in and beyond tsunami-affected areas. The GPF aims to promote government to-government cooperation, focusing on the exchange of skills, knowledge and expertise with key public sector institutions in Indonesia. Under the GPF, Treasury is focusing its programme of engagement on its counterpart agency, the Indonesian Ministry of Finance (IMoF). In particular, supporting the Fiscal Policy Office within the IMoF in improving its economic governance capacity, through the development of a programme of joint activities and direct support.

Total expected expenditure by Treasury under the GPF over the period 1 June 2005 to 31 March 2009 is \$1,855,818 (Treasury also receives logistical support, which is funded directly by AusAID to their logistical contractor). This expenditure will be reimbursed by AusAID. As of 31 December 2006 approximately \$220,000 had been reimbursed. This funding has covered activities such as:

- the provision of technical assistance, including assistance with tax design and delivery, and delivering an economic forecasting course to Indonesian interns; and
- the appointment of two officials to manage and initiate Treasury-related activities.