

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates 3-5 June 2008

**Question: bet 4**

**Topic: Official Development Assistance**

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**Senator McEwen asked:**

1. Please provide an update for Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible expenditure table provided by the Department during additional Estimates, February 2007. (See answer to QoN aet 11 attached)

**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**

<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08 (Expected Outcome)</b>
12,864,422	11,726,560	7,742,920	8,981,776	7,415,777	3,093,805	3,013,679	3,112,900

*Source: AusAID Statistical Database*

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

The Treasury Department has also provided assistance through programs 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 2006-07 (Actual) and 2007-08 (Expected Outcome)**

<b>Activity Name</b>	<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
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	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 Investment Guarantee 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	18,559	75,552
Pacific Governance				1,300,000				
Macroeconomic Policy and Structural Change in East Asia					28,056			
Promoting Economic Security in East Asia Initiative						250,376	321,388	
APEC-OECD Insolvency in Asia Conference						77,146		
Global Forum on Taxation - facilitating Pacific Attendance						20,090		
Technical Assistance							55,107	360,200
Survey of PNG Financial Sector								18,000
Financial Management Strengthening Mission							10,000	
China-Australia Governance Program - Income Distribution Project								4,500
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Investigation Course					18,000			
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Competition Issues Course			4,800					
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Internship Programme			32,500					
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission - Competition Law and Policy Training Course							20,300	20,000
Australian Bureau of Statistics Activities	115,337	73,760	281,780	350,050	65,250	27,500	51,030	75,000
Other Assistance			94,118	34,000	32,600	34,000	37,295	59,648
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,864,422</b>	<b>11,726,560</b>	<b>7,742,920</b>	<b>8,981,776</b>	<b>7,415,777</b>	<b>3,093,805</b>	<b>3,013,679</b>	<b>3,112,900</b>

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

	<b>Commenced</b>	<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>Total</b>
Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands <sup>1</sup>	Deployed July 2003	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$631,883	\$1,223,703	\$1,268,764	\$1,433,326	\$1,257,119	\$5,814,795
Strongim Gavman Program <sup>2</sup>	Deployed Feb 2004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$482,353	\$1,293,267	\$1,428,303	\$1,713,790	\$1,250,977	\$6,168,690
PNG - Australian Treasury Twinning Scheme <sup>3</sup>	Commenced 1999	\$199,547	\$105,114	\$101,425	\$90,591	\$294,837	\$280,289	\$89,699	\$130,265	\$885,681
Economic Advice and Government Assistance Programme <sup>4</sup>	Deployed July 2004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$18,638	\$234,464	\$392,614	\$372,960	\$466,500	\$1,485,176

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<sup>1</sup> Treasury has a leadership role in the Financial Management Strengthening Program (FMSP) of RAMSI. Treasury officers are currently deployed to five positions in the Solomon Islands Department of Finance and Treasury plus one officer from AOFM.

<sup>2</sup> Treasury has a leadership role in relation to the economic and public sector reform stream of the SGP (formally called the Enhanced Cooperation Programme) and currently has four officers deployed plus one officer from AOFM to in-line and adviser roles in PNG.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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 Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development (administered by AusAID)**

	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>Total</b>
Government Partnerships Fund <sup>5</sup> and related AIPRD expenditure (expenditure reimbursed as of 30 March 2008). <sup>6</sup>	\$73,417.44	\$199,716.20	\$384,193.42	\$516,667.50	\$1,173,994.56

<sup>5</sup> The \$50 million Government Partnerships Fund (GPF) is an important component of the AIPRD – a \$1 billion program 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 program of engagement on its counterpart agency, the Indonesian Ministry of Finance (IMoF).

Total expected expenditure by Treasury under the GPF over the period 1 March 2006 to 31 December 2009 is \$2,642,657.80. This expenditure will be reimbursed by AusAID (Treasury also receives logistical support, which is funded directly by AusAID to their logistical contractor). This expenditure has covered:

- the provision of technical assistance to the Fiscal Policy Office in the IMoF in order to develop Indonesian leadership abilities in economic policy and build policy formulation capacities; and
- the appointment of two officials to manage and initiate Treasury-related activities.

<sup>6</sup> The expenditure for 2004-05 and 2005-06 have been revised since provided to the Committee last year. These revisions largely reflect inclusion of related AIPRD expenditure and the receipt of additional invoices.