

1.5 1998-99 BUDGET MEASURES

BACKGROUND

In conjunction with the achievement of its broad fiscal targets, the Government has been able to provide additional funding in a number of key priority areas.

Current outlay initiatives in 1998-99 in the General Government Sector are set out in Table 1.16 below. In addition, a selection of major new capital projects to commence in 1998-99 is detailed in Table 1.17. In line with the Government Finance Statistics presentation of the overall Budget aggregates, Table 1.17 includes assets acquired by General Government agencies as well as capital grants made to Public Trading Enterprises and non-Government organisations.

More detailed coverage of the initiatives is provided in the relevant sections of Chapter 4. It should be noted, however, that the information provided in Chapter 4 is on an accrual basis, detailing expenses and asset acquisitions. Hence, capital grants appear in the detailed agency information in Chapter 4 as an expense.

Revenue initiatives are set out in Table 1.18, with more detailed coverage provided in Chapter 3.

CURRENT OUTLAY INITIATIVES

Under the global approach to budgeting, agencies have far greater flexibility to reallocate resources amongst priorities and can retain savings achieved through operational efficiencies. This flexibility gives agencies significant capacity to address priorities and emerging needs within their existing levels of Budget (i.e. Consolidated Fund) support. Accordingly, while the major part of the initiatives is funded by additional Consolidated Fund appropriations, there are certain initiatives that are internally funded by agencies.

Table 1.16: Summary of Major Current Outlay Initiatives

Initiative (a)	Impact of Initiative	
	1998-99	Total Cost 1998-99 to 2001-02
	\$m	\$m
PREMIER, MINISTER FOR THE ARTS AND MINISTER FOR ETHNIC AFFAIRS		
The Cabinet Office		
Office of Children and Young People – Families First program	1.1	3.2
Ethnic Affairs Commission		
Community Grants	1.5	6.0
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION		
Department of Agriculture		
Water reform initiatives	2.6	10.8

Table 1.16: Summary of Major Current Outlay Initiatives (cont)

Initiative (a)	Impact of Initiative	
	1998-99	Total Cost 1998-99 to 2001-02
	\$m	\$m
Rural Assistance Authority		
Water Use Efficiency Scheme	2.6	22.0
Department of Land and Water Conservation		
Hawkesbury Nepean Floodplain Strategy	3.2	12.4
Rural relocations	2.5	4.9
Water reform initiatives	13.0	44.8
Increased contribution to the Murray Darling Basin Commission	2.5	10.0
ATTORNEY GENERAL, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR FAIR TRADING		
Attorney General's Department		
Case Management Fund	3.0	12.0
Legal Aid Commission		
Increased funding by State following Commonwealth cuts	2.0	8.0
MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES, MINISTER FOR AGEING, MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN		
Department of Community Services		
Base funding increase	43.2	172.9
Recovery program	3.0	3.0
Families First program	0.3	12.7
Ageing and Disability Department		
Post School Options program	4.6	18.4
Home and Community Care program – growth funding (including Commonwealth funds)	11.2	44.8
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING		
Department of Education and Training		
School Technology Program	5.0	44.0
Higher School Certificate reforms	7.3	8.5
Office of the Board of Studies		
Higher School Certificate reforms	7.0	9.2
MINISTER FOR ENERGY, MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Tourism New South Wales		
Specific regional marketing and development activities	3.9	12.6
Development and promotion of special events in Sydney and regional NSW	2.0	8.0

Table 1.16: Summary of Major Current Outlay Initiatives (cont)

Initiative (a)	Impact of Initiative	
	1998-99	Total Cost 1998-99 to 2001-02
	\$m	\$m
Department of Corrective Services		
Indigenous Offenders Action Plan – Stage 2	2.8	10.7
Community based post release component of the sex offenders program	2.2	9.0
New South Wales Fire Brigades		
Staffing for new fire stations	3.8	15.2
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT		
Environment Protection Authority		
Water reform initiatives	1.0	3.8
Bicentennial Park Trust		
Increased maintenance funding	0.8	3.2
Waste Planning and Management Fund		
Waste initiatives including subsidy for kerbside recycling	6.0	8.0
Hypothecated contribution from the Waste Levy from 2000	...	47.6
Stormwater Trust		
Stormwater Early Action program	15.2	55.2
MINISTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND MINISTER FOR PORTS		
Waterways Authority		
Enhancement and upgrading of harbour infrastructure *	2.0	8.0
MINISTER FOR MINERAL RESOURCES AND MINISTER FOR FISHERIES		
Department of Mineral Resources		
Restructure of Mine Safety and Environment Division	2.0	8.2
MINISTER FOR THE OLYMPICS		
Olympic Co-ordination Authority		
Estate maintenance and security	2.6	7.8
Operation of completed venues	3.1	9.3
Media Village site – security and maintenance	1.7	5.1
Site and crowd management initiatives	2.2	6.6
Olympic Roads and Transport Authority		
Additional staff to plan and implement Olympic transport initiatives	3.4	3.4

Table 1.16: Summary of Major Current Outlay Initiatives (cont)

Initiative (a)	Impact of Initiative	
	1998-99	Total Cost 1998-99 to 2001-02
	\$m	\$m
MINISTER FOR POLICE		
New South Wales Police Service		
Restructure of Statewide "000" service	8.6	32.9
Expansion of internal affairs function	1.0	4.0
Expansion of covert operations	1.1	4.4
Olympic Security Group	7.1	7.1
Police Integrity Commission		
Telecommunications interception capability	0.8	3.2
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR ROADS		
Roads and Traffic Authority		
Safer routes to Schools Program*	11.0	44.0
Provision of improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities*	13.0	55.0
TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT		
Crown Transactions Entity		
Sustainable Energy Development Authority's Energy Smart Buildings program	20.0	20.0
Department of State and Regional Development		
NSW High Growth Business program	4.3	17.2
Australian Technology Showcase program	2.0	6.0
Regional economic transition fund	5.0	15.0
Country Lifestyles program	1.0	3.0
Small business advisory services	3.8	3.8
Redevelopment of Graham Park	0.8	13.7

(a) Initiatives marked with a * symbol are either fully or substantially funded internally by the agency.

CAPITAL OUTLAY INITIATIVES

Each new capital project can be regarded as an "initiative" in its own right.

Table 1.17 lists the more significant General Government agency projects, planned to commence in 1998-99. More detailed information appears in Chapter 4 of this Budget Paper and in Budget Paper No. 4.

Table 1.17: Significant New Capital Projects to Commence in 1998-99

Project	Estimated Completion Date	Estimated Total Cost	Allocation in 1998-99
		\$m	\$m
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION			
Department of Land and Water Conservation			
Wyangala Dam upgrade	2006	20.0	0.8
Hawkesbury Nepean Floodplain Strategy (a)	2004	44.6	5.2
Land Titles Office			
Upgrade of electronic data processing equipment	2002	10.2	1.5
MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES, MINISTER FOR AGEING, MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN			
Department of Community Services			
New 'Client' and 'Funded Services' computer systems	2000	6.9	5.7
Maintenance and upgrading of large residential and other facilities	2002	59.3	9.2
Department of Juvenile Justice			
Information technology and telecommunications project	2001	6.7	3.4
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING			
Department of Education and Training			
- Schools			
Lake Munmorah High School	2001	7.3	0.3
Wadalba High School	2001	7.3	0.3
Quakers Hill East Public School	2001	5.4	0.9
Schools NET – Communications Network	2000	7.0	3.0
Schools Information System	2000	8.0	3.0
- Technical and Further Education			
Wollongong – building and construction facilities	2001	8.9	1.3
MINISTER FOR ENERGY, MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Department of Corrective Services			
Goulburn staged redevelopment	2003	32.0	1.5
Integrated management system	2001	10.6	4.8
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT			
Bicentennial Park Trust			
Access corridor upgrade	2000	5.0	2.0

Table 1.17: Significant New Capital Projects to Commence in 1998-99 (cont)

Project	Estimated Completion Date	Estimated Total Cost	Allocation in 1998-99
		\$m	\$m
MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS			
Department of Health			
Central Coast Area Health Service Strategy	2003	11.6	3.0
Illawarra Area Health Strategy Stage 2	2003	62.5	1.0
Hunter Strategy Stage 1	2002	13.6	3.6
Mental Health strategy	2004	23.0	3.0
Northern Sydney Area Health Strategy Stage 1	2003	18.5	3.5
Sutherland Hospital Redevelopment	2003	79.0	0.6
Ambulance Strategy Stage 1	2002	18.3	5.0
Department of Aboriginal Affairs			
Aboriginal Communities Infrastructure Program (a)	2004	200.0	10.7
MINISTER FOR POLICE			
New South Wales Police Service			
Telephone communications equipment	2000	5.0	2.5
Human resource management information system	2001	10.7	1.0
MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES			
Department of Public Works and Services			
Information technology initiatives	1999	5.5	5.5
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR ROADS			
Department of Transport			
Commuter carparks	2001	15.5	4.2
Car, bus and rail interchanges	2002	25.1	0.9
Lidcombe – Homebush Bay Shuttle (a)	1999	12.0	12.0
Flemington Junction grade separation (a)	1999	31.0	31.0
Hunter Valley noise and vibration control (a)	1999	8.6	8.6
Liverpool to Parramatta – Transitway stage 1 (a)	2000	24.0	7.0
Roads and Traffic Authority			
Upgrade Country Timber Bridges	2003	129.0	12.0
Transport Management Centre	1999	28.0	14.0
Construction of dual carriageway Raymond Terrace to Karuah, north of Newcastle	2000	67.0	16.0
New bridge over Woronora River	2001	30.0	12.0
Duplicate Coolongolook to Wang Wauk carriageway	2000	42.0	8.0
M4 viaduct over Granville	1999	7.6	7.0
MINISTER FOR URBAN AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR HOUSING			
Department of Urban Affairs and Planning			
Affordable housing initiative (a)	1999	10.0	10.0
Environment Planning and Assessment Act			
Purchase of land for future open space and roadways	1999	42.0	42.0

(a) Capital Grant to a Public Trading Enterprise or a non-Government organisation.

REVENUE MEASURES

The 1998-99 Budget also incorporates a number of revenue measures shown in Table 1.18, with more detail provided in Chapter 3.

Table 1.18: Summary of Major Revenue Initiatives

Initiative	Revenue Impact	
	1998-99	Full Year
	\$m	\$m
Index the land tax threshold for investors to the movement in State-wide property values	(-) 14.0	(-) 17.0
Change the basis of indexation of the threshold for owner-occupied residences from CPI to Sydney residential land values	(-) 2.0	(-) 3.0
Increase the income and property eligibility thresholds for the first home purchase scheme and the upfront discount from 30% to 50%	(-) 13.0	(-) 17.0
Maintain 3% and 5% stamp duty rates on motor vehicle registrations	...	69.0
Phase out the \$43 levy on motor vehicle registrations over 3 years	(-) 55.0	(-) 126.0

- (a) Expected cost for the 1999 land tax year only. The cost of indexation of the threshold increases each year.
 (b) Full year cost to first impact on revenues in 2001-02.
 (c) Full year cost to first impact on revenues in 2000-01.

