

**PORTFOLIO
SUPPLEMENTARY
ESTIMATES STATEMENTS
2007-08**

**Appropriation (Northern Territory
National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 1)
And
Appropriation (Northern Territory
National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 2)**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE
RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

EXPLANATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2007-08

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Dear Mr President
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements in support of the supplementary appropriations being sought for the Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio, through the Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bills (No. 1) and (No. 2) 2007-2008.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement 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 'Joe Hockey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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USER GUIDE

The purpose of the Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements (PSES) is to explain Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bills (No. 1) and (No. 2) 2007-08. This document serves to inform senators and members of parliament of the proposed allocation of supplementary appropriations to Government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio.

The PSES are declared by the Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bills (No. 1) and (No. 2) to be a 'relevant document' to the interpretation of the Bill according to section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

The PSES are focused on explaining the supplementary estimates appropriations. Information on 2007-08 Budget resourcing issues – including special appropriations, special accounts, revenue from other sources, performance information, and a full set of agency budgeted financial statements – can be found in the 2007-08 Portfolio Budget Statements accompanying the 2007-08 annual appropriation bills.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES
STATEMENTS**

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

OVERVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION SOUGHT

This document provides information about the Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio which includes the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR).

On 21 June 2007 the Prime Minister and the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs announced national emergency measures to protect Aboriginal children in the Northern Territory from abuse and give them a better, safer future. The measures in the emergency response aim to protect and stabilise communities in the crisis areas. This is the first stage in a longer term approach to improve the welfare of Aboriginal children and their families in the Northern Territory.

The department has supplementary estimates for the following measures:

- Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform;
and
- Northern Territory Emergency Response – coordination.

Details of measures can be found at Tables 1.1 and 1.2.

Variations — Measures

Table 1.1: Supplementary estimates – measures

	2007-08 (\$'000)
Outcome 1	
Increase in estimates (administered)	
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	99,218
Total increase in estimate (administered)	99,218
Increase in estimates (departmental)	
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	16,106
Northern Territory Emergency Response – coordination	704
Total increase in estimate (departmental)	16,799
Total variation of appropriation for outcome 1	116,017
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	2007-08 (\$'000)
Outcome 3	
Decrease in estimates (administered)	
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	(75,942)
Total decrease in estimate (administered)	(75,942)
Increase in estimates (departmental)	
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	25,852
Total increase in estimate (departmental)	25,852
Total variation of appropriation for outcome 3	(50,090)
Total variation of appropriation for all outcomes	65,927

MEASURES — AGENCY SUMMARY

The Government will provide additional funding of \$65.9 million in 2007-08 for the measure *Northern Territory Emergency Response - welfare and employment reform*. The measure provides for:

- the deployment of survey and communication teams to engage with community members by providing advice about the nature of the emergency response and to conduct surveys focussed on community need and employment;

- the accelerated removal of remote area exemptions in the Northern Territory by 31 December 2007. Access to employment services will be increased with job seekers referred to the appropriate employment service to successfully achieve sustainable employment outcomes and/or undertake training; and
- the phased removal of the Community Development and Employment Projects (CDEP) programme in the Northern Territory. CDEP participants will transition to real jobs or income support with additional employment, training and Work for the Dole services to be established to improve sustainable employment and economic development for Indigenous people in the Northern Territory. A transition payment will also be established to assist former CDEP participants to manage any changes in income that may result from their move to income support.

Table 1.2: Summary of Northern Territory National Emergency Response measures 2007-08

Expense Measures					
Measure Title	Outcome	Output groups affected	2007-08 (\$'000)		
			Admin items	Dept outputs	Total
Outcome 1					
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	1	1.1, 1.2	99,218	15,040	114,258
Northern Territory Emergency Response – coordination	1	1.1, 1.2		704	704
Total Outcome 1			99,218	15,744	114,962
Outcome 3					
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	3	3.2	(75,942)	23,228	(52,714)
Total Outcome 3			(75,942)	23,228	(52,714)
Total Expense Measures			23,276	38,972	62,248
Capital Measures					
Measure Title	Outcome	Output groups affected	2007-08 (\$'000)		
			Admin items	Dept outputs	Total
Outcome 1					
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	1	1.1, 1.2	-	1,055	1,055
Total Outcome 1			-	1,055	1,055
Outcome 3					
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	3	3.2	-	2,624	2,624
Total Outcome 3			-	2,624	2,624
Total Capital Measures			-	3,679	3,679
Total of All Measures			23,276	42,651	65,927

**BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES BY APPROPRIATION
BILL, OF FUNDING SOUGHT**

**Table 1.3: Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response)
Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008**

	2007-08 Budget \$'000	2007-08 Supplementary Estimates \$'000
ADMINISTERED ITEMS		
Outcome 1		
Efficient and Effective Labour Market Assistance	2,221,991	52,280
Outcome 2		
Higher Productivity, Higher Pay Workplaces	98,572	-
Outcome 3		
Increased Workforce Participation	493,962	-
Total	2,814,525	52,280
DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUTS		
Outcome 1		
Efficient and Effective Labour Market Assistance	1,242,811	15,744
Outcome 2		
Higher Productivity, Higher Pay Workplaces	170,205	-
Outcome 3		
Increased Workforce Participation	109,522	23,228
Total	1,522,538	38,972
Total administered and departmental	4,337,063	91,252

Outcome 3 has a decrease in administered funding due to savings associated with the phased removal of the Community Development and Employment Projects programme in the Northern Territory. No additional administered appropriation is required for Outcome 3.

Table 1.4: Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008

	2007-08 Budget \$'000	2007-08 Supplementary Estimates \$'000
Non-operating		
Equity injections	10,015	
Northern Territory Emergency Response - welfare and employment reform	-	3,679
Total capital	10,015	3,679
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Total	10,015	3,679

INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA

OVERVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION SOUGHT

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is seeking additional appropriation of \$24.214 million through Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 1) and \$17.7 million through Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 2) to support welfare and employment reforms through economic development activities with community stores and stimulation of commercial enterprises.

Variations — Measures

Table 1.1: Supplementary estimates – measures

	2007-08 (\$'000)
Outcome 1	
Increase in estimates (departmental)	
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	41,914
Total increase in estimate (departmental)	41,914
Total variation of appropriation for outcome 1	41,914

MEASURES — AGENCY SUMMARY

Table 1.2: Summary of Northern Territory National Emergency Response measures 2007-08.

Measure Title	Outcome	Output groups affected	2007-08 (\$'000)		
			Admin items	Dept outputs	Total
Outcome 1					
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	1	1.1, 1.3	-	24,214	24,214
Total Expense Measures			-	24,214	24,214
Capital Measures					
Measure Title	Outcome	Output groups affected	2007-08 (\$'000)		
			Admin items	Dept outputs	Total
Outcome 1					
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	1	1.1, 1.3	-	17,700	17,700
Total Capital Measures			-	17,700	17,700
Revenue Measures					
Measure Title	Outcome	Output groups affected	2007-08 (\$'000)		
			Admin items	Dept outputs	Total
Outcome 1					
Northern Territory Emergency Response – welfare and employment reform	1	1.1, 1.3	-	188	188
Total Revenue Measures			-	188	188
Total of All Measures			-	42,102	42,102

**BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES BY APPROPRIATION
BILL, OF FUNDING SOUGHT**

**Table 1.3: Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response)
Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008**

	2007-08 Budget \$'000	2007-08 Supplementary Estimates \$'000
DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUTS		
Outcome 1		
Stimulating the economic advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	36,765	24,214
Total	36,765	24,214
Total departmental	36,765	24,214

**Table 1.4: Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response)
Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008**

	2007-08 Budget \$'000	2007-08 Supplementary Estimates \$'000
Non-operating		
Equity injections	37,599	
Northern Territory Emergency Response - welfare and employment reform	-	17,700
Total capital	37,599	17,700
Indigenous Business Australia Total	37,599	17,700