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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

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Appropriation Acts (No. 1, No. 3 and No. 5) 2005-2006

Appropriation Acts (No. 2, No. 4 and No. 6) 2005-2006

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INTRODUCTION

The Advance to the Finance Minister (the Advance) is a provision authorised by the annual Appropriation Acts and made available to the Finance Minister to provide urgent funding to agencies throughout the financial year.

Issues of funds under the Advance made before the finalisation of the Additional Estimates bills (*Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2005-2006* and *Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2005-2006*) and the Supplementary Additional Estimates bills (*Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2005-2006* and *Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2005-2006*) are recovered from the additional appropriation provided in these Acts, thus replenishing the pool of funds in the Advance. Amounts issued after Supplementary Additional Estimates cannot be recovered and are therefore a 'final charge' against the Advance.

The relevant sections of the Appropriation Acts specifying the use of the Advance are set out below:

- Section 12 of *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2005-2006*
- Section 13 of *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2005-2006*
- Section 12 of *Appropriation Act (No. 3) 2005-2006*
- Section 13 of *Appropriation Act (No. 4) 2005-2006*
- Section 10 of *Appropriation Act (No. 5) 2005-2006*
- Section 12 of *Appropriation Act (No. 6) 2005-2006*

These sections apply where:

1. The Finance Minister is satisfied that:
 - a) there is an urgent need for expenditure that is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in the Schedules to the Acts; and
 - b) the additional expenditure is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in the Schedules to the Acts:
 - i) because of an erroneous omission or understatement; or
 - ii) because the additional expenditure was unforeseen until after the last day on which it was practicable to provide for it in the Bills for these Acts, before those Bills were introduced into the House of Representatives.
2. These Acts have effect as if the Schedules were amended, in accordance with a determination of the Finance Minister, to make provision for so much (if any) of the additional expenditure as the Finance Minister determines.

3. The total of the amounts that the Finance Minister may determine under each of the Advance provisions in Acts 1, 3 and 5 cannot be more than \$175 million. The total of the amounts that the Finance Minister may determine under each of the Advance provisions in Acts 2, 4 and 6 cannot be more than \$215 million.

Issues made under the Advance are Legislative Instruments under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*. They are available on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments which is a publicly accessible database. All Advances made on or after 1 January 2005 are tabled in the House of Representatives and the Senate within six sitting days after registration.

This report discloses those issues that remained as a final charge against the Advance as at 30 June 2006, and related expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2006.

Notes:

1. Cents have been omitted and each amount in this Statement is shown to the nearest dollar. Amounts may therefore not add to the totals due to rounding.
2. Issue amounts are the net balance of the issues — that is, the total amount of all issues less any funds recovered or returned.

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Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2005-2006 — \$1,000,000

Page No.	Portfolio	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
		\$	\$
5	Transport and Regional Services	1,000,000	909,043
		1,000,000	909,043

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Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2005-2006 — \$28,940,244

Page No.	Portfolio	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
		\$	\$
6	Environment and Heritage	5,740,122	5,018,864
6	Transport and Regional Services	23,200,122	22,929,343
		28,940,244	27,948,207

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Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2005-2006 — \$1,000,000

Portfolio/Agency	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
	\$	\$
Transport and Regional Services		
Australian Maritime Safety Authority		
Administered expenses — Outcome 1		
Fostering an efficient, sustainable, competitive, safe and secure transport system	1,000,000	909,043
Total: Transport and Regional Services	1,000,000	909,043

**ISSUES FROM THE ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER
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Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2005-2006 — \$28,940,244

Portfolio/Agency	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
	\$	\$
Environment and Heritage		
Department of the Environment and Heritage		
Administered expenses — Outcome 1		
The environment, especially those aspects that are matters of national environmental significance, is protected and conserved	5,073,000	4,351,742
Administered Assets and Liabilities	667,122	667,122
Total: Environment and Heritage	5,740,122	5,018,864
Transport and Regional Services		
Department of Transport and Regional Services		
Administered expenses — Outcome 1		
Fostering an efficient, sustainable, competitive, safe and secure transport system	23,200,122	22,929,343
Total: Transport and Regional Services	23,200,122	22,929,343