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REGIONAL STATEMENT 2005-06

Overview

Introduction

This paper provides information about new initiatives in the 2005-06 Budget that have a specifically regional focus. It does not provide information about existing ongoing funding of regional programs and services, nor does it provide information about other new initiatives that will benefit regions where funds have been allocated on a statewide basis.

South Australia's Regions

The prosperity and well-being of people and communities in regional South Australia is critical to the sustainability of the entire state. Viable regional economies contribute significantly to our economic growth and this needs to be partnered with strong social networks and environmental measures that conserve our water and other natural resources. That is why this budget commits more than \$115 million in new money into regional communities over the next four years.

South Australia's Strategic Plan

South Australians want prosperity and more and better job opportunities; a better education for their children; and a focus on quality health care. We want strong economic growth without compromising the environment or quality of life. We want a fair community that extends opportunity to all. We want young people to have futures to believe in and the opportunities that will allow them to make the most of their abilities while remaining in South Australia. *South Australia's Strategic Plan* acknowledges the importance of these matters to all people in South Australia, and sets down six objectives that focus attention and invite action from Government, industry and the community.

The Government also recognises that for regional communities the achievement of these objectives is affected by the challenges posed by distance and population density. Through Community Cabinets, and other community forums conducted by the Regional Communities Consultative Council, the Government has listened to regional people and stakeholders about the issues and concerns that are most important to them.

Regional Development Framework

A number of key bodies, policies and programs work together to form a sound basis for focussing Government attention on regional issues, through the regional development framework. The Minister for Regional Development is advised by the Regional Communities Consultative Council on matters concerning regions. A network of regional development boards are funded to offer regionally based support for economic development and regional business. The Office of Regional Affairs continues to be a focus for coordinating a cross-government approach to regional development, working with the regional development boards and promoting the interests of regions. The Regional Development Infrastructure Fund supports regional infrastructure projects that contribute to economic viability and development. During 2005-06 the Office of Regional Affairs will continue to manage the Regional Development Infrastructure Fund to ensure that it targets the priorities that Regional Development Boards have set down with their communities.

The Government has improved its decision-making processes to ensure that it is better informed about regional interests. As well as requiring that Cabinet Submissions include regional impact statements, the Government also requires that significant decisions about services include a fuller regional impact assessment before they are implemented.

Regional Communities Consultative Council

The Regional Communities Consultative Council has successfully completed its two year term. The Council has had strong links with regional communities and has been particularly concerned to hear from people in the regions through its regional community forums. The Regional Communities Consultative Council has convened each quarter to meet with regional communities, make site visits, consider regional issues and prepare advice for the Minister for Regional Development. The Council has strong links with regional communities and has been particularly concerned to hear from people in the regions through its regional community forums. It has held economic and social community forums in the Riverland, the South East, Coober Pedy, Roxby Downs and Andamooka, Whyalla, Clare, the Murraylands, Eyre Peninsula and the Fleurieu Peninsula.

The Council has consulted with regional communities and provided significant and valuable advice on a number of key matters that have been included in this budget. Their discussions with communities included indigenous issues, regional infrastructure needs, skills shortages, grain transport, road safety measures, outback water issues, spatial data and the challenges of the River Murray.

The Government appreciates the contribution that the Regional Communities Consultative Council has made to raising and tackling regional issues and has appointed a new Council, to serve for the next two years, with terms of reference that support the continuation and development of the Council's work to further the interests of regional communities.

Regional Development Infrastructure Fund

The guidelines and operation of the Regional Development Infrastructure Fund have been reviewed and improved to align the fund more effectively with regional, industry and State priorities. This has resulted in fuller use of the fund to support economic development in regions. The fund will continue to be an important support for small projects that contribute to the economic development of our regions.

Regional Highlights

In addition to the ongoing budget commitments to regional health, education, justice, transport, etc, this budget allocates more than \$115 million to new regional initiatives over the next four years.

Demonstrating the strength of the Government's commitment to regional South Australia, these initiatives will enable Government, in partnership with regional communities and business, to implement *South Australia's Strategic Plan*. Selected regional initiatives are presented below against the relevant objectives of *South Australia's Strategic Plan*:

Growing prosperity

- Additional support of \$2.6 million over two years has been provided to facilitate a \$4 million upgrade to the Port Lincoln Airport. The balance of \$1.4 million will be provided through the resources of the Strategic Industry Support Fund managed by the Department of Trade and Economic Development. The program is expected to bring major economic developments to the Eyre Peninsula region.

- Additional funds of \$520 000 over four years is provided to regional development boards for the Regional Business Advisors program.
- The Regional Development Infrastructure Fund is continued with a new allocation of \$6.0 million over two years. It will continue to invest in strategic infrastructure projects to support the achievement of the targets of *South Australia's Strategic Plan*, leveraging substantial investment by other spheres of government and the private sector.
- A contribution of \$5.7 million over four years will see an upgrading of road and rail assets on the Eyre Peninsula grain transport network. The Government will work jointly with the Grain Logistics Industry, as well as the Commonwealth and Local governments, to ensure the long-term sustainability of the export grain transport logistics system.
- Regional South Australia will be promoted as a holiday destination in domestic and international marketing campaigns run through the South Australian Tourism Commission. An additional \$2.0 million has been provided in 2005-06 to expand current marketing programs. The campaigns will include targeted promotion of the diversity and quality of the State's regional destinations.

Improving well-being

- Replacement of an existing police aircraft with one that has additional capacity, has been provided for at a cost of \$4.7 million in 2005-06. This will enhance the ability of the South Australia Police to undertake search and rescue, direct support for far remote rural areas, including the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, and provide emergency response capabilities to major incidents.
- Road safety in regional areas has been given priority. An allocation of \$1.4 million over four years has been provided to combat speeding on rural highways. Additional expenditure of \$3.0 million has been budgeted in 2005-06 to build more rural overtaking lanes. There is also an allocation of \$2.6 million over three years to improve road safety in the heavy vehicle industry.

Attaining sustainability

- A reduction in the number of commercial net licences will be facilitated through a licence buyback scheme (costing \$6.0 million in 2004-05 and \$1.0 million in 2005-06) as part of a longer term management strategy.
- Additional resources of \$1.0 million per annum have been provided to the Department for Environment and Heritage to implement a sustainable strategy for the management of koala populations on Kangaroo Island.
- Salt interception schemes on the River Murray will be enhanced by an additional allocation of \$2.4 million over the next four years.
- An allocation of \$1.8 million in 2005-06 toward a number of projects along the River Murray in South Australia that will provide a range of benefits including environmental water savings, improved biodiversity, rehabilitation of degraded wetlands and research into the wiser use of water.
- Additional support of \$1.8 million over four years has been provided for the operations of Natural Resources Management Boards in regional areas. This will allow all regional boards to become operational during 2005-06.

- The South Australian Murray–Darling Basin (SAMDB) Resource Information Centre will be established with an allocation of \$1.2 million over four years. This will support identification of areas within the SAMDB region suitable for sustainable development.
- The Eyre Peninsula water supply project within South Australian Water Corporation’s capital program has been increased from \$25.2 million to \$48.5 million, of which \$31.0 million is now expected to be spent in 2005-06.

Fostering creativity

- An allocation of \$9.5 million over two years has been made to underpin research and development, and the associated market prosperity and expansion, of South Australia’s wine industry, through the establishment of the new Wine Innovation Cluster.

Building communities

- An allocation of \$4.1 million over four years for the Royal Flying Doctor Service base at Port Augusta to ensure the continued provision of aero-medical services to the northern areas of the State.
- The County Fire Service (CFS) and the State Emergency Service are provided with \$4.1 million over four years for the replacement, through lease arrangements, of vehicles.
- The Government will strengthen its support for the critical work of the CFS with:
 - increased operational support of \$2.5 million over four years. This will increase the capacity of the CFS to prepare Risk and Response Plans and actively participate in national planning activities. It will also enable the implementation of the Council of Australian Government’s Bushfire Inquiry recommendations; and
 - an additional allocation of \$2.4 million over four years to increase the capacity of the CFS to utilise aerial fire fighting, particularly in the South East and West Coast.
- \$1.1 million over four years has been provided towards the implementation of the Outback Areas Community Development Trust Strategic Plan. The plan, when fully implemented, will provide significant social, economic, and environmental benefits to residents in the outback. To assist in achieving the strategic plan, the Government has provided additional support to assist in the provision of a range of community projects.

Expanding opportunity

- The Department of Education and Children’s Services will spend \$17.9 million for new specialist teaching areas at Birdwood High School (\$4.7 million over three years), to upgrade areas of the Ernabella Anangu School (\$800 000 over two years), provide facilities at Pipalyatjara Anangu School (\$1.5 million over three years), provide new technology teaching areas at Nuriootpa High School (\$3.6 million over three years), replace equipment and facilities at Kapunda High School (\$2.3 million over two years) and provide new facilities and upgrade existing facilities at Victor Harbor High School (\$5.0 million over three years).
- An additional support package of \$5.4 million to re-establish fire affected farm businesses on Lower Eyre Peninsula and to protect biodiversity in the area. This will add to the \$6 million Fund established to provide for the immediate relief needs of the Lower Eyre Peninsula region.

- The continuation of a range of skills development programs on the APY Lands is supported through the allocation of an additional \$1.7 million over four years.
- There will be \$1.0 million spent over two years to construct the Ceduna Aboriginal Step Down Service, which will provide accommodation for Aboriginal people receiving post-hospital services.
- The continuation of youth programs in Port Augusta will be supported through the allocation of \$820 000 over the next four years.

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Hon Karlene Maywald

MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The South Australian economy has continued to perform solidly during the course of the 2004-05 financial year, albeit with signs of slowing growth in some areas as the year progressed and weaker farm sector output relative to the bumper year in 2003-04.

The outlook for the South Australian economy is for one of moderating, but still solid growth. Expectations are that residential construction activity will be maintained in the first half of 2005, but then decline in 2005-06 as the current backlog of work dissipates. Similarly growth in consumer spending has abated both nationally and in South Australia as compared with the very strong levels of growth recorded in the past two years. Business investment is expected to remain at high levels.

Regional South Australia plays a significant role in South Australian economic activity. This is particularly so for agriculture, wine, energy, and mineral production. Despite the significant contribution of these sectors, detailed analysis of the regional South Australian economy is difficult to undertake because of limited data availability. Nonetheless some indicators are presented in this regional overview regarding population, unemployment and primary production to provide a flavour of the regional South Australian economy. Data for primary production indicators for each region presented below is only available up to the 2003-04 financial year. While primary production data is not yet available for 2004-05 it is known that winter crop production statewide is estimated by ABARE to be 30 per cent lower than in 2003-04 as a result of adverse weather conditions. Furthermore there has been below average rainfall heading into the 2005-06 cropping season.

Population and Unemployment

The estimated residential population of South Australians living within the Adelaide metropolitan area increased by 0.5 per cent through the year to June 2004 to 1.1 million persons. The metropolitan area accounts for 73 per cent of the State's population. Population growth in the rest of the State exceeded that of the Adelaide metropolitan area through the year to June 2004—growing by 0.7 per cent to reach 410 000 persons.

The population of the Outer Adelaide statistical division (which covers the Mt Lofty Ranges, Kangaroo Island, the Barossa and Fleurieu regions) increased by 2.3 per cent through the year to June 2004, the highest growth rate in the State, and reached 121 000 persons (7.9 per cent of the State's population). The Eyre statistical division experienced the State's second highest rate of growth of 0.5 per cent through the year to June 2004. The other South Australian statistical divisions to experience growth through the year to June 2004 were Yorke and Lower North (up 0.4 per cent), Murray Lands (up 0.2 per cent), and the South East (up 0.1 per cent).

Only the Northern statistical division experienced a decline in population, falling by 0.6 per cent through the year to June 2004.

Table 1: Regional population and labour force data^(a)

	Adelaide	Outer Adelaide	Yorke & Lower North	Murray Lands	South East	Eyre	Northern
Estimated resident population ^(b) ('000)	1124.3	121.4	44.7	68.6	63.0	34.6	77.6
Unemployment ^(c) ('000)	36.2	1.9	1.0	1.9	1.3	0.9	3.2
Unemployment rate ^(c) (%)	6.4	3.4	5.0	5.7	3.9	5.1	8.4

Sources: ABS Catalogue No. 3218.0.55.001; Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets.

(a) Regional classifications are in accordance with ABS Australian Standard Geographical Classification structure.

(b) Estimated resident population is at the end of June 2004.

(c) Unemployment and unemployment rate estimates are annual averages for 2004.

According to small area labour market data published by the Federal Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, two statistical divisions in South Australia experienced an average unemployment rate below 4 per cent during 2004. The lowest average unemployment rate was recorded for the Outer Adelaide statistical division (3.4 per cent on average in 2004) followed by the South East statistical division (3.9 per cent). The Yorke and Lower North and Eyre statistical divisions recorded unemployment rates of 5.0 and 5.1 per cent respectively. The Murray Lands statistical division's unemployment rate averaged 5.7 per cent in 2004. The Adelaide metropolitan area experienced the second highest unemployment rate in the State, averaging 6.4 per cent in 2004, with the highest unemployment rate recorded in the Northern statistical division (8.4 per cent).

Primary Production

The value of South Australia's primary production rose by 3.2 per cent in 2003-04, according to estimates compiled by the Department of Primary Industries and Resources.

The value of field crops rose by 23 per cent in 2003-04, with the Murray Lands region experiencing a 222 per cent growth rate from a drought affected 2002-03. South Australia's two major cropping regions, Yorke and Lower North, and Eyre, also experienced growth in the value of field crop production, rising by 10 per cent and 21 per cent respectively.

The value of South Australian wine production increased by 28 per cent in 2003-04 with very strong growth in the Adelaide and South East regions. The large wine producing regions of Outer Adelaide and Murray Lands also experienced growth in production values in 2003-04.

All other major primary production categories experienced declines in production values in 2003-04. The value of livestock production fell 9.9 per cent, while dairy output decreased by 13 per cent during 2003-04. Low prices for wool were a major contributor to the fall in the value of livestock production over this period.

Horticulture production (excluding wine) is concentrated in Adelaide and Murray Lands. Production values increased in the Adelaide region (up 5.5 per cent) but fell in the Murray Lands region (down 6.7 per cent) during 2003-04. The value of horticultural production in the State as a whole was down 2.1 per cent—largely a result of the lower prices accruing to horticultural products following the high prices achieved during the drought affected 2002.

Table 2: Selected Regional Primary Output (\$ millions) ^(a)

	Adelaide	Outer Adelaide	Yorke & Lower North	Murray Lands	South East	Eyre	Northern	Total
2002-03								
Field crops	13.0	59.8	410.7	44.9	124.1	331.1	72.7	1 056.3
Livestock	81.0	174.9	178.7	226.9	364.9	118.0	260.9	1 405.5
Dairy	21.4	54.8	7.0	63.6	71.8	0.0	0.2	218.8
Horticulture (excl. wine)	128.3	25.7	1.5	283.2	47.9	0.2	1.7	488.5
Seafood	7.6	20.4	26.8	1.1	66.1	337.2	0.7	459.9
Wine	102.6	163.1	29.0	216.8	118.8	1.5	2.1	634.0
Minerals	81.6	32.5	28.0	9.7	10.5	3.7	819.3	985.3
Petroleum	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.0	0.0	680.0	701.0
Total	435.6	531.3	681.7	846.3	825.0	791.7	1 837.6	5 949.2
2003-04								
Field crops	22.9	57.3	453.5	144.7	131.0	401.8	87.5	1 298.7
Livestock	78.7	164.0	146.7	205.3	348.6	94.6	229.2	1 266.9
Dairy	19.5	47.4	6.3	55.0	62.1	0.0	0.2	190.4
Horticulture (excl. wine)	135.4	26.6	1.4	264.2	48.7	0.2	1.7	478.2
Seafood	12.6	19.8	29.0	1.1	45.2	317.5	0.8	425.9
Wine	170.5	187.3	29.0	234.0	188.6	1.5	2.1	813.0
Minerals	66.2	22.5	37.4	9.5	11.6	4.1	863.5	1 014.8
Petroleum	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.8	0.0	632.3	653.1
Total	505.8	524.9	703.2	913.8	856.6	819.6	1 817.2	6 141.1

Source: South Australian Department of Primary Industries and Resources (PIRSA).

(a) All figures are estimates.

The value of South Australia's seafood harvest decreased by 7.4 per cent. The major production area, the Eyre region, experienced a decline of 5.8 per cent in the value of its seafood production.

The value of mineral production increased by 3.0 per cent in 2003-04. The Northern region is South Australia's major minerals producer, accounting for over 85 per cent of the value of minerals production in 2003-04. Minerals are also a significant product for the region, contributing almost half of the value of primary output.

While the value of mineral production rose in 2003-04 in the Northern (up 5.4 per cent), Yorke and Lower North (up 34 per cent) and South East (up 11 per cent) regions, production values fell in the regions of Adelaide (19 per cent), Outer Adelaide (31 per cent) and Murray Lands (1.8 per cent).

The value of petroleum production declined by 6.8 per cent in 2003-04. More than 95 per cent of this production occurs in the Northern region.

2005-06 BUDGET MEASURES

Growing prosperity

Portfolio: Premier and Cabinet

Agency: Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Expenditure Initiative: AustralAsia Railway Corporation — ongoing State contribution

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-150	-150	-100	-100

Explanation

The AustralAsia Railway Corporation (AARC) is the joint South Australian /Northern Territory Government body which managed the awarding of contracts, oversaw the construction of the Adelaide–Darwin Railway and now protects the two Governments’ investments in the railway for the duration of the 50-year contract. Each government pays one half of the jointly agreed AARC annual operating budget.

The South Australian Government has invested a total of \$176.4 million in the \$1.3 billion railway project.

The construction of the railway brought major benefits to South Australian industry. South Australian companies won \$442 million of work on the project, 50 per cent going to companies in the Upper Spencer Gulf.

The Adelaide–Darwin railway provides a safe, reliable, environmentally-friendly transport corridor between South Australia, the Northern Territory and into Asia, with the potential to provide new trade, export and tourism opportunities and to reduce the volume of heavy truck movements in the corridor.

FreightLink, the operator of the railway, advises that, in its first year of operations, the railway carried nearly 600 000 tonnes of freight. New domestic and international opportunities, including new bulk minerals transport, are being vigorously pursued by the operator.

Portfolio: Premier and Cabinet

Agency: Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Expenditure Initiative: Aboriginal Heritage Act — expansion of administrative capacity

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-1 000	-1 025	-1 051	-1 077

Explanation

In April 2004, Cabinet directed that processes and procedures associated with the administration of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* be reviewed, with a view to ensuring compliance with existing legislative requirements, to improving protection of Aboriginal heritage, and to provide greater clarity and certainty to developers with regard to their obligations.

This allocation will establish seven new positions and provide additional assessment funds to ensure a rigorous administration of the current Act and help ensure that applications for cultural heritage assessments are effectively addressed. A significant proportion of affected development proposals are located in regional areas.

Portfolio: Trade and Economic Development

Agency: Department of Trade and Economic Development

Expenditure Initiative: Port Lincoln Airport — redevelopment

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses ^(a)	-1 600	-1 000	—	—

(a) Over and above these amounts \$1.4 million will be redirected from existing resources.

Explanation

Additional support of \$2.6 million has been provided to facilitate a \$4 million upgrade to the Port Lincoln Airport infrastructure. The balance of \$1.4 million will be provided through existing resources of the Strategic Industry Support Fund.

The upgrade will assist economic and tourism development through the reinvigoration and development of Eyre Peninsula's tourism industry. Further work will be undertaken, in collaboration with the South Australian Tourism Commission, to engage local government, the community, airline operators, developers and other relevant private sector parties to negotiate with airline companies and key stakeholders regarding:

- provision of jet services to Port Lincoln;
- the upgrade of the Port Lincoln Airport; and
- the development of a tourism/marketing campaign.

This program is expected to be a catalyst which will bring major economic development benefits to the Eyre Peninsula region, through the stimulation of significant tourism growth and supportive infrastructure development.

Portfolio: Trade and Economic Development

Agency: Department of Trade and Economic Development

Expenditure Initiative: Regional Business Advisors ^(a)

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-130	-130	-130	-130

(a) This is a component of a larger measure under the Department of Trade and Economic Development titled 'Small Business services — expansion of current activity'.

Explanation

The Regional Business Advisor program is designed to lead to increased sustainable profitable turnover of small to medium sized businesses through improved business management skills for owners/managers, leading to increased employment, export opportunities and investor readiness.

The Regional Business Advisors are located within the Regional Development Board Framework. These funds will increase support from \$715 000 per annum to \$845 000 per annum, reflecting the higher level of activity in regional South Australia.

Portfolio: Trade and Economic Development

Agency: Department of Trade and Economic Development

Expenditure Initiative: Regional Development Infrastructure Fund

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-3 000	-3 000	—	—

Explanation

The Regional Development Infrastructure Fund (RDIF) aims to increase investment in strategic areas of infrastructure to support and achieve the targets in South Australia's Strategic Plan, such as jobs, economic growth, investment and exports.

The fund will support projects that are shown to be a priority for economic development with broad benefits for an industry or region.

Portfolio: Primary Industries and Resources

Agency: Administered Items for the Department of Primary Industries and Resources

Expenditure Initiative: Cattle Industry Fund — control of Bovine Johne's disease in South Australia

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses ^(a)	-732	-701	64	75

(a) An amount of \$302 000 has also been provided in 2004-05.

Explanation

The implementation of an improved bovine Johne's disease (BJD) control program in the South Australian dairy industry, to improve on-farm productivity, trade access and product quality through a quality management approach. The program will:

- protect the status of clean or low prevalence of infection herds;
- reduce the risk of BJD spreading between dairy herds; and
- reduce disease spread within infected herds, which will result in an improved herd risk category and reduced contamination of product and the farm environment.

Portfolio: Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Agency: Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Expenditure Initiative: Eyre Peninsula Grain Transport Plan — infrastructure upgrade

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-2 563	-3 150	—	—

Explanation

The grain industry, particularly on the Eyre Peninsula, is of vital importance to South Australia's economy. This initiative helps to ensure its long-term viability. Expenditure has been allocated to critical road and rail improvements to complete the Lincoln Highway and to purchase steel sleepers for use on the railway.

This represents the State Government's contribution to upgrading rail and road assets on the Eyre Peninsula grain transport network. This is a cooperative approach with the Grain Logistics Industry, Commonwealth and Local Governments to ensure the long-term sustainability of the export grain transport logistics system. Including existing resources directed to the project the total State contribution is expected to be \$10 million.

Portfolio: Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Agency: Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Expenditure Initiative: Kangaroo Island roads — upgrades

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses ^(a)	-117	-400	-400	-400

(a) Expenditure met through increased port charges.

Explanation

Roads are critical components of South Australia's important tourism infrastructure. On Kangaroo Island these roads include the South Coast Road, West End Highway, Seal Bay access and North Coast Bays access. Many of these roads carry levels of traffic (predominately tourist traffic), which are similar to arterial roads on the mainland. This high level of tourism use causes an increased rate of deterioration of the road asset and there is a limited rate base with no provision for tourists to contribute to the associated maintenance costs.

Increases to the level of port charges, with the subsequent reinvestment of the funds raised by those increases, will assist in maintaining the roads at an appropriate standard.

Portfolio: Tourism

Agency: South Australian Tourism Commission

Expenditure Initiative: Australian Tourism Exchange — support for the 2006 event

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-500	—	—	—

Explanation

The Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE) is a tourism trade show that brings together Australian tourism operators (sellers) and international wholesale buyers. It is Australia's premier international tourism trade event and the largest international trade show in the Southern Hemisphere. The SATC was successful in its bid to stage the 2006 event.

One of the major benefits from staging the ATE is the exposure of the host city's tourism product to key international wholesale companies that delivers ongoing benefits to the State by increasing awareness of the destination and attracting greater international visitation. Once international wholesalers have first-hand experience of South Australia it is much easier to get South Australian product in packages and brochures.

It is expected that the 2006 ATE will attract over 2000 delegates over the duration of the event, with around 600 of those being international tourism wholesalers from 50 countries. Regional benefits will be realised by the development and implementation of an extensive pre- and post-event familiarisation program to all twelve tourism regions within South Australia. The SATC's goal is to showcase regional South Australia to at least half of the international wholesalers to increase their ability to promote and sell the State.

Portfolio: Tourism

Agency: South Australian Tourism Commission

Expenditure Initiative: Domestic and international marketing — campaign to promote South Australia as a holiday destination

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-2 000	—	—	—

Explanation

The overall aim of the initiative is to increase visitor numbers and length of stay and, more particularly, increase visitor yield. Within this overall aim, a key goal of the initiative is to impact regional dispersal of visitors to South Australia. The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) will achieve this by promoting greater awareness of the diversity and quality of the State's authentic destinations that are so readily accessible in South Australian regions.

The domestic campaign will be refocused and consist of a number of elements:

- *Wine and Food Campaign* — The campaign aims to retain and grow South Australia's position as the premier wine and food State. The SATC will continue with its current Wine and Food Campaign and further develop its partnerships with the food and wine industries to provide distinctive regional wine, food and tourism experiences.
- *Visiting Friends and Relatives Campaign* — Currently, 31 per cent of our interstate visitors list visiting friends and relatives as the main purpose of travel. The campaign will capitalise on the introduction of low cost air carriers to South Australia and encourage short break stays. It will have a strong focus on encouraging visiting friends and relatives to stay longer and visit regional South Australia.
- *Linger Longer Campaign* — The campaign focuses on conference and convention delegates and people attracted to sporting and cultural events as well as visiting friends and relatives of overseas students studying in Adelaide. The campaign is designed to encourage these visitors to extend their stay in South Australia and visit regional areas, generating extra export dollars and creating jobs right across the State. Results to date have been very encouraging and the SATC will continue to work with conference and convention organisers, Education Adelaide and the education sector to increase stay, spend and yield.

There will also be an increase in international marketing activity. The SATC established an office in Hong Kong in 2004. In 2005-06, the SATC will work with the office to educate trade and undertake consumer marketing activity. The marketing activity will focus on the fast growing market of China, initially focusing on southern China.

The SATC will also undertake additional trade marketing and cooperative marketing with wholesale partners in the United Kingdom market. In addition, the SATC will target the emerging market of India and continue the New Zealand brand campaign. Key tourism attributes that the SATC promotes vary from market to market—the focus will be on regional destinations and product that each international market is seeking and therefore any increase in the number of visitors to South Australia will benefit these regions.

Portfolio: Tourism

Agency: South Australian Tourism Commission

Expenditure Initiative: South Australian Visitor and Travel Centre — establish an information and booking outlet at the new Adelaide Airport

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-250	-256	-263	-269

Explanation

The SATC will establish a visitor information and booking centre in the arrivals hall at the new Adelaide Airport facility due to open in October 2005.

The Centre will give the SATC the chance to talk directly to visitors, discuss their requirements and needs and provide invaluable advice. In South Australia, this is particularly important if they are collecting a vehicle and driving directly to a regional area, supporting the SATC's strategic direction of targeting the self-drive market.

A key benefit of establishing the centre is the potential to impact regional dispersal of visitors to South Australia through the recommendation and sales of various tourism products. Current experience shows that through customer contact we are able to positively influence decisions to travel regionally, as part of the total visitor stay, and the airport location will also offer this opportunity.

A key objective of the centre is to encourage visitors to stay longer and spend more throughout regional South Australia, which will ultimately help local economies and create more jobs for regional areas. The centre will also allow staff to encourage visitors to extend their journey into other regions of the State, dispersing the tourism dollar throughout the State.

Agency: ForestrySA

Expenditure Initiative: Land Acquisition Program

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-3 000	-3 000	-3 000	-3 000

Explanation

ForestrySA is actively expanding its land acquisition program to further grow its future available timber resource to meet the expanding needs of the timber processing industry, particularly in the Green Triangle region of the South East.

Improving well-being

Portfolio: Justice

Agency: South Australia Police

Expenditure Initiative: Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands — increased police resources

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-180	—	—	—

Explanation

The APY Lands strategy included the establishment of employee housing on the Lands. This was planned to occur in 2004-05. Commencement of the program has been delayed by negotiations with the APY Lands Council on preferred locations for the dwellings.

To maintain a police presence until housing is available, additional expenditure of \$180 000 has been allocated in 2005-06 for aircraft and travel related costs.

Portfolio: Justice

Agency: South Australia Police

Expenditure Initiative: Police aircraft — upgraded specification

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-4 700	—	—	—
Operating Expenses	-132	-173	-183	-194

Explanation

The South Australia Police's (SAPOL) capital investment program for 2004-05 included \$2.9 million for the replacement of one of the two Cessna 402 aircraft. These aircraft provide SAPOL with the ability to undertake search and rescue, direct support for far remote rural areas including the APY Lands and an emergency response to major incidents.

The capacity of SAPOL to respond to incidents in regional South Australia will be enhanced by a significant upgrade to the previous specification for the replacement aircraft. As a result of the decision to upgrade the specification, acquisition of the aircraft has been rescheduled to 2005-06.

Portfolio: Justice

Agency: South Australia Police

Expenditure Initiative: Road safety — targeting of speeding on rural highways

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-347	-357	-367	-375

Explanation

Approximately 60 per cent of road crash fatalities currently occur in rural areas. This strategy will contribute to the goal of achieving a 40 per cent reduction in South Australian road crash fatalities by 2010 indicated in the National and State Road Safety Strategies. This initiative will provide high visibility police patrols on rural highways.

Specialist traffic police are used to supplement Local Service Area resources on nominated high risk rural highways across South Australia to improve the behaviour of road users.

Patrols will focus on drink driving, speed, seat belt compliance and fatigue to make travel on rural highways safer.

Portfolio: Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Agency: Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Expenditure Initiative: Marine safety — radio monitoring service

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-118	-135	—	—
Operating Expenses	-600	-600	-646	-662

Explanation

This service will provide an improved distress and safety communication system for all vessel operators throughout the State from the far West Coast to the South East.

It will provide improved safety to commercial and recreational vessel operators enabling them to receive important regular updates of weather and safety message broadcasts and, in the case of an emergency at sea, they will be able to communicate with a shore based station that can coordinate rescue operations.

Portfolio: Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Agency: Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Expenditure Initiative: Road safety — expansion of Rural Overtaking Lane program

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-3 000	—	—	—

Explanation

Overtaking lanes on rural roads are an effective means of accommodating the needs of passenger and freight transport by permitting faster vehicles to safely pass large trucks and slower vehicles. Roads with overtaking lanes have up to a 25 per cent lower crash rate than those without.

The overall regional benefits include:

- improved transport efficiencies and consequently freight competitiveness for the State with flow-on benefits to the community;
- reduced crash outcomes on rural arterial roads and reduced impact of road trauma within rural communities; and
- improved communication and social interaction for people in rural communities through improved transport arrangements.

It is planned to expand the existing overtaking lane program by constructing three overtaking lanes in 2005-06 including two new lanes on the Noarlunga to Cape Jervis Road and the extension of an existing lane on the Noarlunga–Victor Harbor Road.

Portfolio: Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Agency: Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Expenditure Initiative: Road safety – heavy vehicle compliance

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	—	-1 199	-751	-646

Explanation

For statewide road safety improvements, the government has provided additional funding to implement the Road Transport Reform (Compliance and Enforcement) Bill as approved by the Australian Transport Council (ATC).

This initiative will improve road safety in the heavy vehicle industry by increasing compliance and enforcement activities. The initiative currently applies to heavy vehicles with gross mass over 4.5 tonnes. However, jurisdictions have the discretion to apply it more broadly to light vehicles.

Attaining sustainability

Portfolio: Trade and Economic Development

Agency: Department of Trade and Economic Development

Expenditure Initiative: South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Resource Information Centre — establishment

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-400	-280	-284	-293

Explanation

The South Australian Murray–Darling Basin (SAMDB) Resource Information Centre (RIC) will be used to identify areas within the SAMDB region suitable for sustainable development that will assist in meeting the goal of trebling South Australia’s export income to \$25 billion by 2013.

The challenge is to maintain/increase production levels along the River Murray whilst addressing environmental issues. To do this will require access to spatial information, both by the public and private sectors. The RIC will be based on the proven South East Resource Information Centre model.

To enable the development of the database, the Government will provide upfront assistance as well as ongoing operational support. Industry contributions will be sought once the project is operational. A RIC Management Group and a RIC Reference Group have been established to guide the formation of the SAMDB-RIC with a consultancy brief for the preparation of a RIC business case.

Portfolio: Primary Industries and Resources

Agency: Department of Primary Industries and Resources

Expenditure Initiative: Fisheries — reducing the number of commercial net licences

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses ^(a)	-1 000	—	—	—

(a) An amount of \$6.0 million has also been provided in 2004-05.

Explanation

The primary objective of the net restructure in the Marine Scalefish Fishery is to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the fishery through reducing the effort by commercial net fishing on primary target species, particularly Garfish, King George Whiting, Tommy Ruff, Calamari and Snook.

The Government will facilitate the reduction in commercial net licences through a licence buyback scheme, targeting marine scalefish licence holders with net endorsements as part of a longer-term management strategy of rationalising the number of operators, and the level of fishing effort to meet sustainability targets for key marine scalefish stocks.

Priority areas for the reduction in net effort are Coobowie Bay/Edithburgh, Stansbury to Rogues Point, Tumby Bay, Venus Bay, Moonta Bay to Corny Point and metropolitan Adelaide.

Portfolio: Environment and Conservation and the River Murray

Agency: Department for Environment and Heritage

Expenditure Initiative: Koala management — Kangaroo Island

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-1 000	-1 000	-1 000	-1 000

Explanation

Additional resources of \$1.0 million per annum are provided to the Department for Environment and Heritage to reduce koala densities on Kangaroo Island to sustainable levels and, as a consequence, improve the health of the ecosystem. This initiative will implement a sustainable long-term sterilisation and relocation strategy for the management of koala populations on Kangaroo Island.

Portfolio: Environment and Conservation and the River Murray

Agency: Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation

Expenditure Initiative: Murray-Darling Basin Commission — increased State contribution

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-100	—	—	—

Explanation

South Australia and other basin partners' contributions will fund a proposed expenditure program totalling \$99.9 million for 2005-06. The Commission's budget provides for basin wide works and measures including progressing the Living Murray Initiative.

Portfolio: Environment and Conservation and the River Murray

Agency: Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation

Expenditure Initiative: Natural Resources Management Boards — additional support for regional boards

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-1 000	-300	200	-300

Explanation

The *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* establishes a new structure for achieving ecologically sustainable development in a more efficient and effective manner. Through 2004-05 the members of the Natural Resources Management (NRM) Council and eight regional NRM Boards were appointed. Operational arrangements and the respective roles and responsibilities of government agencies and regional boards were also clarified.

The increased support included in the 2005-06 Budget will allow all NRM Boards to become operational through the provision of business and technology support structures.

Portfolio: Environment and Conservation and the River Murray

Agency: Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation

Expenditure Initiative: River Murray Salt Interception Scheme — operating costs

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-300	-690	-700	-720

Explanation

Salt interception schemes reduce salt loads resulting from natural groundwater inflow, mallee clearing and irrigation development from reaching the floodplain and the River Murray. The benefits derived from these schemes are:

- water quality downstream is protected and assists in achieving the target of 800 EC 95 per cent of the time at Morgan;
- underpin sustainable irrigation development; and
- allows for management of salinity impacts on the floodplain.

The additional expenditure represents the State share of the operating costs associated with the Murray–Darling Basin Commission/State jointly owned schemes at Bookpurnong and Loxton.

Portfolio: Environment and Conservation and the River Murray

Agency: Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation

Expenditure Initiative: South Australian River Murray Projects — additional support

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-1 800	—	—	—

Explanation

The decision by some Murray–Darling partners not to increase contributions to fund the operations of the Murray–Darling Basin Commission to the level recommended, effectively reduced South Australia’s contribution by \$1.8 million. Being an exemplar State in the Murray–Darling Basin, the Government has decided to redirect these funds toward a number of projects along the River Murray in South Australia that will provide a range of benefits including environmental water savings, improved biodiversity, rehabilitation of degraded wetlands and research into the wiser use of water.

Fostering creativity

Portfolio: Primary Industries and Resources

Agency: Department of Primary Industries and Resources

Expenditure Initiative: Wine Innovation Cluster — collaborative research and development support

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-7 000	-2 500	—	—

Explanation

South Australia's wine industry success in developing new export markets over the previous decade faces threats as other wine producing nations copy Australian strategies in key markets. Continued export success will be reliant on innovation developed and delivered through world class infrastructure that enhances the wine industry's competitive advantages and targets consumer preferences.

This initiative will assist in ensuring that South Australia maintains a pre-eminent position in the Australian wine industry. It will provide the collaborative Research and Development (R&D) and technical support resources and infrastructure required to sustain the future of the industry in this State. It will provide additional State infrastructure through the creation of the new National Wine Innovation Cluster on the site of the current Australian Wine Research Institute at Waite, and will allow for the collocation of the State's viticulture and wine research capabilities. This will create an innovative 'winegrowing' research hub to increase the international competitiveness of the Australian industry.

The outcome of this investment will be to provide the next generation of integrated 'vineyard to bottle' R&D capability, infrastructure, technologies and services required to support and ensure a sound sustainable, environmentally responsible basis for the future of the Australian Wine Industry, as well as ensuring South Australia maintains its premier status in the industry.

This initiative delivers benefits to all South Australia's wine viticulture and wine making regions, including; Coonawara, Limestone Coast, McLaren Vale, Riverland, Barossa Valley, Clare, Langhorne Creek, Adelaide Hills and Lower Eyre Peninsula. It will underpin the continued market expansion and prosperity of the State's wine industry to achieve its sales target of \$3.1 billion by 2010.

Building communities

Portfolio: Justice

Agency: Emergency Services Administrative Unit

Expenditure Initiative: Emergency services vehicles — replacement of existing vehicles through lease arrangements

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-630	-954	-1 133	-1 407

Explanation

Additional resources of \$4.1 million will be provided to the Country Fire Service (CFS) and the State Emergency Service (SES) for the replacement, through lease arrangements, of vehicles, some of which were transferred from local government.

The CFS and SES will replace 69 CFS Four Wheel Drive vehicles and 83 SES Four Wheel Drive vehicles respectively over the next five years. These vehicles are a combination of Group Command vehicles which facilitate reconnaissance, the transportation of quick response strike teams and provide ‘on-site’ command and control to volunteer firefighters, and Group Logistics Vehicles which are necessary for the provision of relief strike teams, general transport of firefighting personnel and the provision of equipment, mapping and catering. SES emergency vehicles are necessary for the provision of emergency response and recovery throughout the State.

The additional resources will enable the CFS and SES to maintain a fleet of vehicles which are operationally safe and address the issue of distribution of resources due to competing regional demands.

Portfolio: Justice

Agency: Country Fire Service

Expenditure Initiative: Aerial fire fighting — increased capacity

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-370	-670	-687	-704

Explanation

Additional resources of \$2.4 million over four years will be provided to the CFS for increased capacity to adopt aerial fire fighting, particularly in the South East and the West Coast.

The additional resources will provide the CFS with an additional aircraft on a ‘call as needed basis’ for state-wide operations from 2005-06 and one additional contract fixed wing aircraft for the South East of the State from 2006-07. This will be achieved through revised contract arrangements with the National Aerial Fire Fighting Company. In addition, the CFS will be able to engage ‘call when needed’ helicopters via the new State Rescue Helicopter Service contractor.

A fixed wing aerial observation platform will also be established to provide strategic intelligence over fire areas. This will give the CFS the ability to strategically place aircraft at locations beyond the Mount Lofty Ranges and South East (ie. West Coast), during times of extreme bushfire risk.

The additional resources will also enable the CFS to provide training and accreditation for volunteer aviation personnel. The CFS will be able to more actively contribute to the management and operation of the State Rescue Helicopter Service.

Portfolio: Justice

Agency: Country Fire Service

Expenditure Initiative: Operational planning and preparedness — increased support

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-612	-627	-643	-659

Explanation

Additional resources of \$2.5 million over four years will be provided to the CFS to increase operational planning support in each CFS region.

Currently the CFS has an operational planning section with three full time equivalents located in the CFS Headquarters and one regional operations planning officer located in four of the CFS’s six regions. The additional support will allow for one operational planning officer for the remaining two regions, one additional operations planning officer for two of the most active regions and two additional operational planning officers for CFS Headquarters with associated administrative support.

The additional resources will increase the capacity for the CFS to prepare adequate Risk and Response Plans which will enhance the CFS operational response to incidents at critical sites and/or public events. It will enable the CFS to move towards the national focus of increased operational planning and preparedness and, to actively participate in whole of government, national and international planning activities, including counter-terrorism exercises. It will also enable the implementation of the recommendations of the Council of Australian Governments Bushfire Inquiry.

Portfolio: Primary Industries and Resources

Agency: Department of Primary Industries and Resources

Expenditure Initiative: Lower Eyre Peninsula — Agriculture, Natural Resources and Biodiversity Re-establishment Program

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses ^(a)	-2 655	-2 195	—	—

(a) \$100 000 also spent in 2004-05. Over and above these amounts \$400 000 has been redirected from existing resources.

Explanation

On 12 January 2005, the Premier announced the creation of the Lower Eyre Peninsula Relief Fund. This \$6 million Fund was established to provide for the immediate relief needs of the Lower Eyre Peninsula community. Resources were also committed over and above these amounts from agency budgets in the order of \$4.3 million.

An additional support package of \$5.4 million will also be provided to re-establish fire affected farm businesses on Lower Eyre Peninsula and to protect biodiversity in the area. The expenditure package is funded by an additional allocation from the State Government of \$2.3 million, \$400 000 to be redirected from other State programs, and matching funds of \$2.7 million (to be received over three years) from the Commonwealth.

Support will be provided in the form of planning facilitators, technical specialists and direct financial grants to implement productivity, natural resources and biodiversity improvement. The direct grants will require a co-investment from the land owner. The overall program will expedite agricultural recovery and lead to more sustainable land management in the region.

Portfolio: Primary Industries and Resources

Agency: Outback Areas Community Development Trust

Expenditure Initiative: Andamooka water supply — new supply pipeline

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments ^(a)	-200	—	—	—

(a) An amount of \$300 000 has also been provided in 2004-05.

Explanation

Additional resources of \$500 000 to establish a water supply pipeline from Roxby Downs to Andamooka and to undertake investigations to enable the Outback Area Community Development Trust to progress other priority water supply infrastructure projects for outback towns (such as Glendambo, Yunta and Mintabie).

Portfolio: Primary Industries and Resources

Agency: Outback Areas Community Development Trust

Expenditure Initiative: Community programs — expansion

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-256	-263	-269	-276

Explanation

In September 2003, the Minister for Local Government launched the Outback Areas Community Development Trust Strategic Plan. The plan, when fully implemented, will provide significant social, economic, and environmental benefits to residents in the outback.

To assist in achieving the strategic plan, the Government has provided additional support to assist in the provision of a range of community projects. Examples are expected to include:

- Fowlers Bay Power generation implementation;
- upgrade of community waste management facilities to comply with EPA standards; and
- upgrade of the Innamincka toilet and shower blocks.

Portfolio: Health

Agency: Department of Health

Expenditure Initiative: Royal Flying Doctor Service — Port Augusta base

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-1 000	-1 025	-1 050	-1 075

Explanation

Additional resources to ensure continued provision of aero-medical services (primary health care, emergency evacuations and allied health transport) to the northern areas of the State, subject to negotiation of conditions.

Expanding opportunities

Portfolio: Premier and Cabinet

Agency: Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Expenditure Initiative: Yalata Community Centre — operational support

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-50	-100	-100	-100

Explanation

The Yalata community centre will provide a positive focal point for community health and family programs aimed at reducing violence, improving health and school attendance. It is an interagency, inter-government project, with support from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Department for Education and Children's Services, and the Department for Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology.

Funding will provide a contribution to infrastructure (\$50 000) and support ongoing operations (\$100 000 per annum) including a TAFE Training Centre, a crèche, offices, training, recreational facilities, and a swimming pool.

Portfolio: Justice

Agency: Attorney-General's Department

Expenditure Initiative: Port Augusta Youth Support Strategy — ongoing support

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-205	-205	-205	-205

Explanation

Ongoing resources will enable the State government to maintain its financial contribution to the operation of the Port Augusta Youth Support Strategy, the Port Augusta Youth Centre and the provision of summer activities. This will ensure the continuation of these youth initiatives and the partnerships involved in their delivery, coordination and funding.

The Port Augusta Youth Support Strategy contributes to the building of community safety, well-being and crime prevention. A recent evaluation confirmed that, in conjunction with a local Youth Centre and a Summer Activities Program, the Strategy has reduced the fear of crime and level of street crime. In the evaluation, 78 per cent of the young people surveyed reported feeling safer at night as a result of the service.

Street youth workers, mentors and Child, Youth and Family Services, work in partnership with the Youth Centre, police, community groups, local schools and the Port Augusta City Council to provide support and activities for youth at night, weekends and during the summer vacation. A large majority of the youth assisted are of Aboriginal background and most are aged between 11 and 19 years.

The program is consistent with the objective of the 'Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Enterprise Zone' to improve the coordination of government services. It also demonstrates collaboration within government and between State and Local Governments, business, the public and community agencies to respond to local needs and the priorities identified in the Port Augusta Social Vision and Action Plan.

Portfolio: Health

Agency: Department of Health

Expenditure Initiative: Ceduna Aboriginal Step Down Service

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-900	-100	—	—

Explanation

The construction of a facility that will provide accommodation for Aboriginal people receiving post-hospital treatment. This project was approved in the 2004-05 Budget as part of the Commonwealth funded Pathways Home operating initiative.

Portfolio: Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology

Agency: Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology

Expenditure Initiative: TAFE system — continuation of skills development programs on Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expenses	-400	-410	-420	-431

Explanation

The additional resources will meet cost pressures associated with the delivery of community based TAFE programs in the APY Lands.

Portfolio: Education and Children's Services

Agency: Department of Education and Children's Services

Expenditure Initiative: Birdwood High School

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-300	-2 000	-2 400	—

Explanation

The provision of new specialist teaching areas for Home Economics, Arts and Technology, to consolidate secondary specialist areas.

Portfolio: Education and Children's Services

Agency: Department of Education and Children's Services

Expenditure Initiative: Ernabella Anangu School

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-100	-700	—	—

Explanation

The upgrade of the Child Parent Centre and the administration area to support the work of the Ernabella Anangu School.

Portfolio: Education and Children's Services

Agency: Department of Education and Children's Services

Expenditure Initiative: Kapunda High School

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-300	-2 000	—	—

Explanation

The replacement of chemistry and general laboratories and associated storage and teacher preparation areas to enhance teaching and learning at Kapunda High School.

Portfolio: Education and Children's Services

Agency: Department of Education and Children's Services

Expenditure Initiative: Nuriootpa High School

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-100	-1 000	-2 500	—

Explanation

The provision of new specialist technology teaching areas to enhance teaching and learning at Nuriootpa High School.

Portfolio: Education and Children's Services

Agency: Department of Education and Children's Services

Expenditure Initiative: Pipalyatjara Anangu School

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-100	-1 000	-400	—

Explanation

The provision of a new Early Learning Centre, four new transportable classrooms and student toilets to support teaching and learning at Pipalyatjara Anangu School.

Portfolio: Education and Children's Services

Agency: Department of Education and Children's Services

Expenditure Initiative: Victor Harbor High School

Budget Implications (\$000s)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Investing Payments	-650	-1 273	-3 077	—

Explanation

The provision of new senior school accommodation and a resource centre, and upgrade of the administration area.

