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The Department of Human Services was created on 26 October 2004 to improve the development and delivery of Government social and health related services to the Australian people. The department is responsible for ensuring the Government is able to get best value for money in service delivery while emphasising continuous service improvement and a whole of government approach.

AGENCIES WITHIN HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services comprises the following General Government Sector entities:

- The Department of Human Services, incorporating the core department, the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia;
- Centrelink; and
- the Health Insurance Commission.

The portfolio also contains the following non-general government sector entities:

Public Non-Financial Corporation

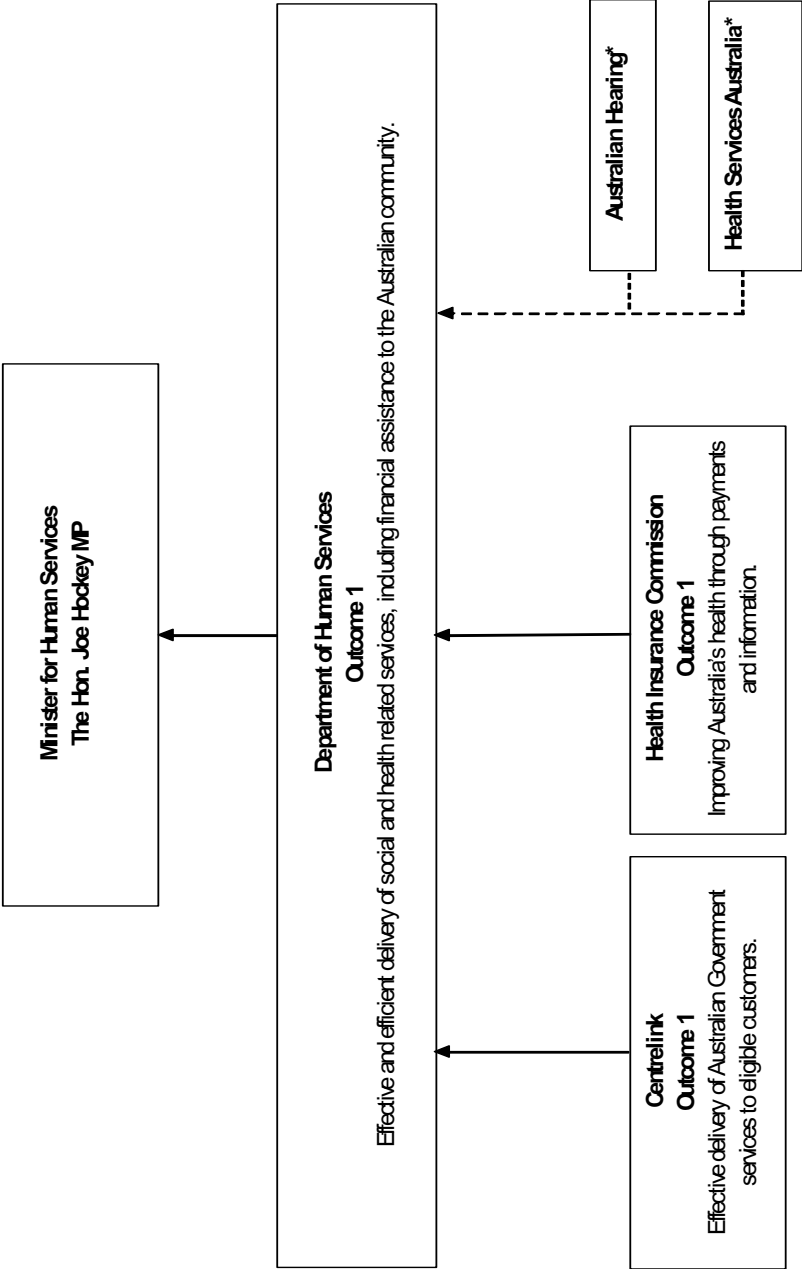
- Australian Hearing

Public Financial Corporation

- Health Services Australia

As required under Section 12 of the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998*, non-general government sector entities are not consolidated into the Commonwealth general government sector fiscal estimates. These entities are not reported in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements.

Figure 1: Structure of outcomes



* The Outcome Output Framework only applies to Budget appropriations. These agencies are not Budget funded entities and their revenues do not flow directly to the Budget. Therefore these agencies do not have to report under Budget Outcomes.

Table B.1: Summary of All Human Services Measures since the 2004-05 Budget

Measure	Outcome	Output groups affected	Appropriations 2004-05 (\$'000)			Appropriations 2005-06 (\$'000)			Appropriations 2006-07 (\$'000)			Appropriations 2007-08 (\$'000)		
			Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total	Admin items	Dept outputs	Total
Child Support Agency														
Australian Free Trade Agreement	1	1.2		124	124		-	-		-	-		-	-
Centrelink - by purchasing agency														
<u>Department of Family and Community Services</u>														
Delayed Implementation of Social Security Agreement with Malta	1	1		194	194		21	21		-	-		-	-
Carer Allowance - revised implementation date for expanded eligibility criteria	1	1		243	243		-	-		-	-		-	-
Temporary Protection Visa - Caseload Resolution	1	1		1,378	1,378		647	647		223	223		193	193
Clarke Review - Defence Force Veterans Disability Pension Income Support Allowance	1	1		238	238		18	18		15	15		14	14
Grandparents who care for children - increasing child care assistance	1	1		1,255	1,255		284	284		287	287		291	291
Utilities Allowance for senior Australians on income support	1	1		1,282	1,282		1,129	1,129		88	88		88	88
Senior Concession Allowance for self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	1	1		743	743		594	594		695	695		796	796
Carer Payment - Increasing Opportunities to Undertake Work, Study and Training	1	1		691	691		92	92		77	77		84	84
Bali bombing - second anniversary commemorations	1	1		70	70		-	-		-	-		-	-
30 per cent child care tax rebate	1	1		1,551	1,551		1,608	1,608		402	402		406	406
More Help for Families - Departmental Expenses	1	1		86,090	86,090		30,871	30,871		28,517	28,517		27,950	27,950
Extra Assistance for Families - Family Tax Benefit B Supplement	1	1		6,457	6,457		5,229	5,229		3,210	3,210		3,242	3,242

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<u>Department of Education, Science and Training</u>														
Extend Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy payments to new apprentices	1	1		9,859	9,859			11,760			11,760			11,760
Assistance for Isolated Children - Increasing Distance Education Allowance and Basic Boarding Allowance	1	1		150	150			-			-			-
<u>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</u>														
Drought assistance - Exceptional Circumstances assistance	1	1		979	979			801			801			35
Drought assistance - interim income support	1	1		316	316			-			-			-
Sugar Industry Reform Programme 2004 - Intergenerational Transfer	1	1		14	14			295			295			28
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Health Insurance Commission															
HIC Measures (via direct appropriation)															
Medicare - extended opening hours for Medicare offices	1	1													
- Expense				6,789	6,789		6,571	6,571		6,637	6,637		6,710	6,710	
- Related Capital				784	784		-	-		-	-		-	-	
Medicare - eight new Medicare offices	1	1													
- Expense				3,666	3,666		5,179	5,179		5,226	5,226		5,278	5,278	
- Related Capital				2,278	2,278		-	-		-	-		-	-	
Australian-United States Free Trade Agreement	1	1		94	94		-	-		-	-		-	-	
Department of Health & Ageing (via direct appropriation)															
Investing in Stronger Regions - practice nurses in rural areas	1	1													
- Expense				293	293		236	236		262	262		290	290	
- Related Capital				148	148		-	-		-	-		-	-	
Medicare - additional incentive for GPs who bulk-bill in areas of workforce shortage and lower than average bulk-billing rates	1	1		111	111		-	-		-	-		-	-	
Medicare - higher rebate for services provided by other medical practitioners working after-hours in a Medical Deputising Service	1	1		65	65		19	19		21	21		21	21	
Medicare - increase the Medicare rebate to 100 per cent of the scheduled fee for GP attendances	1	1													
- Expense				656	656		97	97		98	98		99	99	
- Related Capital				70	70		-	-		-	-		-	-	
Round the Clock Medicare - investing in after-hours GP services	1	1													
- Expense				963	963		853	853		860	860		870	870	
- Related Capital				70	70		-	-		-	-		-	-	

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Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - listing of Ezetrol	1	1		209	209		379	379		502	502		604	604
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - listing of Risperdal Consta	1	1		10	10		31	31		46	46		57	57
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme - extension to the listing of Zyprexa	1	1		12	12		40	40		70	70		101	101
Pneumococcal vaccination - universal childhood programme	1	1												
- Expense				2,072	2,072		1,912	1,912		812	812		-	-
- Related Capital				507	507		-	-		-	-		-	-
Private Health Insurance rebate - increase for older Australians	1	1												
- Expense				304	304		175	175		177	177		179	179
- Related Capital				311	311		-	-		-	-		-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs (paid under purchaser provider)														
Veterans' Access Payment*	1	1		93	93		-	-		-	-		-	-
Medicare - Increase the Medicare rebate to 115 per cent of the scheduled fee for Local Medical Officers*	1	1		85	85		-	-		-	-		-	-
Round the Clock Medicare - investing in after-hours GP services*	1	1		85	85		168	168		164	164		160	160
Total			131,309	131,309	131,309	69,009	69,009	69,009	60,235	60,235	60,235	60,202	60,202	60,202

LEGISLATION ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS AGENCIES

The department and its agencies administer the following legislation:

- *Australian Hearing Services Act 1991*, except to the extent administered by the Minister for Health and Ageing
- *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989*, insofar as it relates to the exercise of the powers and function conferred on the Registrar under the Act
- *Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988*, insofar as it relates to the appointment of the Registrar and the exercise of the powers and functions conferred on the Registrar under the Act
- *Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency Act 1997*
- *Health Insurance Commission Act 1973*

