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Section 1: Entity overview and resources

1.1 Strategic direction statement

The NTC is a national land transport reform agency that supports Australian governments to improve safety, productivity and environmental outcomes, provide for future technologies and improve regulatory efficiency. The NTC’s vision is to advance social and economic outcomes for all Australians through an efficient, integrated and national land transport system.

The *National Transport Commission Act 2003* (the NTC Act) and the Inter-Governmental Agreement for Regulatory and Operational Reform in Road, Rail and Intermodal Transport (IGA) establish the NTC and define its role as to:

* develop and propose reform by identifying, designing and recommending regulatory and operational reforms
* maintain, monitor and review laws and instruments to ensure they remain contemporary and consistent with their policy intent
* advise on heavy vehicle charges to recover road construction and maintenance costs
* monitor and evaluate reforms to assess whether they have been implemented successfully and their impact.

As a key contributor to the national reform agenda, the NTC is accountable to the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers’ Meeting (ITMM) (formerly the Transport and Infrastructure Council), and works closely with the ITMM’s advisory body, the Infrastructure and Transport Senior Officials' Committee (ITSOC). ITMM approves the NTC’s four-yearly program of work (through its Corporate Plan) and reform proposals.

The NTC operates in a complex and changing national environment that faces rapid transformation through technology and innovation. To meet the challenges that this environment poses and deliver on its intended outcomes, the NTC’s focus for 2021-22 is:

* delivering work across five focus areas that clearly support the delivery of ITMM’s reform priorities and reforms that offer the highest value for Australia:
  + Future technologies
  + Safety
  + Productivity
  + Sustainability
  + Advisory.
* effective engagement, collaboration and partnerships to deliver reform, while taking a more active role as a facilitator and coordinator to support reform across the wider transport system
* developing our policy capabilities to ensure we have the expertise to deliver high‑quality work that is ready to be implemented
* embedding a more agile and flexible operating model that enables the NTC to be resilient and responsive to change.

The NTC’s Corporate Plan 2021-25 provides more detail on its program of work and how NTC will deliver on its outcomes.

1.2 Entity resource statement

The NTC resource statement details the resourcing for the NTC at Additional Estimates. Table 1.1 shows the total resources from all sources for the 2021-22 Budget year, including variations through Appropriation Bills No. 3 and No. 4 and special appropriations.

Table 1.1: National Transport Commission resource statement — Additional estimates for 2021­­-22 as at Additional Estimates February 2022

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Actual available appropriation  2020-21 $'000 | Estimate as at Budget  2021-22 $'000 | Proposed Additional Estimates  2021-22 $'000 | Total estimate at Additional Estimates 2021-22 $'000 |
| **Opening balance/cash reserves at 1 July** | **2,506** | **3,318** | ***-*** | **3,318** |
| **Funds from Government** |  |  |  |  |
| Annual appropriations - ordinary annual services (a) |  |  |  |  |
| Outcome 1 | 3,629 | 3,603 | 861 | 4,464 |
| Total annual appropriations | 3,629 | 3,603 | 861 | *4,464* |
| **Total funds from Government** | **3,629** | **3,603** | **861** | **4,464** |
| **Funds from other sources** |  |  |  |  |
| Interest | 1 | - | - | - |
| Sale of goods and services | 6,930 | 8,255 | - | 8,255 |
| **Total funds from other sources** | **6,931** | **8,255** | **-** | **8,255** |
| **Total net resourcing for the NTC** | **13,066** | **15,176** | **861** | **16,037** |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | Actual 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
| **Average staffing level (number)** |  |  | 41 | 44 |

Prepared on a resourcing (that is, appropriations available) basis.

1. Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2021-22 and Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2021-22.

1.3 Entity measures

Table 1.2 summarises new Government measures taken since the 2021-22 Budget. The table is split into receipt and payment measures, with the affected program identified.

Table 1.2: NTC 2021-22 measures since Budget

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Program | 2021-22 $'000 | 2022-23 $'000 | 2023-24 $'000 | 2024-25 $'000 |
| **Payment measures** |  |  |  |  |  |
| National Rail Action Plan - stage 2 | 1.1 |  |  |  |  |
| Departmental payments |  | 861 | 688 | 510 | - |
| **Total** |  | **861** | **688** | **510** | **-** |
| **Total payment measures** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Departmental |  | 861 | 688 | 510 | - |
| **Total** |  | **861** | **688** | **510** | **-** |

Figures displayed as a negative (-) represent a decrease in funds and a positive (+) represent an increase in funds.

1.4 Additional estimates, resourcing and variations to outcomes

The following table details the changes to the resourcing for the entity at Additional Estimates, by outcome. Table 1.3 details the additional estimates resulting from new measures and other variations since the 2021-22 Budget in Appropriation Bills Nos. 3 and 4.

Table 1.3: Additional estimates and other variations to outcomes since 2021–22 Budget

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Program impacted | 2021-22 $'000 | 2022-23 $'000 | 2023-24 $'000 | 2024-25 $'000 |
| **Outcome 1** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Departmental** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Annual appropriations** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Measure - National Rail Action Plan - stage 2 | 1.1 | 861 | 688 | 510 | **-** |
| **Net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1 (Departmental)** |  | **861** | **688** | **510** | **-** |
| **Total net impact on appropriations for Outcome 1** |  | **861** | **688** | **510** | **-** |

1.5 Breakdown of additional estimates by appropriation bill

The following table details the additional estimates sought for the entity through Appropriation Bills No. 3 and 4.

Table 1.4: Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2021–22

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2020-21 Available $'000 | 2021-22 Budget $'000 | 2021-22 Revised $'000 | Additional Estimates $'000 | Reduced Estimates $'000 |
| **Departmental programs** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Outcome 1**  Improved transport productivity, efficiency, safety and environmental performance and regulatory efficiency in Australia through developing, monitoring and maintaining nationally consistent regulatory and operational arrangements relating to road, rail and intermodal transport | 3,629 | 3,603 | 4,464 | 861 | - |
| **Total Departmental** | **3,629** | **3,603** | **4,464** | **861** | **-** |

Table 1.5: Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2021–22

The NTC is not seeking additional funding through Appropriation Bill (No. 4).

Section 2: Revisions to outcomes and planned performance

2.1 Changes to outcome and program structures

There has been no revision to the NTC’s outcome and program structure since the 2021-22 Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications PB Statements.

The most recent Corporate Plan for the NTC can be found at: https://www.transparency.gov.au/sites/default/files/reports/2021-22\_corporate\_plan\_national\_transport\_commission.pdf

The most recent annual performance statement can be found at: https://www.transparency.gov.au/annual-reports/national-transport-commission/reporting-year/2020-21

2.2 Budgeted expenses and performance for Outcome 1

|  |
| --- |
| Outcome 1: Improved transport productivity, efficiency, safety and environmental performance and regulatory efficiency in Australia through developing, monitoring and maintaining nationally consistent regulatory and operational arrangements relating to road, rail and intermodal transport |

##### Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1

This table shows how much the NTC intends to spend (on an accrual basis) on achieving the outcome, broken down by program.

Table 2.2.1: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2020-21 Actual  $'000 | 2021-22 Revised Budget $'000 | 2022-23 Forward estimate $'000 | 2023-24 Forward estimate $'000 | 2024-25 Forward estimate $'000 |
| **Program 1.1: National Transport Commission** | | | | | |
| Revenue from Government |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bill No. 1) | 3,629 | 4,464 | 4,384 | 4,302 | 3,887 |
| Revenues from other independent sources | 6,930 | 8,255 | 7,983 | 8,096 | 7,199 |
| **Total expenses for Program 1.1** | **10,559** | **12,719** | **12,367** | **12,398** | **11,086** |
| **Outcome 1 totals by resource type** | | | | | |
| Revenue from Government |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bill No. 1) | 3,629 | 4,464 | 4,384 | 4,302 | 3,887 |
| Revenues from other independent sources | 6,930 | 8,255 | 7,983 | 8,096 | 7,199 |
| **Total expenses for Outcome 1** | **10,559** | **12,719** | **12,367** | **12,398** | **11,086** |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
| **Average staffing level (number)** | 41 | 44 |

Performance criteria for Outcome 1

There has been no change to the performance criteria for Outcome 1 resulting from decisions made since the 2021-22 Budget. The NTC’s detailed performance criteria can be found in the 2021-22 Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications PB Statements.

Section 3: Special account flows and budgeted financial statements

3.1 Special account flows

#### 3.1.1 Estimates of special account flows

The NTC does not have any special accounts.

3.2 Budgeted financial statements

#### 3.2.1 Analysis of budgeted financial statements

The NTC is budgeting for a break-even position in 2021-22. The NTC will be appropriated an additional $0.9 million in Departmental funding in 2021-22 through the Additional Estimates Appropriation Bills. The funds appropriated in the additional estimates is planned to be expensed in the same year. The additional estimates doesn’t alter the overall budget outcome.

For further detail on the NTC’s financial position, please see the 2021-22 Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications PB Statements.

#### 3.2.2 Budgeted financial statements

Table 3.2: Comprehensive income statement (showing net cost of services) for the period ended 30 June

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2020-21 Actual  $'000 | 2021-22 Revised Budget $'000 | 2022-23 Forward estimate $'000 | 2023-24 Forward estimate $'000 | 2024-25 Forward estimate $'000 |
| **EXPENSES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employee benefits | 7,129 | 7,765 | 7,900 | 7,899 | 7,728 |
| Suppliers | 2,278 | 4,083 | 3,604 | 3,645 | 2,513 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 807 | 816 | 816 | 816 | 816 |
| Finance costs | 62 | 55 | 47 | 38 | 29 |
| **Total expenses** | **10,276** | **12,719** | **12,367** | **12,398** | **11,086** |
| **LESS:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **OWN-SOURCE INCOME** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Own-source revenue** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Other (a) | 6,930 | 8,255 | 7,983 | 8,096 | 7,199 |
| **Total own-source revenue** | **6,931** | **8,255** | **7,983** | **8,096** | **7,199** |
| **Gains** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total gains** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** |
| **Total own-source income** | **6,931** | **8,255** | **7,983** | **8,096** | **7,199** |
| **Net (cost of)/contribution by services** | **(3,345)** | **(4,464)** | **(4,384)** | **(4,302)** | **(3,887)** |
| Revenue from Government | 3,629 | 4,464 | 4,384 | 4,302 | 3,887 |
| **Surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Australian Government** | **284** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** |
| **OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total comprehensive income/(loss)** | **284** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** |
| **Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to the Australian Government** | **284** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

1. Relates to funding provided by states and territories.

Table 3.3: Budgeted Departmental balance sheet (as at 30 June)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2020-21 Actual  $'000 | 2021-22 Revised Budget $'000 | 2022-23 Forward estimate $'000 | 2023-24 Forward estimate $'000 | 2024-25 Forward estimate $'000 |
| **ASSETS** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Financial assets** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3,318 | 3,621 | 3,739 | 3,830 | 3,893 |
| Trade and other receivables | 117 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| ***Total financial assets*** | ***3,435*** | ***3,671*** | ***3,789*** | ***3,880*** | ***3,943*** |
| **Non-financial assets** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Land and buildings | 2,911 | 2,485 | 2,059 | 1,633 | 1,207 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 1,145 | 955 | 865 | 775 | 685 |
| Prepayments | 66 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| ***Total non-financial assets*** | ***4,122*** | ***3,500*** | ***2,984*** | ***2,468*** | ***1,952*** |
| **Total assets** | **7,557** | **7,171** | **6,773** | **6,348** | **5,895** |
| **LIABILITIES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Payables** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Suppliers | 515 | 450 | 450 | 450 | 450 |
| Other payables | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| ***Total payables*** | ***537*** | ***472*** | ***472*** | ***472*** | ***472*** |
| **Interest bearing liabilities** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leases | 3,091 | 2,719 | 2,321 | 1,896 | 1,443 |
| ***Total interest bearing liabilities*** | ***3,091*** | ***2,719*** | ***2,321*** | ***1,896*** | ***1,443*** |
| **Provisions** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employee provisions | 1,249 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| ***Total provisions*** | ***1,249*** | ***1,300*** | ***1,300*** | ***1,300*** | ***1,300*** |
| **Total liabilities** | **4,877** | **4,491** | **4,093** | **3,668** | **3,215** |
| **Net assets** | **2,680** | **2,680** | **2,680** | **2,680** | **2,680** |
| **EQUITY** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Parent entity interest** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retained surplus (accumulated deficit) | 2,680 | 2,680 | 2,680 | 2,680 | 2,680 |
| ***Total parent entity interest*** | ***2,680*** | ***2,680*** | ***2,680*** | ***2,680*** | ***2,680*** |
| **Total equity** | **2,680** | **2,680** | **2,680** | **2,680** | **2,680** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

Table 3.4: Departmental statement of changes in equity — summary of movement (2021-22 Budget year)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Retained earnings  $'000 | Total equity   $'000 |
| **Opening balance as at 1 July 2021** |  |  |
| Balance carried forward from previous period | 2,680 | 2,680 |
| ***Adjusted opening balance*** | ***2,680*** | ***2,680*** |
| **Comprehensive income** | **-** | **-** |
| ***Total comprehensive income*** | ***-*** | ***-*** |
| **Estimated closing balance as at 30 June 2022** | **2,680** | **2,680** |
| **Closing balance attributable to the Australian Government** | **2,680** | **2,680** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

Table 3.5: Budgeted Departmental statement of cash flows (for the period ended  30 June)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2020-21 Actual  $'000 | 2021-22 Revised Budget $'000 | 2022-23 Forward estimate $'000 | 2023-24 Forward estimate $'000 | 2024-25 Forward estimate $'000 |
| **OPERATING ACTIVITIES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cash received** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts from Government | 10,559 | 12,719 | 12,367 | 12,398 | 11,086 |
| Sale of goods and rendering of services | (40) | 40 | - | - | - |
| Interest | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Net GST received | (43) | 27 | - | - | - |
| ***Total cash received*** | ***10,477*** | ***12,786*** | ***12,367*** | ***12,398*** | ***11,086*** |
| **Cash used** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees | 7,008 | 7,714 | 7,900 | 7,899 | 7,728 |
| Suppliers | 1,951 | 4,142 | 3,604 | 3,645 | 2,513 |
| Interest payments on lease liability | 62 | 55 | 47 | 38 | 29 |
| ***Total cash used*** | ***9,021*** | ***11,911*** | ***11,551*** | ***11,582*** | ***10,270*** |
| **Net cash from/(used by) operating activities** | **1,456** | **875** | **816** | **816** | **816** |
| **INVESTING ACTIVITIES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cash used** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangibles | 296 | 200 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| ***Total cash used*** | ***296*** | ***200*** | ***300*** | ***300*** | ***300*** |
| **Net cash from/(used by) investing activities** | **(296)** | **(200)** | **(300)** | **(300)** | **(300)** |
| **FINANCING ACTIVITIES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cash used** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Principal payments on lease liability | 348 | 372 | 398 | 425 | 453 |
| ***Total cash used*** | ***348*** | ***372*** | ***398*** | ***425*** | ***453*** |
| **Net cash from/(used by) financing activities** | **(348)** | **(372)** | **(398)** | **(425)** | **(453)** |
| **Net increase/(decrease) in cash held** | **812** | **303** | **118** | **91** | **63** |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period | 2,506 | 3,318 | 3,621 | 3,739 | 3,830 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period** | **3,318** | **3,621** | **3,739** | **3,830** | **3,893** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

Table 3.6: Departmental capital budget statement (for the period ended 30 June)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2020-21 Actual  $'000 | 2021-22 Revised Budget $'000 | 2022-23 Forward estimate $'000 | 2023-24 Forward estimate $'000 | 2024-25 Forward estimate $'000 |
| **PURCHASE OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Funded internally from Departmental resources (a) | 296 | 200 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| **TOTAL** | **296** | **200** | **300** | **300** | **300** |
| **RECONCILIATION OF CASH USED TO ACQUIRE ASSETS TO ASSET MOVEMENT TABLE** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total purchases | 296 | 200 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| **Total cash used to acquire assets** | **296** | **200** | **300** | **300** | **300** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.

1. Does not include annual finance lease costs. Includes purchases from current and previous years' Departmental capital budgets (DCBs).

Table 3.7: Statement of Departmental asset movements (2021-22 Budget year)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Asset Category** | | |
|  | Buildings    $'000 | Other property, plant and equipment $'000 | Total    $'000 |
| **As at 1 July 2021** |  |  |  |
| Gross book value | - | 2,132 | 2,132 |
| Gross book value - ROU assets | 3,763 | - | 3,763 |
| Accumulated depreciation/ amortisation and impairment | - | (987) | (987) |
| Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment - ROU assets | (852) | - | (852) |
| **Opening net book balance** | **2,911** | **1,145** | **4,056** |
| **Capital asset additions** |  |  |  |
| **Estimated expenditure on new or replacement assets** |  |  |  |
| By purchase - other | - | 200 | 200 |
| **Total additions** | **-** | **200** | **200** |
| **Other movements** |  |  |  |
| Depreciation/amortisation expense | - | (390) | (390) |
| Depreciation/amortisation on ROU assets | (426) | - | (426) |
| **Total other movements** | **(426)** | **(390)** | **(816)** |
| **As at 30 June 2022** |  |  |  |
| Gross book value | - | 2,332 | 2,332 |
| Gross book value - ROU assets | 3,763 | - | 3,763 |
| Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment | - | (1,377) | (1,377) |
| Accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment - ROU assets | (1,278) | - | (1,278) |
| **Closing net book balance** | **2,485** | **955** | **3,440** |

Prepared on Australian Accounting Standards basis.