

**National Transport
Commission**

**Additional Estimates
Statements**

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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	Estimate as at Budget	Proposed Additional Estimates	Total estimate at Additional Estimates
	2020-21 \$'000	2021-22 \$'000	2021-22 \$'000	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.

(a) 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	2021-22 Revised Budget	2022-23 Forward estimate	2023-24 Forward estimate	2024-25 Forward estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'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.

(a) 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.

(a) 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.