

PART I

ALL PORTFOLIOS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE PART I.

If you cannot answer a question, please indicate whether the question is NOT APPLICABLE or if INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Section 1: Contact details

1.1 Portfolio

1.2 Reporting and financial arrangements are governed by:
(Please indicate with a 'X' whether one or more of the following Acts apply)

Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

1.3 Contact Officer

Position

Phone

Fax

Email

Address

This section asks about your portfolio's total revenues, charges and expenses (but not including the revenues, charges and expenses of agencies that will be completing separate responses to this questionnaire - see Attachment A). All portfolios should complete this section, whether or not you consider you undertake cost recovery.

Section 2: Portfolio revenues, charges and expenses

(Please indicate with a 'X' which response applies)

2.1 Has your portfolio charged any cost recovery fees, levies or other charges in the last five financial years?

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Relevant charges include any fees, levies, taxes (including some customs and excise duties earmarked for specific purposes) or other charges which arise from the services, programs or business activities of your portfolio, and which are collected by your portfolio, or by another agency on your behalf. For example, application fees, processing charges, consultancy fees, publication sales, special industry duties, excises or levies other than general taxation.

2.2 Were any of the appropriations allocated to your portfolio in the last five financial years linked (hypothecated) to revenue collected from fees, levies or charges (for example, levies paid to the Consolidated Revenue Fund but earmarked for allocation to your portfolio)? (Whether the revenue was collected by your portfolio or by another agency on your behalf).

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.3 Has your portfolio considered introducing any cost recovery arrangements in the past that were not implemented?
(Please attach any relevant reviews, analysis or other information.)

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.4 Is your portfolio considering introducing any cost recovery arrangements in the future?
(Please attach any relevant reviews, analysis or other information.)

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered NO to questions 2.1 and 2.2, you need not answer any further questions. Thank you for your cooperation. Please return the questionnaire to the Commission (see front sheet for instructions).

If you answered YES to EITHER question 2.1 OR question 2.2 OR both, please complete section 3 below, and Part II on the following worksheet.

Section 3: Portfolio revenues and expenses

Please do not include the revenues and expenses in this section of agencies that will be completing separate responses to this questionnaire (see Attachment A).

3.1 Does your portfolio classify revenues and expenses as agency and administered?

Agency revenues and expenses are those controlled by the department/agency (for example, employee and administrative expenses). Administered revenues and expenses are those which are controlled by Government and managed or oversighted by the department/agency on behalf of the Government (for example, social security payments).

YES	NO
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If your portfolio classifies revenues and expenses as 'agency' and 'administered' then please fill in both tables below. If your portfolio does not classify revenues and expenses as 'agency' and 'administered' then please put all revenues and expenses in the 'agency' table below.

AGENCY portfolio revenues and expenses (Please use \$'000)					
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Agency revenue from cost recovery (a)					
3.2 Cost recovery revenue retained by your portfolio					
3.3 Cost recovery revenue paid to CRF and appropriated to your portfolio (or another agency for a specific purpose (ie. annotated, hypothecated or earmarked revenues)					
3.4 Cost recovery revenue paid to CRF and not specifically appropriated to your portfolio (or another agency)					
3.5 Total agency revenue from cost recovery	0	0	0	0	0
Agency revenue from other sources					
3.6 Other appropriations					
3.7 Other sources (eg. asset sales, dividends, interest, funding from other government agencies)					
3.8 Total agency revenue from other sources	0	0	0	0	0
3.9 Total portfolio agency revenue	0	0	0	0	0
3.10 Total agency expenses					
CRF Consolidated Revenue Fund					
(a) Include all revenue from fees, levies, excises and other charges which arise from the services or activities of your portfolio, and which is paid to your portfolio, to another agency or to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.					

ADMINISTERED portfolio revenues and expenses (Please use \$'000)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Administered revenue from cost recovery (a)					
3.11 Cost recovery revenue retained by your portfolio					
3.12 Cost recovery revenue paid to CRF and appropriated to your portfolio (or another agency for a specific purpose (ie. annotated,					
3.13 Cost recovery revenue paid to CRF and not specifically appropriated to your portfolio (or another agency)					
3.14 Total administered revenue from cost recovery	0	0	0	0	0
Administered revenue from other sources					
3.15 Other appropriations					
3.16 Other sources (eg. asset sales, dividends, interest, funding from other government agencies)					
3.17 Total administered revenue from other sources	0	0	0	0	0
3.18 Total portfolio administered revenue	0	0	0	0	0
3.19 Total administered expenses					

CRF Consolidated Revenue Fund

(a) Include all revenue from fees, levies, excises and other charges which arise from the services or activities of your portfolio, and which is paid to your portfolio, to another agency or to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

End of Part I. Please complete Part II, which is on a separate worksheet.

PART II

If your portfolio operated any cost recovery arrangements in 1999-2000, please complete this part. Please fill out a separate form for each sub-unit, cost recovery program or activity, or output or outcome for which you are reporting. Similar cost recovery arrangements may be reported in groups.

PART II(a)

Name of sub-unit, agency, program or activity, output or outcome

Section 4: Cost recovery arrangements in 1999-2000

Descriptive material	
4.1	Nature of cost recovery arrangement (eg. licence fee, service charge, hypothecated excise tax or levy etc) <input type="text" value="Fees for the provision of data and research services."/>
4.2	Basic description of arrangements: (Please attach any relevant documents.) <input type="text" value="Individual private enterprise companies and some Government agencies contact BTE and request specific data or information."/>
4.3	Who pays the cost recovery charges? <input type="text" value="Requesting company or agency"/>
4.4	Who benefits from the program or activity, output or outcome? <input type="text" value="The Government and the community benefit from the results of BTE research."/>
4.5	Do you attempt to measure these benefits? If YES, how? <input type="text" value="No"/>
4.6	Are there alternate providers or substitutes for this program or activity, output or outcome? (Please describe) <input type="text" value="Not known"/>
4.7	When was this cost recovery arrangement introduced? <input type="text" value="1996/97"/>

PART II(b)

Name of sub-unit, agency, program or activity, output or outcome Bureau of Transport Economics

Program or activity, output or outcome cost recovery arrangements in 1999-2000 (continued)
(Please use \$'000)

Program or activity, output or outcome revenues			
4.8	Cost recovery revenue paid to CRF earmarked for appropriation to same portfolio	\$	41
4.9	Cost recovery revenue paid to CRF earmarked for appropriation to a third party	\$	
4.10	Cost recovery revenue paid to CRF and not earmarked for particular appropriation	\$	
4.11	Cost recovery revenue paid to CRF (subtotal)	\$	41
4.12	Cost recovery not paid into CRF	\$	
4.13	Total cost recovery revenue	\$	41
4.14	Appropriations not related to cost recovery	\$	
4.15	Other sources (please specify)	\$	
4.16	Total program or activity, output or outcome revenues	\$	41
Program or activity, output or outcome expenses			
4.17	Direct expenses	\$	16
4.18	Indirect expenses (including corporate overheads)	\$	25
4.19	Third party expenses (a)	\$	
4.20	Total program or activity, output or outcome expenses	\$	41
Administration costs			
4.21	What costs are associated with administering the cost recovery arrangements?	\$	not calculated

CRF Consolidated Revenue Fund. Direct costs are those directly related to a particular program. Indirect costs include indirect agency overheads and general running costs. (a) Include third party costs where third parties are involved in a program or activity a their costs are being recovered as part of the cost recovery arrangements.

PART II(c)

Name of sub-unit, agency, program or activity, output or outcome Bureau of Transport Economics

Section 5: Institutional arrangements

5.1 What was the rationale for introducing these cost recovery arrangements? (Please attach sources, eg. legislative objects clauses, press releases, second reading speeches.) Government's user pays philosophy

5.2 What was the legal basis for establishing these cost recovery arrangements: (Please name and attach relevant documents.)

Legislation (eg. s.31 of the Financial Management and Accountability Act, tax or levy acts)	s.31 of the Financial Management and Accountability Act
Subordinate legislation (eg. regulations, standards)	
Co-regulation or quasi-regulation	
Commonwealth/State/Territory agreement	
Voluntary arrangements (eg. codes of practice)	
Other	

5.3 Who was consulted about introducing these cost recovery arrangements? (Please name relevant bodies and describe the consultation arrangements.)

Commonwealth government (DOFA etc)	Phone discussions with DoFA and Productivity Commission officers
Other governments (state, territory, local)	
Industry	
Consumers	
Other	

5.4	What guidelines were consulted when establishing these cost recovery arrangements? (Please attach source of information, guidelines etc.)	Department of Finance Guidelines for Costing of Government Activities										
5.5	Which agency is responsible for the following activities? (Please name relevant agency)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 612 568 639">Policy setting</td> <td data-bbox="907 612 1794 639">BTE</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 644 568 671">Price setting</td> <td data-bbox="907 644 1794 671">BTE</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 676 568 703">Administration</td> <td data-bbox="907 676 1794 703">BTE</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 708 636 735">Revenue collection</td> <td data-bbox="907 708 1794 735">BTE</td> </tr> </table>	Policy setting	BTE	Price setting	BTE	Administration	BTE	Revenue collection	BTE		
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5.6	Is there any ongoing consultation about these cost recovery arrangements? With whom? (Please name relevant bodies.)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 807 875 834">Commonwealth government (DOFA etc)</td> <td data-bbox="907 807 1794 834">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 839 875 866">Other governments (state, territory, local)</td> <td data-bbox="907 839 1794 866">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 871 501 898">Industry</td> <td data-bbox="907 871 1794 898">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 903 546 930">Consumers</td> <td data-bbox="907 903 1794 930">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 935 479 962">Other</td> <td data-bbox="907 935 1794 962">NO</td> </tr> </table>	Commonwealth government (DOFA etc)	NO	Other governments (state, territory, local)	NO	Industry	NO	Consumers	NO	Other	NO
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Other	NO											
5.7	Please describe these consultation arrangements.	Not applicable										
5.8	Have the cost recovery arrangements been formally reviewed? What was the outcome? (Please attach copy of review)	No. The charges were informally reviewed as part of the GST implementation process and were kept at their current level.										

PART II(d)

Name of sub-unit, agency, program or activity, output or outcome

Bureau of Transport Economics

Section 6: Price setting arrangements

6.1 How are these cost recovery charges determined? (Please attach any relevant documents)

(i) How are charges set? (eg. by formula in legislation or based on 'market prices')	Department of Finance Guidelines for Costing of Government Activities were used for reference and a salary multiplier of 2.587 was adopted.
(ii) Are charges directly related to the costs of particular activities, outcomes or outputs, or charged on some other basis? (eg. levies on users' turnover, profits or assets)	An estimate is made of the staff time required to service each request and an appropriate charge is quoted to the service requester.

6.2 If charges are directly related to the costs of particular activities, outputs or outcomes:

(i) What costs do charges aim to recover? (eg. only direct costs or indirect costs such as overheads)	Direct and indirect costs.
(ii) What proportion of these costs do charges aim to recover? (%)	100%
(iii) Does the charging regime require assets to be valued? (eg. to allow the calculation of user cost of capital or return on assets)	No
(iv) If 'YES' to (iii), on what basis are assets valued? (eg. historic, replacement, deprival or replacement cost)	
(v) Do charges include a user cost of capital?	No
(vi) If 'YES' to (iv), how is it calculated?	
(vii) Do charges include return on assets? (eg. profit)	No
(viii) If 'YES' to (vii), on what basis?	
(ix) Do charges discriminate between types of users?	No
(x) If 'YES' to (ix), on what basis?	

(xi) Do charges allow for access and equity considerations (eg. waivers, discounts)?	No, not likely to be relevant because of the current customer base but we would consider any cases on their merits.
(xii) If 'YES' to (xi), on what basis?	
(xiii) Other (Please describe other significant features)	
6.3 How are indirect costs allocated for cost recovery arrangements? (eg. activity based costing, according to share of direct costs or other rule.)	According to share of direct costs
6.4 Are there any price controls on these charges?	Government decision that prices were not to rise by more than 10% when GST was introduced.
6.5 How often is the level of charges changed?	Charges were set in 1996/97 and reviewed in 2000 but were not changed.
6.6 What happens if revenue recovered is greater than costs incurred?	Not applicable

End of Part II. Thank you for your cooperation. Please return the questionnaire and attachments to the Commission (see front sheet for instructions)