

# ACT WORKCOVER

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## Objectives

ACT WorkCover plans, develops and delivers services to the people of the ACT to ensure compliance with standards and community protection in relation to workplace health and safety, injury management and the management of dangerous goods.

This is achieved through promoting the understanding and acceptance of, and compliance with, the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989* (the Act) and the associated law; undertaking research and developing educational and other programs for the purpose of promoting occupational health safety and welfare; reviewing the laws of the Territory for the purpose of ascertaining whether any of those laws are inconsistent with the Act, and reporting to the Minister on the results of the examination.

## 2001-02 Highlights

Strategic and operational issues to be pursued in 2001-02 include:

- delivering specific education initiatives focused on supporting the construction industry and its apprentices to enable them to meet their legislative obligations;
- increasing compliance audits through use of improved data sources;
- improving Dangerous Goods processes around licence assessments;
- finalising the Commissioner's review of the *Environment Protection Act 1997* and the *Public Health Act 1997* in relation to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989*;
- continuing to improve events management processes in conjunction with all stakeholders;
- working with three key industry task forces, in the retail, construction and health industries, to deliver strategies to improve safety and reduce injuries;
- delivering the Commissioner's and ACT WorkCover's first Annual Report including the outcomes of the review of, and improvements in, ACT WorkCover services;
- developing processes to deliver the maximum amount of business that can be conducted through e-service initiatives; and
- developing and implementing processes for on-the-spot fines under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989*.

**ACT Workcover  
Statement Of Financial Performance**

<b>2000-01 Budget \$'000</b>		<b>2000-01 Est.Outcome \$'000</b>	<b>2001-02 Budget \$'000</b>	<b>Var %</b>	<b>2002-03 Estimate \$'000</b>	<b>2003-04 Estimate \$'000</b>	<b>2004-05 Estimate \$'000</b>
	<b>Revenue</b>						
0	Government Payment for Outputs	2 922	3 186	9	3 227	3 278	3 331
0	User Charges - Non ACT Government	815	734	-10	738	741	751
0	User Charges - ACT Government	4	0	-100	0	0	0
0	Interest	10	0	-100	0	0	0
0	Resources Received free of charge	56	56	-	56	56	56
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Ordinary Revenue</b>	<b>3 807</b>	<b>3 976</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4 021</b>	<b>4 075</b>	<b>4 138</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>						
0	Employee Expenses	2 118	2 191	3	2 207	2 230	2 253
0	Superannuation Expenses	324	304	-6	306	308	311
0	Administrative Expenses	1 522	1 559	2	1 593	1 622	1 659
0	Depreciation and Amortisation	6	6	-	6	6	4
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Ordinary Expenses</b>	<b>3 970</b>	<b>4 060</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4 112</b>	<b>4 166</b>	<b>4 227</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>-163</b>	<b>-84</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-91</b>	<b>-91</b>	<b>-89</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Equity From Start of Period</b>	<b>-530</b>	<b>-693</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-777</b>	<b>-868</b>	<b>-959</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Equity At The End of Period</b>	<b>-693</b>	<b>-777</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-868</b>	<b>-959</b>	<b>-1 048</b>

**Note:** There was no budgeted financial statements published as part of the 2000-01 Budget Papers.

**ACT Workcover  
Statement Of Financial Position**

Budget as at 30/6/01 \$'000	Est.Outcome as at 30/6/01 \$'000	Planned as at 30/6/02 \$'000	Var %	Planned as at 30/6/03 \$'000	Planned as at 30/6/04 \$'000	Planned as at 30/6/05 \$'000	
<b>Current Assets</b>							
0	Cash	2	4	100	3	3	2
0	Receivables	83	96	16	97	97	98
0	Other	10	10	-	10	10	10
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>							
0	Property, Plant and Equipment	37	31	-16	25	19	15
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>							
0	Creditors	42	50	19	50	50	50
0	Employee Entitlements	370	370	-	370	370	370
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>							
0	Employee Entitlements	413	498	21	583	668	753
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>753</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1 003</b>	<b>1 088</b>	<b>1 173</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>-693</b>	<b>-777</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-868</b>	<b>-959</b>	<b>-1 048</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY FUNDS EMPLOYED</b>							
0	Accumulated Funds	-693	-777	-12	-868	-959	-1 048
<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS EMPLOYED</b>	<b>-693</b>	<b>-777</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-868</b>	<b>-959</b>	<b>-1 048</b>

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## ACT Workcover Cashflow Statement

2000-01 Budget \$'000		2000-01 Est.Outcome \$'000	2001-02 Budget \$'000	Var %	2002-03 Estimate \$'000	2003-04 Estimate \$'000	2004-05 Estimate \$'000
0	<b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD</b>	16	2	-87	4	3	3
	<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>						
	<b>Receipts</b>						
0	Cash from Government for Outputs	2 922	3 186	9	3 227	3 278	3 331
0	User Charges	1 268	734	-42	738	741	751
0	Interest Received	10	0	-100	0	0	0
0	Other Revenue	171	198	16	213	217	220
<b>0</b>	<b>Operating Receipts</b>	<b>4 371</b>	<b>4 118</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>4 178</b>	<b>4 236</b>	<b>4 302</b>
	<b>Payments</b>						
0	Related to Employees	2 325	2 410	4	2 428	2 453	2 479
0	Related to Administration	1 504	1 503	..	1 537	1 566	1 603
0	Other	548	203	-63	214	217	221
<b>0</b>	<b>Operating Payments</b>	<b>4 377</b>	<b>4 116</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>4 179</b>	<b>4 236</b>	<b>4 303</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>
	<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>						
	<b>Receipts</b>						
0	Proceeds from Sale/Maturities of Investments	363	0	-100	0	0	0
<b>0</b>	<b>Investing Receipts</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Payments</b>						
0	Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	8	0	-100	0	0	0
0	Purchase of Investments	363	0	-100	0	0	0
<b>0</b>	<b>Investing Payments</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>CASH AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

**Note:** There was no budgeted financial statements published as part of the 2000-01 Budget Papers.

## Notes to the Budget Statements

ACT Workcover did not have separate budgeted financial statements published as part of the 2000-01 Budget Papers.

The following notes provide information on significant variations between the 2000-01 estimated outcome and 2001-02.

Significant variations are as follows:

### *Statement of Financial Performance*

- government payment for outputs: the increase of \$0.264m in 2001-02 from the 2000-01 estimated outcome is primarily due to additional funding for the restructure of ACT Workcover and legal costs associated with regulatory activity; and
- user charges - non-ACT Government: the decrease of \$0.081m in 2001-02 from the 2000-01 estimated outcome primarily relates to the introduction of private certification whereby assessments for competency to operate various pieces of machinery are carried out by third party assessors.

### *Statement of Cashflows*

- user charges: the decrease of \$0.534m in 2001-02 from the 2000-01 estimated outcome is mainly related to payments received from the insurance industry in the ACT (as a part offset to workers compensation costs awarded in the Magistrates Court) and onpassed to the Department of Justice and Community Safety (JACS). From 2001-02, this funding will be paid directly to JACS by the insurance industry. The decrease also reflects the impact of the introduction of private certification for assessments of competency to operate various pieces of machinery.

**ACT Workcover**  
**Statement Of Revenues And Expenses On Behalf Of The Territory**

2000-01 Budget \$'000		2000-01 Est.Outcome \$'000	2001-02 Budget \$'000	Var %	2002-03 Estimate \$'000	2003-04 Estimate \$'000	2004-05 Estimate \$'000
	<b>Revenue</b>						
0	Taxes Fees and Fines	265	273	3	280	287	294
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Ordinary Revenue</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>294</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>						
0	Transfer Expenses	265	273	3	280	287	294
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Ordinary Expenses</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Equity From Start of Period</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Equity At The End of Period</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**ACT Workcover**  
**Budgeted Statement Of Cashflows On Behalf Of The Territory**

2000-01 Budget \$'000		2000-01 Est.Outcome \$'000	2001-02 Budget \$'000	Var %	2002-03 Estimate \$'000	2003-04 Estimate \$'000	2004-05 Estimate \$'000
	<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>						
	<b>Receipts</b>						
0	Taxes, Fees and Fines	265	273	3	280	287	294
<b>0</b>	<b>Operating Receipts</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>294</b>
	<b>Payments</b>						
0	Territory Receipts to Government	265	273	3	280	287	294
<b>0</b>	<b>Operating Payments</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>CASH AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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## Notes to the Budget Statements

Significant variations are as follows:

### *Statement of Revenue and Expenses on Behalf of the Territory*

- taxes, fees and fines: revenue is predominantly from Notification of Intention to commence building, excavation, or compressed air work in accordance with the *Scaffolding and Lifts Act 1957*.

## Changes to Appropriations

### Changes to Appropriation - Departmental

Government Payment for Outputs	2000-01 Est. Outc. \$'000	2001-02 Budget \$'000	2002-03 Estimate \$'000	2003-04 Estimate \$'000	2004-05 Estimate \$'000
<b>2000-01 Budget</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfer Establishment base from DUS	2 637	2 680	2 717	2 763	2 763
Indexation 2004-05	0	0	0	0	49
Essential Restructuring	0	300	306	312	318
Accommodation Funding transfer from DUS	0	208	208	209	209
Approved Treasurer's Advance	200	0	0	0	0
E-service Initiative	85	0	0	0	0
Revised Parameters	0	-2	-4	-6	-8
<b>2001-02 Budget</b>	<b>2 922</b>	<b>3 186</b>	<b>3 227</b>	<b>3 278</b>	<b>3 331</b>

## OUTPUT CLASS 1: WORKPLACE MANAGEMENT PRINCIPAL MEASURES

### OUTPUT 1.1: WORKPLACE MANAGEMENT

**Description:** The delivery of services for injury prevention, workplace management, dangerous goods management and regulation of all these areas.

Measures	2000-01 Targets	2000-01 Estimated Outcome	2001-02 Targets
<b>Quantity</b>			
Contacts with ACT Workplaces through inspections and regulatory advice <sup>1/2</sup>	113 000	200 000	-
Contacts with ACT Workplaces through advice and education <sup>2</sup>	-	-	200 000
Workplace inspections <sup>2</sup>	-	-	3 500
Assembly questions prepared	40	30	30
Ministerial correspondence, briefs and speeches	100	60	60
<b>Quality/Effectiveness</b>			
Measures of effectiveness of intervention, prevention and enforcement activities:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower number of injuries resulting in &gt; 7 days compensated per 1,000 workers compared to Australian average (based on the current or latest standards available to industry);</li> <li>Number of workplace related fatalities expressed per 100,000 workers;</li> <li>Survey of members of Nominal Insurer Advisory Council showing satisfaction that legal cases are being managed effectively so as to minimise levy</li> </ul>	Less than the Australian average 0	Less than the Australian average 0	Less than the Australian average 0
Competitiveness of ACT Workers Compensation insurance against national benchmarks;	Reduction of previous years levy by 10%	Reduction of previous years levy by 10%	Reduction of previous years levy by 10%
Policy Advice and Ministerial Support	Reduction of any gap by an average of 20% per year	Reduction of any gap by an average of 20% per year	Reduction of any gap by an average of 20% per year
Advice rated satisfactory or above according to ACT Government Policy Performance Measures	100%	100%	100%
Advice rated satisfactory or above according to ACT Government Ministerial Servicing Performance Measures	100%	98%	100%
Ministerial services comply with ACT Government Ministerial Servicing Performance Measures	100%	98%	100%
<b>Timeliness</b>			
The proportion of services delivered within the WorkCover standard for specific services	95%	95%	95%
<b>Cost</b>			
Average cost per 1,000 employees <sup>3</sup>	\$34 167	\$39 740	\$40 641
<b>TOTAL COST (\$'000)</b>	<b>\$3 321.0</b>	<b>\$3 970.0</b>	<b>\$4 060.0</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENT FOR OUTPUT (\$'000)</b>	<b>\$2 637.0</b>	<b>\$2 922.0</b>	<b>\$3 186.0</b>

#### Notes

- The increase in the number of contacts reflects the interest shown in the ACT WorkCover web site, particularly as a result of the launch of the ACT ActSafe Education Program.
- The measure has been split in 2001-02 to reflect the educational/advice and regulatory components of ACT WorkCover's activities.
- Reflects increased legal costs arising from greater prosecutorial activity and higher administrative costs since becoming a separate financial entity in June 2000.