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The following submission, dated 24 June 2009, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of **Australia**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant Supporting Tables) for the fiscal year **2007/08**.

Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Australia
REPORTING PERIOD: 2007/08 fiscal year (1 July – 30 June)

Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section 1 of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section 1 of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
471.86	\$A million	206.74

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Australia**REPORTING PERIOD: 2007/08 fiscal year (1 July – 30 June)***Measures exempt from the reduction commitment – “Green Box”*

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$A million)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
(a) "General services"			
<i>Australian Government</i>			
<u>Research</u>			
Cotton Research and Development	Research into improvements in cotton production.	3.13	Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
Dairy Research and Development	Research and development into dairy production and processing.	18.30	DAFF
Grains Research and Development	Research and product development, improvement of production efficiency and optimal use of the natural resource base in the grains industry.	37.62	DAFF
Grape and Wine Research and Development	Research to improve the production efficiency, competitiveness and profitability of the grape and wine industry.	11.41	DAFF
Horticultural Research and Development	Research and development to foster efficient, competitive and adaptable horticultural industries, including dried fruits.	35.41	DAFF
Red Meat Research and Development	Research aimed at improving productivity and market performance of the meat and livestock industry and further the sustainable use and management of natural resources.	35.41	DAFF
Pig Research and Development	Research and development programs to improve production, processing, storage, transport and marketing for the pig industry.	3.71	DAFF

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Wool Research and Development	Research into on-farm productivity, quality assurance and handling. Research and development in wool processing efficiencies and woollen product development.	12.31	DAFF
Rural Industries Research and Development	Provides support for management of research and development programs for the rural sector focussing on new and emerging plant and animal industries and generic programs such as agribusiness, extension, rural education and climate change.	16.1	DAFF
Sugar Research and Development	Research aimed at fostering an internationally competitive and sustainable sugar industry.	6.28	DAFF
Land and Water Resources Research and Development	Research and development aimed at the productive and sustainable management of land, water and vegetation resources underpinning Australian primary industries and regional communities.	13.02	DAFF
Egg Research and Development	Research and development and policy services for egg production.	0.83	DAFF
National Food Industry Strategy (NFIS) - Food Innovation Grants Program	Research and development in Australian-based food processing firms to improve innovation.	0.51	DAFF
- Centres of Excellence Program ¹	Research and development for food innovation and attraction of world class researchers.	0.00	DAFF
<u>Pest and Disease</u>			
Australian Animal Health Laboratory	Maintenance and development of rapid diagnostic services essential in maintaining Australia's freedom from serious exotic animal diseases.	7.15	DAFF
Emergency Management of Pest and Disease Incursions	Assistance with direct costs of emergency animal and plant pest responses.	3.96	DAFF
Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Programs	Enhanced preparedness to respond to emergency animal disease incidents, including training and development of disease control strategies.	0.56	DAFF

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National Feral Animal Control Program ²	To reduce the damage caused to agriculture and the environment by feral animals through: improving the effectiveness of techniques used in their control; publishing best practice management guidelines; encouraging the adoption of best practice management strategies; monitoring Rabbit Calicivirus Disease to encourage its effective use in integrated rabbit control programs and funding programs in line with objectives of threat abatement plans.	0.70	DAFF
NHT ³ - National Weeds Strategy	Assistance to reduce the detrimental impact of nationally significant weeds on the sustainability of Australia's natural ecosystem and production capacity.	1.8	Australian Government Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA)
Wildlife and Exotic Disease Preparedness Program	The Wildlife and Exotic Disease Preparedness Program is a technical and financial program that contributes to preparedness to deal with an outbreak of exotic animal disease by developing practical field strategies to eradicate and control wild animals. Coordination of surveillance, research and training and communications.	0.29	DAFF
Plague Locust Commission	Assistance to engage in operations designed to combat outbreaks or potential outbreaks of the plague locust, the spur-throated locust and the migratory locust which are likely to result in damage to rural industries.	2.97	DAFF
National Livestock Identification Scheme	Assistance to establish a nationally integrated system for livestock traceability as a management tool to deal with animal disease emergencies and food safety issues for the red meat industry.	4.67	DAFF
Securing the Future - Protecting our Industries from Biological, Chemical and Physical Risk	Assistance to ensure Australia's preparedness to respond to biosecurity threats to, and emergencies in, agriculture and food industries.	2.87	DAFF
Citrus Canker Eradication	Assistance with direct costs of emergency plant pest responses.	0.64	DAFF
<u>Training Services</u>			
AAA ⁴ - FarmBis Program ⁵	Funding to develop unique and relevant training for primary producers to increase business management skills and sustainability of farm business enterprises.	9.47	DAFF

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AAA – Farm Help (job retraining)	The retraining grant provides financial assistance to undertake approved training. Access to the grant is subject to receipt of the Farm Help Re-establishment grant.	0.14	DAFF
NFIS – Food Chain Program ⁶	The objective of the NFIS Food Chain Program is to help build food industry skills, capability and knowledge in chain management and to create awareness of the need for change.	0.00	DAFF
<u>Extension and Advisory Services</u>			
AAA - Rural Financial Counselling Service	The Rural Financial Counselling Service is a Commonwealth, State and community funded program. The service helps primary producers, fishing enterprises and small rural businesses in rural areas who are experiencing financial hardship and have no other source of financial advice.	13.45	DAFF
AAA - Farm Help (professional advice)	Professional advice on the future viability of the business and options for re-establishment out of the farming sector for farmers in difficulty, and who cannot borrow further against their assets.	0.66	DAFF
AAA – Industry Partnerships Program	Partnership between Government and industry to help create a culture of continuous self-assessment, goal setting and strategic action at the national level.	5.19	DAFF
Exceptional Circumstances Professional Advice and Planning Grant	Professional advice and planning assistance to assist farmers develop business viability assessments.	0.60	DAFF
Sugar Industry Reform Program – Business Plans ⁷	Assistance to sugar cane growers and harvesters who access income support to undertake an assessment of the financial viability of their enterprise and develop an activity plan for the future.	0.00	DAFF
Sugar Industry Reform Program – Advisory Group Networks ⁸	Assistance to establish an industry oversight group and regional advisory groups to oversee reform of sugar industry process.	0.00	DAFF
Australian Vegetable Industry Development	Extension and advisory services to assist the Australian vegetable industry to develop strategic plans and projects to help the industry make operational improvements.	1.18	DAFF
Other Exotic Disease Preparedness Program	Awareness of Exotic Animal Disease (EAD) in the veterinary community through the publication of EAD Bulletins in Australian Veterinary Journals.	0.07	DAFF

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Irrigation Industries Workshop Program	Provision of information and technical support information to assist irrigators to prepare for and respond to the uncertainty of water availability, make critical business decisions about their farm businesses and identify risk management options.	6.06	DAFF
<u>Inspection Services</u>			
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) Post Entry Plant Quarantine Program	Post entry plant quarantine services ensure that all plant material imported into Australia through Government Plant Quarantine station are screened for pests and diseases before release into Australia.	1.41	DAFF
Reduction in AQIS fees and charges	Partial cost recovery of inspection fees and charges.	40.90	DAFF
<u>Marketing and Promotion Services</u>			
Australian Grown Campaign ⁹	Australian Grown is a generic labelling campaign that aims to assist consumers to identify food products that are Australian grown, farmed or fished.	0.89	DAFF
<u>Infrastructure services</u>			
Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative	Bore capping and related activities to eliminate wastage of water and manage the artesian water resource, thereby preserving options for the future.	8.15	DEWHA
National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality	Assistance to community-based regional bodies to implement integrated catchment or regional natural resource management plans targeting salinity and water quality.	90.53	DAFF
<i>State/Territory Governments</i>			
<u>Research</u>			
New South Wales	Development of technologies and practices which increase the efficiency and sustainability of food and fibre production.	50.00	NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI)
Northern Territory	To research new technology and products to enhance the competitiveness of the Northern Territory's agricultural industry.	7.04	Northern Territory Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources (NT DRDPIFR)

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Queensland			
- Natural Resources Management Program ¹⁰	Research and data collection on land, water and native vegetation – including nutrients, salt, agri-chemicals and pesticides – to minimize land degradation, identify impacts on crops, predict movements through the environment, and develop ways of understanding and achieving long-term viability.	0.00	Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (Qld DPI&F)
- Research and Development ¹⁰	Research aimed at developing agricultural industries, aligning food and fibre production, processing and marketing with consumer and community expectations.	74.40	Qld DPI&F
South Australia			
- Rural Industry Development Fund	Funding for marketing and research and development projects into agricultural industries.	0.49	Primary Industries and Resources South Australia (PIRSA)
- Pest and Disease Control Research and Development	Research development of pest and disease control programs.	4.63	PIRSA
Tasmania			
	The funding of research programs which develop and improve efficient and sustainable practices in agriculture.	4.30	Tasmania Department of Primary Industries and Water (Tas DPIW)
Victoria			
	Research and development into Victorian agricultural industries.	31.30	Victoria Department of Primary Industries (Vic DPI)
Western Australia			
	Research and development into production processing, marketing of agricultural production, sustainable land management and pest and disease control.	55.21	Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (DAFWA)
<u>Pest and disease control</u>			
Australian Capital Territory			
	Control of feral animals (pigs, foxes, rabbits, dogs) and declared pest plants	0.22	Environment ACT
New South Wales			
	Provision of resources to ensure that disease and pest risks of particular relevance to agricultural production are minimised.	78.62	NSW DPI

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Northern Territory	Control of feral animals and pests (such as wild horses, donkeys and wild pigs) and to contain and eradicate noxious weeds.	2.53	Northern Territory Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport (NRETAS)
- Pest and disease control	Pest and disease surveillance, control of exotic pests and diseases and manage the response for emerging animal and plant diseases.	6.10	NT DPIFM
Queensland			
- Pest Management ¹¹	Plant and animal protection and pest management services.	0.00	Qld DPI&F
- Biosecurity Protection Services ¹¹	Programs to prevent and respond to pest and disease threats, and implement product integrity systems.	39.50	Qld DPI&F
Tasmania	Programs for the eradication and control of pests and diseases impacting on the agricultural sector.	12.70	Tas DPIW
Victoria			
- Rabbit Management	To minimise the economic, environmental and social impacts caused by rabbits by encouraging farmers to implement integrated rabbit control programs, particularly those that maximise the gains from the introduction of the rabbit Calicivirus.	1.29	Vic DPI and Victoria Department of Sustainability and Environment (Vic DSE)
- Pest Animal Management	Advisory services to minimise the economic, environmental and social impact on all land in Victoria of actual and potential animal pests (rabbits included).	4.36	Vic DPI and Vic DSE
- Pest Plant Management	Research and advisory services for the effective management of identified pest plants.	8.22	Vic DPI and Vic DSE
Western Australia	Pest and disease control for Western Australian agricultural industries.	14.55	DAFWA
<u>Training Services</u>			
New South Wales	Farm management, productivity enhancement and sustainability training for agricultural producers.	8.45	NSW DPI
Northern Territory			
- FarmBis ¹²	Funding to develop unique and relevant training for primary producers to increase business management skills and sustainability of farm business enterprises.	0.24	NT DRDPIFR

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- Regional Economic Development Fund	Funding to stimulate and support regional economic development through locally based initiatives.	0.01	Northern Territory Department of Business and Employment (NT DBE)
Queensland - FarmBis ¹³	Funding to develop unique and relevant training for primary producers to increase business management skills and sustainability of farm business enterprises.	0.18	Qld DPI&F
South Australia - Farmbis ¹⁴	Funding to develop unique and relevant training for primary producers to increase business management skills and sustainability of farm business enterprises.	1.82	PIRSA
- Community Landcare	Technical and coordination support to community landcare groups.	0.04	PIRSA
Tasmania - FarmBis ¹⁵	Funding to develop unique and relevant training for primary producers to increase business management skills and sustainability of farm business enterprises.	0.65	Tas DPIW
Victoria - FarmBis ¹⁶	Funding to develop unique and relevant training for primary producers to increase business management skills and sustainability of farm business enterprises.	0.00	Vic DPI
Western Australia - FarmBis ¹⁷	Funding to develop unique and relevant training for primary producers to increase business management skills and sustainability of farm business enterprises.	3.46	DAFWA
- Training and development	Training support for sustainable rural management, trade and market development.	7.88	DAFWA
<u>Extension and Advisory Services</u>			
Australian Capital Territory	Provision of advisory and extension services to agricultural producers.	0.65	Environment ACT
New South Wales	Provision of advisory and extension services to ensure that best-practice methods are adopted by the industry.	26.00	NSW DPI

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- AAA – Rural Financial Counselling Service ¹⁸	Provision of a financial counselling service to help primary producers, fishing enterprises and small rural businesses in rural areas, which are experiencing financial hardship and have no other source of financial advice.	0.84	NSW DPI
Northern Territory	To provide extension and advisory services to primary producers (excluding fisheries).	3.34	NT DRDPIFR
Queensland	Provision of extension and advisory services.	26.50	Qld DPI
- Rural Water Use Efficiency Initiative	Provision of extension activities to improve water use efficiency.	1.25	Queensland Department of Natural Resources & Water (Qld NRW)
- South-East Queensland Irrigation Futures Program	Provision of extension services leading towards the adoption of better water management/effluent management practices.	1.50	Qld NRW
South Australia	Provision of extension advice to enhance sustainable economic development.	1.67	PIRSA
Tasmania	Provision of advice concerning farm management, finance and general agriculture and the dissemination of results from research programs.	5.77	Tas DPIW
Victoria			
- Extension and advisory services	Provision of extension and advisory services to agricultural producers.	13.50	Vic DPI
- AAA – Rural Financial Counselling Service ¹⁹	Provision of a financial counselling service to help primary producers, fishing enterprises and small rural businesses in rural areas who are experiencing financial hardship and have no other source of financial advice.	1.14	Vic DPI
- Additional Extension for Decision Support	Provision of one-on-one technical advice and information to inform decisions by farmers affected by drought and water availability.	0.8	Vic DPI
- Agricultural Recovery Response	Provision of advice to encourage more active planning and long term drought solutions to create a more resilient agricultural sector.	0.42	Vic DPI
- Drought Communications	Provision of advice to farmers on how to access information and assistance in response to the hardships caused by the prolonged dry conditions across the state.	0.65	Vic DPI

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- Sustainable Farming Families	Provision of information and advice to improve the physical and mental health, well being and farm safety practices of farmers and their families.	1.35	Vic DPI
Western Australia			
- Extension and advisory services	Provision of extension and advisory services to agricultural producers.	31.12	DAFWA
- AAA – Rural Financial Counselling Service ²⁰	Provision of a financial counselling service to help primary producers, fishing enterprises and small rural businesses in rural areas, which are experiencing financial hardship and have no other source of financial advice.	0.11	DAFWA
<u>Inspection Services</u>			
Australian Capital Territory			
- Animal Health	Inspection services for the management of pest and disease threats to animal industries.	0.15	Environment ACT
New South Wales	Inspection services for assessment of food quality and safety.	11.51	NSW DPI
Queensland	Inspection services for the management of safe and ethical food and fibre systems.	11.50	Qld DPI&F
South Australia			
- Plant and animal health	Inspection services for the management of pest and disease threats to plant and animal industries.	8.60	PIRSA
- Rural Chemical Program	Inspection services for the management of pesticide and veterinary medicine risks in animal and plant industries.	0.88	PIRSA
Tasmania	Inspection services for quarantine.	3.39	Tas DPIW
Western Australia	Inspection services for agricultural industries.	17.62	DAFWA
<u>Marketing and Promotion</u>			
New South Wales	Identification and promotion of market opportunities and promotion of value adding to agricultural products.	0.26	NSW DPI
Queensland	Market access and development services.	2.90	Qld DPI&F
Tasmania	The provision of policy advice, marketing and economic research, marketing and promotion information and advice to agriculture.	1.10	Tas DPIW

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Victoria	Marketing services for a range of agricultural industries.	1.36	Vic DPI
Western Australia	To develop market opportunities for a range of agricultural products.	1.80	DAFWA
<u>Infrastructure Services</u>			
Northern Territory	To co-ordinate the provision of infrastructure essential for the development of Territory primary industries and to attract new investments to the Territory.	0.00	NT DBE
- Pastoral Water Enhancement Scheme	To enhance land and water resource management on pastoral properties by encouraging sound planning of watering facilities.	0.30	NT DRDPIFR
Queensland - Infrastructure Services	Provision of capital works for state water infrastructure development and provision of assistance for the development of water infrastructure by others.	9.80	Qld DPI&F
South Australia	Rehabilitation of irrigation supply infrastructure in the Riverland.	2.76	South Australia Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation (DWLBC)
	Upper South East drainage and dry land Salinity management program.	1.56	DWLBC
Tasmania	Assistance in the provision of rural infrastructure and associated services to ensure the continued development of efficient and sustainable agriculture.	2.76	Tas DPIW
Victoria	Funding for the management and improvement of rural water storage facilities relating to irrigation, drinking and domestic use.	33.62	Vic DSE
Western Australia	Capital works for government support services.	24.68	DAFWA
Subtotal		1,069.70	
(b) "Public stockholding for food security purposes"			
Subtotal		0.00	

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(c) "Domestic food aid"			
Subtotal		0.00	
(d) "Decoupled income support"			
<i>Australian Government</i>			
AAA – Farm Help (Income Support)	A short-term welfare safety net for low-income farmers experiencing financial hardship and who cannot borrow further against their assets. The support is provided while they decide whether to improve their farms' financial position, obtain off-farm income or exit farming.	1.00	DAFF
Subtotal		1.00	
(e) "Income insurance and income safety-net programs"			
<i>Australian Government</i>			
Farm Management Deposits Scheme	The FMD scheme is a tax-linked, financial risk management measure delivered commercially through participating financial institutions. The scheme allows taxable, primary production income from profitable years to be set aside for subsequent 'drawn-down' in low-income years; thereby reducing the risk to primary producers of income variability due to factors such as drought.	85.00	Australian Government The Treasury
Subtotal		85.00	
(f) "Payments for relief from natural disasters"			
<i>Australian Government</i>			
Exceptional Circumstances Interest Rate Subsidy ²¹	Support for farmers whose farm business incomes have been adversely affected by exceptional circumstances (such as extreme and prolonged drought).	676.58	DAFF
Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment	Assists farm families in exceptional circumstances declared areas (eg extreme and prolonged drought) to meet basic living expenses by providing sufficient immediate cash, equivalent to unemployment benefits and triggers access to auxiliary benefits such as access to basic health care.	395.00	DAFF

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Citrus Canker Assistance Package Relief Payment ²²	Support to Queensland citrus growers and citrus production nurseries facing serious financial pressure following an outbreak of Citrus Canker.	0.00	DAFF
Special Disaster Flood Assistance Scheme ²³	Assistance to Queensland primary producers who suffered direct damage from monsoonal flooding in January and February 2008.	9.69	Australian Government Attorney General's Department
<i>State/Territory Governments</i>			
Australian Capital Territory - Exceptional Circumstances – Interest Rate Subsidy ²⁴	Interest rate subsidies for farm businesses affected by drought.	0.12	Environment ACT
New South Wales	Support to farm families and farm businesses to mitigate the effects of drought, floods, bushfires, storms and earthquakes.	26.90	NSW DPI
- Exceptional Circumstances – Interest Rate Subsidy ²⁵	Interest rate subsidies for farm businesses affected by drought.	40.95	NSW DPI
Queensland - Drought Assistance	Assistance for primary producers affected by drought.	10.76	Qld DPI & F
- Special Disaster Flood Assistance Scheme ²⁶	Assistance for primary producers who suffered direct damage from monsoonal flooding in January and February 2008.	9.69	Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority
South Australia - Exceptional Circumstances – Interest Rate Subsidy ²⁷	Interest rate subsidies to assist farm businesses in the drought declared area of the Central North East.	4.85	PIRSA
- SA Storm Relief Program ²⁸	Assistance for farmers located in the Renmark district affected by storm damage.	0.00	PIRSA
- SA Planning for Recovery Program	Assistance for farming businesses affected by drought to prepare and implement business plans.	5.74	PIRSA
Victoria - Concessional loans	Concessional loans to farm businesses who suffered losses as a result of bushfires.	0.22	Vic DPI
- Exceptional Circumstances – Interest Rate Subsidy ²⁹	Interest rate subsidies for farm businesses affected by drought.	14.53	Vic DPI
- Water Tank Rebate Scheme	Assistance for the purchase and installation of water tanks for farmers situated in drought affected regions.	0.78	Vic DPI
- Bushfire clean-up and restoration grants	Assistance for the clean-up, removal of debris and business restoration for primary producers suffering bushfire damage.	3.93	Vic DPI

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Western Australia			
- Exceptional Circumstances – Rural Adjustment Scheme ³⁰	Short term interest rate subsidies for farm businesses affected by drought.	0.99	DAFWA
- Dry Season Assistance ³¹	Assistance to farmers and pastoralists severely affected by prolonged dry conditions.	0.00	DAFWA
- Pastoral Dry Season Assistance ³²	Assistance to pastoralists who have been severely affected by prolonged dry conditions.	0.00	DAFWA
- Cyclone Isobel Relief Arrangements ³³	Assistance provided to farmers affected by the damage caused as a result of Cyclone Isobel.	0.00	DAFWA
Subtotal		1,200.73	
(g) "Structural adjustment assistance through producer retirement programs"			
<i>Australian Government</i>			
AAA – Farm Help (re-establishment grants)	Grants to farmers in financial difficulty, who cannot borrow further against their assets, to leave the farming sector before their assets are completely depleted.	0.99	DAFF
Dairy Exit Payments ³⁴	Assistance to farmers to adjust to the deregulation of the dairy industry. Farmers must exit agriculture to be eligible.	0.00	DAFF
Sugar Industry Reform Program – Exit Assistance ³⁵	One-off payment (subject to assets test) to eligible sugar cane growers wishing to leave the industry.	0.00	DAFF
Exceptional Circumstances (EC) Exit Package	The exit package assists primary producers in EC declared areas who have been severely affected by drought, to exit farming, ensuring that there is sufficient financial support available to enable re-establishment outside farming.	4.59	DAFF

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<i>State/Territory Governments</i>			
Victoria - Land Aggregation Program ³⁶	Program to aggregate non-viable holdings. Measures include property purchase, exit grants and interest subsidies.	0.00	Vic DPI
Subtotal		5.58	
(h) "Structural adjustment assistance provided through resource retirement programs"		0.00	
Subtotal		0.00	
(i) "Structural adjustment assistance through investment aids"			
<i>State/ Territory Governments</i>			
New South Wales ³⁷	Interest rate subsidies for productivity improvements, capital restructuring and farm consolidation.	0.00	NSW Rural Assistance Authority
Subtotal		0.00	
(j) "Environmental programs"			
<i>Australian Government</i>			
NHT – Landcare	Assistance to community groups to reverse land degradation and to promote sustainable agriculture.	74.42	DEWHA
NHT – Bushcare	Assistance to community groups to reverse the long-term decline in the quality of native vegetation cover.	147.40	DEWHA
NHT – Rivercare	Assistance for community groups to contribute towards the sustainable management, rehabilitation and conservation of rivers and to improve the health of these river systems.	39.88	DEWHA
National Landcare Program	Assistance to facilitate the development and implementation of integrated approaches to sustainable agriculture and natural resource management in Australia.	35.52	DAFF

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<i>State/Territory Governments</i>			
Australian Capital Territory NHT – Landcare ³⁸	Assistance to community groups to reverse land degradation and to promote sustainable agriculture.	0.44	Environment ACT
NHT – Bushcare ³⁹	Assistance to community groups to reverse the long-term decline in the quality of native vegetation cover.	1.38	Environment ACT
NHT – Rivercare ⁴⁰	Assistance for community groups to contribute towards the sustainable management, rehabilitation and conservation of rivers and to improve the health of these river systems.	0.45	Environment ACT
New South Wales	Funding for programs for preventing and mitigating degradation of land and water resources associated with agricultural production.	20.96	NSW DPI
Northern Territory – Natural Resource Management	To identify land resources and to evaluate their opportunities and constraints to ensure appropriate land management practices which conserve, enhance, and where appropriate, rehabilitate land resources and to promote and support community Landcare.	8.46	NT NRETAS
Tasmania	Provision of services to agricultural producers covering policy and regulatory frameworks to ensure equitable and sustainable provision of surface and groundwater resources and to limit environmental damage and to encourage sound practices to minimise soil erosion, salination and water damage.	8.52	Tas DPIW
Western Australia - Salinity and natural resource management	Salinity control, soil conservation and nutrient management; land resource assessment and monitoring; engineering and water management.	39.3	DAFWA
Subtotal		376.73	
(k) "Regional assistance programmes"			
<i>Australian Government</i>			
Rural Partnership Program ⁴¹	Support to encourage self-reliant rural sectors which can adapt to: changing markets, economic and resource conditions and sustainable management of natural resource bases.	0.00	DAFF

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West 2000 Plus	West 2000 Plus aims to contribute to a competitive, viable and self sustaining Western Division of New South Wales and to the development of robust, equitable and prosperous communities.	0.13	DAFF
Subtotal		0.13	
(l) "Other"			
<u>Direct Payments to Producer</u>			
<i>Australian Government</i>			
New Industries Development Program	Assistance in strengthening the capability of Australian agribusiness in the development and pilot commercialisation of new agribusiness products, services and technology.	0.78	DAFF
Dairy Regional Assistance Program ⁴²	A component of the Dairy Industry Adjustment Package designed to assist regional communities that have been impacted upon by the removal of state market milk price regulations.	0.04	Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (DITRDLG)
Sugar Industry Reform Program – regional / community projects	Funding is available for projects to improve the efficiency and viability of the industry and region.	32.60	DAFF
Subtotal		33.42	
TOTAL		2,772.29	

¹ Program ended 2007-08

² Program previously called National Feral Animal Control Strategy

³ NHT- National Heritage Trust

⁴ AAA- Agriculture Advancing Australia

⁵ Program ended 2007/08

⁶ Program ended 2007/08

⁷ Program ended 2007/08

⁸ Program ended 2007/08

⁹ Program ended 2007/08 (previously called Australian Home Grown Campaign)

¹⁰ Expenditure for Natural Resource Management is included in the expenditure for Research and Development (entry directly below Natural Resource Management in table). In 2006/07, there was a change in criteria to coincide with expenditure reporting to both the Office of the Queensland Chief Scientist and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

¹¹ Expenditure for Pest Management is included in the expenditure for Biosecurity Protection Services (entry directly below Pest Management in table), given that this role is administered by Biosecurity Queensland (Queensland Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries division).

¹² Northern Territory component of Australian Government program. Program ended 2007/08.

¹³ Queensland state component of Australian Government program. Program ended 2007/08.

¹⁴ South Australian state component of Australian Government program. Program ended 2007/08.

¹⁵ Tasmanian state component of Australian Government program. Program ended 2007/08.

¹⁶ Victorian state component of Australian Government program. Program ended 2006/07.

¹⁷ Western Australian state component of Australian Government program. Program ended 2007/08.

¹⁸ New South Wales state component of Australian Government program.

¹⁹ Victorian state component of Australian Government program.

²⁰ Western Australian state component of Australian Government program.

²¹ From November 2006, eligible agriculture dependent small business operators were able to apply for Exceptional Circumstances Income Support. In September 2007, the criteria for small business applicants were expanded to include other types of small business operators. Whilst not all recipients of this provision are agricultural producers, for the purposes of providing a complete representation of this program, we have included the portion of funds allocated to small businesses in rural areas.

²² Program ended 2007/08

²³ Australian Government component of joint Australian Government and Queensland Government assistance scheme (funding shared on 50/50 basis). See also footnote 27.

²⁴ Australian Capital Territory component of Australian Government program.

²⁵ New South Wales component of Australian Government program.

²⁶ Queensland component of joint Australian Government and Queensland Government assistance scheme (funding shared on 50/50 basis). See also footnote 24.

²⁷ South Australian component of Australian Government program.

²⁸ Program ended 2006/07

²⁹ Victorian state component of Australian Government program.

³⁰ Western Australian state component of Australian Government program.

³¹ Program ended 2007/08

³² Program ended 2007/08

³³ Program ended 2007/08

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³⁷ Program ended 2007/08

³⁸ Australian Capital Territory component of Australian Government program

³⁹ Australian Capital Territory component of Australian Government program

⁴⁰ Australian Capital Territory component of Australian Government program

⁴¹ Program ended 2007/08

⁴² Program ended 2006/07- expenditure in 2007/08 is an adjustment to the amount payable which was originally recognised in 2003/04.

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Australia**REPORTING PERIOD: 2007/08 fiscal year (1 July – 30 June)***Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product-specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (\$A million)	Product-specific equivalent measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (\$A million)
1	2	3	4
Milk	206.74		206.74
Sugar	2.40 (<i>de minimis</i>)		0
Wheat	0.91 (<i>de minimis</i>)		0
Cattle	0.06 (<i>de minimis</i>)		0
Non-product-specific AMS	144.98 (<i>de minimis</i>)		0
			TOTAL: 206.74

Supporting Table DS:6

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Australia**REPORTING PERIOD: 2007/08 fiscal year (1 July – 30 June)***Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

Description of basic product	Fiscal year beginning...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST/...)	Eligible production	Total price-related direct payments	Other non-exempt direct payments	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4-5)*6	8 (\$A million)	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
Wheat	1 July 2007	(a)					0.91		0.91	DITRDLG
Sugar	1 July 2007	(b)					2.40		2.40	DAFF
Cattle	1 July 2007	(c)					0.06		0.06	NT DRDPIFR

(a) Direct payment to compensate for shipping and freight costs incurred on domestic sales of wheat to Tasmania.

(b) Direct payment to assist producers in the sugar industry to undertake operational restructuring.

(c) Direct payment to compensate for freight costs incurred by cattle producers in the Northern Territory experiencing severe drought.

De minimis value is \$258.15 million (5% of total value of production for a commodity). 2007/08 GVP Wheat Production - \$A5,163 million (ABARE Australian Commodities, December quarter 2008). This report is available at http://www.abare.gov.au/publications_html/ac/ac_08/ac08_Dec.pdf (page 139)

De minimis value is \$44.25 million (5% of total value of production for a commodity). 2007/08 GVP Sugar Production – \$A885 million (ABARE Australian Commodities, December quarter 2008). This report is available at http://www.abare.gov.au/publications_html/ac/ac_08/ac08_Dec.pdf (page 139)

De minimis value is \$379.55 million (5% of total value of production for a commodity). 2007/08 GVP Cattle Production- \$A7, 591 million (ABARE Australian Commodities, December quarter 2008). This report is available at http://www.abare.gov.au/publications_html/ac/ac_08/ac08_Dec.pdf (page 140)

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Australia**REPORTING PERIOD: 2007/08 fiscal year (1 July – 30 June)***Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS*

Description of basic product	Fiscal year beginning...	Measurement type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays	Other product specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6)	Total AMS	Data sources
				(\$A million)	(\$A million)	(\$A million)		(\$A million)	(\$A million)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						(4+5-6)			(7+8+9)	
Milk	1 July 2007	<u>Dairy Structural Adjustment Program</u> Support is provided to producers to assist adjustment to deregulation of the industry. The payments are funded by an 11 cents per litre levy on retail sales of milk.		203.17					203.17	DAFF
	1 July 2007	<u>Dairy Supplementary Assistance</u> To assist producers who have been severely affected by deregulation. The payments are funded by an 11 cents per litre levy on retail sales of milk.		3.57					3.57	DAFF
Wheat	1 July 2007							0.91	0.91	DITRDLG
Sugar	1 July 2007							2.40	2.40	DAFF
Cattle	1 July 2007							0.06	0.06	NT DRDPIFR

Supporting Table DS:9

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Australia**REPORTING PERIOD: 2007/08 fiscal year (1 July – 30 June)***Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Fiscal year beginning...	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays (\$A million)	Other non-product specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product-specific support (\$A million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7
Young Farmers Scheme – Victoria ^a	1 July 2007	0.10			0.10	Vic DPI
Murray Darling Basin Irrigation Management Grants Program ^b	1 July 2007	144.88			144.88	Centrelink
Total					144.98	

(a) Interest rate subsidy to assist young farmers commence a career in farming.

(b) Grants program for Murray Darling Basin irrigators to implement water management strategies to address reduced water allocations and maximise the productive use of available water.

De minimis value is \$2,074 million (5% of total agricultural production). 2007/08 Agricultural production - \$A41,486 million (ABARE Australian Commodities, December quarter 2008). This report is available at http://www.abare.gov.au/publications_html/ac/ac_08/ac08_Dec.pdf