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- ² higher education and research funding, and for
- **3 related purposes**
- ⁴ The Parliament of Australia enacts:

5 **1 Short title**

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This Act may be cited as the *Higher Education Legislation* Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Act 2007.

8 2 Commencement

9 10 11 12	(1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.
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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	Commencement	Date/Details
1. Sections 1 to 3 and anything in this Act not elsewhere covered by this table	The day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.	
2. Schedule 1	The day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.	
3. Schedule 2	1 January 2008.	1 January 2008
4. Schedule 3, Part 1	The day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.	
5. Schedule 3, Part 2	1 January 2008.	1 January 2008
6. Schedules 4 and 5	1 January 2008.	1 January 2008
7. Schedule 6	The day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.	
8. Schedules 7 and 8	1 January 2008.	1 January 2008
9. Schedule 9	The day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.	
10. Schedules 10 and 11	1 January 2008.	1 January 2008
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3 Schedule(s)		
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2 Schedule 1—Amounts relating to grants

4 Higher Education Support Act 2003

5 **1** Paragraphs 30-5(1)(d) to (f)

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Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

- (d) for the year 2008—\$3,843,664,000; or
- (e) for the year 2009—\$3,907,818,000; or
- (f) for the year 2010—\$3,956,115,000; or
- (g) for the year 2011—\$3,986,485,000.

2 Subsection 41-45(1) (table items 4 to 6)

Repeal the items, substitute:

4	2008	\$1,872,116,000
5	2009	\$1,838,589,000
6	2010	\$1,811,605,000
7	2011	\$1,797,426,000

3 Section 46-40 (table items 5 to 7)

	Repeal the iter	ns, substitute:
5	2008	\$239,305,000
6	2009	\$250,783,000
7	2010	\$255,663,000
8	2011	\$260,211,000

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Schedule 2—Funding clusters

4 Higher Education Support Act 2003

5 **1 Section 30-15 (table)**

Repeal the table, substitute:

Funding clusters	
Funding clusters	
Law, Accounting, Admin	nistration, Economics, Commerce
Humanities	
Mathematics, Statistics,	Behavioural Science, Social Studies,
Education, Computing, H	Built Environment, Other Health
Clinical Psychology, All	ied Health, Foreign Languages, Visual and
Performing Arts	
Nursing	
Engineering, Science, Su	rveying
Dentistry, Medicine, Vet	erinary Science, Agriculture

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9 **2 Section 33-10 (table)**

10 Repeal the table, substitute:

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Item	Funding cluster	Commonwealth contribution amount
1	Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce	\$1,674
2	Humanities	\$4,647
3	Mathematics, Statistics, Behavioural Science, Social Studies, Education, Computing, Built Environment, Other Health	\$8,217
4	Clinical Psychology, Allied Health, Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	\$10,106

Item	Funding cluster	Commonwealth contribution amount
5	Nursing	\$11,280
6	Engineering, Science, Surveying	\$14,363
7	Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Agriculture	\$18,227

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3 Transitional provision—indexation

Amounts in the table in section 33-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, as amended by this Schedule, are not to be indexed on 1 January 2008.

4 Transitional provision—adjustment of basic grant amount

For the purposes of working out if and how a higher education provider's basic grant amount for the year 2008 or an earlier grant year is to be adjusted under Subdivision 33-C of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, disregard the amendment made by item 2 of this Schedule.

12 **5 Section 33-15**

Repeal the section, substitute:

33-17 Reductions in assistance for higher education providers failing to meet certain requirements

16	(1) A higher education provider's *basic grant amount for a year is
17	reduced if:
18	(a) the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines impose on
19	higher education providers requirements to be known as the
20	National Governance Protocols; and
21	(b) the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines impose on
22	higher education providers requirements to be known as the
23	Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements; and
24	(c) the Minister is satisfied that the provider does not meet the
25	requirements in paragraphs (a) and (b) as at the dates that are
26	specified in the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines in

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1	relation to each of those requirements, in the year preceding
2	the year.
3	(2) The reduction under subsection (1) is an amount equal to the
4	amount that would have been the increase under repealed
5	section 33-15 if:
6	(a) the provider had been entitled to an increase of 7.5% under
7	that section as in force immediately before the
8	commencement of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Higher
9	Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures)
10	<i>Act 2007</i> ; and
11	(b) the *funding clusters were the funding clusters that existed
12	immediately before the commencement of Part 1 of
13	Schedule 2 to the Higher Education Legislation Amendment
14	(2007 Budget Measures) Act 2007; and
15	(c) the *Commonwealth contribution amount for each of those
16	funding clusters was the amount that would have been the
17	Commonwealth contribution amount for the funding cluster
18	for the year if the amounts in the table in section 33-10 had
19	not been amended by the Higher Education Legislation
20	Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Act 2007 or any later
21	Act.
22	6 Application provision—section 33-17
23	Section 33-17 of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 applies in
24	relation to basic grant amounts for 2008 and later years.

S	chedule 3—Term of funding agreements
Ρ	art 1—Amendments commencing on Royal Assent
H	igher Education Support Act 2003
1	At the end of paragraph 30-1(1)(c) Add "or in respect of a period that includes that year".
2	Subsection 30-25(1) Repeal the subsection, substitute:
	 The Minister may, on behalf of the Commonwealth, enter into a funding agreement with a higher education provider: (a) relating to a grant under this Part in respect of a year (the <i>grant year</i>); or (b) relating to grants under this Part in respect of each year in a period of 3 years (the <i>grant years</i>).
3	Subsection 30-25(2) After "the grant is", insert ", or the grants are,".
4	Subsection 30-25(2) (note) After "the grant", insert "or grants".
5	Subsections 30-25(2A) and (2B) After "the grant is", insert ", or the grants are,".
6	Paragraph 30-25(3)(a) After "grant year" (wherever occurring), insert "or grant years".
7	Paragraphs 30-25(3)(b) to (da) After "grant year", insert "or grant years".
8	At the end of subsection 36-70(3) Add "or in respect of a period that includes that year".
9	Application of amendments made by this Part

The amendments made by this Part apply to funding agreements entered into under subsection 30-25(1) of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* in relation to grants in respect of 2008 or in respect of a period that includes 2008.

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rt 2—Amendments commencing 1 January 2008
gher Education Support Act 2003
Paragraph 30-1(1)(c) Omit "in respect of that year or".
Subsection 30-25(1)
Repeal the subsection, substitute:
(1) The Minister may, on behalf of the Commonwealth, enter into a funding agreement with a higher education provider relating to grants under this Part in respect of each year in a period of 3 years (the <i>grant years</i>).
Subsection 30-25(2)
Omit "the grant is, or the grants are,", substitute "the grants are".
Subsection 30-25(2) (note)
Omit "grant or".
Subsections 30-25(2A) and (2B)
Omit "the grant is, or the grants are,", substitute "the grants are".
Paragraphs 30-25(3)(b) to (da)
Omit "grant year or".
Subsection 36-70(3)
Omit "in respect of the year or".
Application of amendments made by this Part
The amendments made by this Part apply:
(a) to funding agreements entered into under subsection 30-25(1) of the <i>Higher Education Support Act 2003</i> in relation to
grants in respect of 2009 and later years; and

1	(b) to funding agreements entered into under subsection 30-25(1)
2	of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 in respect of each
3	year in a period of 3 years that includes 2008.

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1 2 3 4	Schedule 4—Adjustment of basic grant amounts
5	Higher Education Support Act 2003
6 7	1 Subsection 30-5(2) Omit "section 33-20", substitute "Subdivision 33-C".
8 9	2 Section 33-20 Repeal the section.
10 11	3 Subsections 33-25(1) to (4) Repeal the subsections, substitute:
12 13	Corrected basic amount is less than the basic grant amount (Table A and B providers)
14 15 16 17	 (1) The *basic grant amount for a *Table A provider or a *Table B provider for a year is reduced by an adjustment if the provider's *corrected basic amount for the preceding year was less than 99% of the provider's basic grant amount for that year.
18 19 20 21 22 23	 (2) The adjustment under subsection (1) is the lower of the following amounts: (a) an amount equal to the difference between: (i) 99% of the basic grant amount; and (ii) the *corrected basic amount; (b) 4% of the basic grant amount.
24 25	Corrected basic amount is less than the basic grant amount (non-Table A and B providers)
26 27 28 29 30	(3) The *basic grant amount for a higher education provider that is not a *Table A provider or a *Table B provider is reduced by an adjustment if the provider's *corrected basic amount for the preceding year was less than the provider's basic grant amount for that year.

1		(4) The adjustment under subsection (3) is an amount equal to the
2		difference between:
3		(a) the basic grant amount; and
4		(b) the *corrected basic amount.
5 6	Note 1:	The heading to section 33-25 is altered by omitting " that apply in the absence of guidelines ".
7 8	Note 2:	The following heading to subsection 33-25(5) is inserted "Meaning of corrected basic amount".
9	4 Sul	bsections 33-25(5A) to (6)
10		Repeal the subsections, substitute:
11 12		Corrected basic amount is more than the basic grant amount (Table A and B providers)
13		(6) The *basic grant amount for a year for a *Table A provider or a
14 15 16		*Table B provider is increased by an adjustment if the provider's *corrected basic amount for the preceding year was more than the provider's basic grant amount for the year.
10		provider's basic grant anount for the year.
17 18		(7) The adjustment under subsection (6) is the lower of the following amounts:
19		(a) an amount equal to the difference between:
20		(i) the *corrected basic amount; and
21		(ii) the *basic grant amount;
22		(b) 5% of the basic grant amount.
23	5 Tra	Insitional provision
24		For the purposes of working out if and how a higher education
25		provider's basic grant amount for the year 2008 or an earlier year is to

- 26 be adjusted under Subdivision 33-C of the *Higher Education Support*
- 27 *Act 2003*, disregard the amendments made by this Schedule.

Schedule 5—Removal of restriction on number of fee-paying places

5 Higher Education Support Act 2003

6 1 Section 36-35

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7 Repeal the section.

2 Clause 1 of Schedule 1 (definition of *course of study in medicine*)

10 Repeal the definition, substitute:

- 11 *course of study in medicine* means a *course of study, completion
- 12 of which would allow provisional registration as a medical
- 13 practitioner by an authority of a State, a Territory or the
- 14 Commonwealth.

Schedule 6—Grants to assist with costs of changes to maximum student contribution amounts

6 Higher Education Support Act 2003

7 **1** Subsection 41-10(1) (at the end of the table)

Add:

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12 Grants to assist higher education providers with the transitional costs of changes to maximum student contribution amounts Higher education providers to which Commonwealth-supported places have been allocated for any year

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Schedule 7—Maximum student contribution amounts

Higher Education Support Act 2003

6 **1 Section 93-10**

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9 10 Before "The", insert "(1)".

2 Section 93-10 (table)

Repeal the table, substitute:

Item	num student contribution amounts for Column 1 For a place in a unit in this funding cluster:	Column 2 The maximum student contribution is:
1	Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce	\$8,499
2	Humanities	\$5,095
3	Mathematics, Statistics, Behavioural Science, Social Studies, Education, Computing, Built Environment, Other Health	 (a) for a place in a unit in Mathematics, Statistics, Computing, Built Environment or Other Health—\$7,260; or
		(b) for a place in a unit in Behavioural Science or Social Studies—\$5,095; or
		(c) for a place in a unit in Education—\$4,077.
4	Clinical Psychology, Allied Health, Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	 (a) for a place in a unit in Clinical Psychology, Foreign Languages or Visual and Performing Arts– \$5,095; or
		(b) for a place in a unit in Allied Health—\$7,260.
5	Nursing	\$4,077
6	Engineering, Science, Surveying	\$7,260

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Item	Column 1 For a place in a t funding cluster:	unit in this	Column 2 The maximum student contribution is:
7	Dentistry, Medici Science, Agricult	•	 (a) for a place in a unit in Dentist Medicine or Veterinary Science—\$8,499; or
			(b) for a place in a unit in Agriculture—\$7,260.
3 Tra	insitional prov	ision—inde>	ation
			3-10 of the <i>Higher Education Supp</i> nedule, are not to be indexed on
4 Se	ction 93-10 (no	ote 1)	
	Repeal the note, s	substitute:	
	sector	tion 33-35 and this ticular units of stud	Scheme Guidelines made for the purposes section deal with the funding clusters in w y are included and whether particular units rt of a funding cluster.
5 At	the end of sect	tion 93-10	
	Add:		
			Scheme Guidelines may specify, fo table in subsection (1):
			ther a particular unit is a unit in a nding cluster; or
	(b) that a p cluster	•	in a particular part of a funding
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			"subsection 93-10(1)".
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1	(1)	This item applies in relation to a person if:
2 3		(a) the person started a course of study with a higher education provider before 1 January 2008; and
4 5		(b) the person was a Commonwealth-supported student in relation to a unit of study in that course; and
6		(c) any of the following apply to the person:
7 8		(i) the person had not completed the course by 31 December 2007; or
9 10		(ii) in 2007, the person was undertaking an enabling course; or
11 12 13		(iii) the person has completed the related course for an honours course of study and is undertaking the honours course of study; and
14 15 16		 (d) the person is undertaking a unit that would have been included in the funding cluster Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce if the amendments made by Schedule 2 to this Act had not been made; and
17 18 19		(e) the period over which the person is undertaking the unit ends on or before 31 December 2012; and
20 21 22 23 24		 (f) if item 1 of Schedule 1 to the <i>Higher Education Support</i> (<i>Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments</i>) <i>Act 2003</i> applies or has applied to the person—the period over which the person is undertaking the unit starts on or after 1 January 2009.
25	(2)	Despite section 93-10 of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 as
26 27		amended by this Schedule, the <i>maximum student contribution amount</i> <i>for a place</i> in the unit referred to in paragraph (1)(e) for the person is
27 28		the amount that would have been the maximum student contribution
20 29		amount for a place in that unit if the amendment of section 93-10 made
30		by this Schedule had not been made.

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Schedule 8—Commonwealth scholarships

1 At	the end of section 3-5
	Add:
	(3) Chapter 2 also provides for the direct payment to students of certain Commonwealth scholarships.
Note:	The heading to section 3-5 is altered by inserting "etc." after "assistance".
2 Pa	ragraph 5-1(4)(c)
	Omit "Grants for".
3 Ch	apter 2 (heading)
	Repeal the heading, substitute:
	Repeal the heading, substitute:
Cha	Repeal the heading, substitute:
Cha	Repeal the heading, substitute: apter 2—Grants for higher education assistance etc.
Cha	Repeal the heading, substitute: apter 2—Grants for higher education assistance etc. the end of section 8-1 (after the note) Add: This Chapter also provides for the direct payment to students
Cha	Repeal the heading, substitute: apter 2—Grants for higher education assistance etc. the end of section 8-1 (after the note) Add:
Cha 4 At	Repeal the heading, substitute: apter 2—Grants for higher education assistance etc. the end of section 8-1 (after the note) Add: This Chapter also provides for the direct payment to students

- 23 6 Division 46 (heading)
- 24 Repeal the heading, substitute:

1	Division 46—	Commonwealth scholarships
2	7 At the end o	of section 46-1 (before the note)
3	Add:	
4	Certa	in scholarships may be paid directly to students.
5	8 Section 46-	10
6	Omit "2 cl	lasses", substitute "3 classes".
7	9 Paragraph 4	l6-10(a)
8	Repeal the	e paragraph, substitute:
9	(a)	directly-paid standard scholarships; and
10	(aa)	indirectly-paid standard scholarships; and
11	10 After section	on 46-10
12	Insert:	
13	46-13 Eligibilit	y of students to receive directly-paid standard
14	Com	monwealth scholarships
15	If:	
16	(a)	the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines provide for a
17		particular kind of directly-paid standard *Commonwealth
18		scholarship; and
19 20	(b)	those guidelines set out eligibility requirements for that kind of scholarship; and
21	(c)	a student of:
22		(i) a *Table A provider; or
23		(ii) a higher education provider to which subparagraph
24		30-1(1)(a)(ii) applies;
25		satisfies those eligibility requirements; and
26	(d)	the student is selected by the provider to receive that kind of
27		scholarship; and
28	(e)	the selection is in accordance with a selection policy
29	/ F \	maintained by that provider; and the selection policy complies with the requirements set out in
30 31	(1)	the selection policy complies with the requirements set out in the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines;

	the student is entitled to receive from the Commonwealth that kind of directly-paid standard Commonwealth scholarship.
11	Subsection 46-15(1)
	Before "standard", insert "indirectly-paid".
Note:	The heading to section 46-15 is replaced by the heading "Eligibility of higher education providers to receive grants for certain Commonwealth scholarships".
12	After subsection 46-20(1)
	Insert:
	Directly-paid standard Commonwealth scholarships
	(1A) Without limiting subsection (1), the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines may provide for the following matters in relation to directly-paid standard *Commonwealth scholarships:
	 (a) the kinds of scholarships that are to be directly-paid standard Commonwealth scholarships;
	(b) the eligibility requirements for each kind of scholarship;
	(c) how the amounts of scholarships are to be determined;
	(d) the indexation of amounts of scholarships, using the method of indexation set out in Part 5-6;
	(e) how scholarships are to be paid;
	(f) the conditions that apply to a particular kind of scholarship;
	(g) the amount, being part of the amount referred to in section 46-40 for a year, that will be spent on each kind of scholarship in that year;
	(h) the indexation of such an amount for subsequent years, using the method of indexation set out in Part 5-6;
	 (i) the maximum number of students that a particular higher education provider can select to receive a particular kind of scholarship for a particular year;
	(j) requirements to be complied with by selection policies maintained by higher education providers;
	 (k) information that higher education providers are to give the Minister.
13	Subsection 46-20(2)
	Omit "those guidelines", substitute "the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines".

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1 2	Note:	The following heading to subsection (2) is inserted " <i>Other Commonwealth scholarships</i> ".
3	14 S	ubsection 46-20(2)
4		After "matters", insert "in relation to indirectly-paid standard
5		*Commonwealth scholarships and postgraduate research
6		Commonwealth scholarships".
7	15 P	aragraph 46-20(2)(a)
8		Omit "standard scholarships", substitute "indirectly-paid standard
9		Commonwealth scholarships".
10	16 P	aragraph 46-20(2)(b)
11		After "research", insert "Commonwealth".
12	17 S	ection 46-25
13		After "a grant", insert "to a higher education provider".
14	18 S	ection 164-1
15		Omit "to higher education providers and other bodies".
16	19 A	fter section 164-15
17		Insert:
18	164-1	7 Overpayments of Commonwealth scholarships to students
19		An overpayment of an amount paid, or purportedly paid, to a
20		person by way of a *Commonwealth scholarship under
21		section 46-13 may, in whole or part, be:
22 23		(a) deducted from any amount that is payable, or to be paid, to that person under that section; or
23		(b) recovered by the Commonwealth from that person as a debt
25		due to the Commonwealth.
26 27	164-1	8 Repayment of Commonwealth scholarships paid to students—breach of condition
28		(1) This section applies if:
29 30		(a) an amount is paid to a person by way of a *Commonwealth scholarship under section 46-13; and

1		(b) the person breaches a condition of the Commonwealth
2		scholarship.
3		(2) The amount may, in whole or part, be:
4		(a) deducted from any amount that is payable, or to be paid, to
5		that person under that section; or
6		(b) recovered by the Commonwealth from that person as a debt
7		due to the Commonwealth.
8 9	Note:	The heading to section 164-15 is altered by adding at the end " of Commonwealth grants".
10	20 A	pplication of amendments
11		The amendments made by this Schedule apply in relation to payments
12		under Part 2-4 of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 in respect of

the year 2008 or a later year.

²² Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007 No. , 2007

Schedule 9—Amounts relating to research funding

5 Australian Research Council Act 2001

1 At the end of subsection 48(2)

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- ; (f) the financial year starting on 1 July 2009;
- (g) the financial year starting on 1 July 2010.

¹⁰ 2 Paragraphs 49(h) and (i)

11	Repeal the	paragraphs, substitute:
12	(h)	for the financial year starting on 1 July 2007—\$571,800,000;
13		and
14	(i)	for the financial year starting on 1 July 2008—\$573,411,000;
15		and
16	(j)	for the financial year starting on 1 July 2009—\$576,586,000;
17		and
18	(k)	for the financial year starting on 1 July 2010—\$575,795,000.

Schedule 10—Grants to assist with the cost of providing the practical component of teacher education

6 Higher Education Support Act 2003

7 **1** Subsection 41-10(1) (after table item 8)

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8A Grants to assist with the cost of providing the practical component of teacher education *Table A providers, *Table B providers, and bodies corporate that are specified in the Other Grants Guidelines for the purposes of this item

9 **2** Application of amendment

- 10 The amendment made by this Schedule applies to grants under Part 2-3
- 11 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* in respect of the year 2008 or
- a later year.

²⁴ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007 No. , 2007

Schedule 11—Grants to support diversity and structural reform

5 Higher Education Support Act 2003

6 **1 Subsection 41-10(1) (after table item 9)**

Insert:

9A Grants to support diversity and structural reform

*Table A providers, and *Table B providers that are universities

8 **2** Application of amendment

9	The amendment made by this Schedule applies to grants under Part 2-3
10	of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 in respect of the year 2008 or

11 a later year.

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