

APPENDIX A: POLICY DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE 2019-20 MYEFO

Part 1: Receipt Measures

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2019-20 MYEFO^(a)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
AGRICULTURE, WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT					
<i>Australian Fisheries Management Authority</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	-5.2	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</i>					
Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan — further support for farmers and communities in drought(b)	-	2.7	8.0	20.0	39.8
Environmental Management — the use and disposal of industrial chemicals(b)(c)	-	-	2.9	3.0	3.2
Primary Industries — changes to agricultural production levies(b)	-	-0.1	0.6	0.6	1.5
Portfolio total	-5.2	2.6	11.5	23.6	44.5
EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT					
<i>Australian Skills Quality Authority</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — higher education(b)(c)	-4.6	-30.5	-	-	-
<i>Department of Education, Skills and Employment</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — higher education(b)(c)	-6.0	-4.6	..	..	0.1
Higher Education Reform — additional support for regional Australia(b)(c)	-	-	-	-	..
Higher Education Reform — more job ready graduates(b)(c)	-	-20.0	-22.3	14.4	49.6
<i>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — higher education(b)(c)	-3.1	-10.8	-2.3	-3.7	-
Portfolio total	-13.7	-66.0	-24.5	10.7	49.7
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — PNG loan	*	*	*	*	*
Portfolio total	*	*	*	*	*

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	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HEALTH					
<i>Australian Digital Health Agency</i>					
Guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines(b)(c)	-	32.3	-	-	-
<i>Department of Health</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — emergency response(b)(c)	-	-	-	-	-
Guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines(b)(c)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	-	32.3	-	-	-
HOME AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — changes to student and temporary graduate visas	-	-3.7	-1.5	-1.2	-0.8
COVID-19 Response Package — temporary visas — changes to support the agricultural workforce	*	*	*	*	*
COVID-19 Response Package — temporary visas — support for the continuity of essential goods and services	*	*	*	*	*
COVID-19 Response Package — waiving import duty on certain medical and hygiene products	-6.6	-2.0	-	-	-
Permanent Migration — encouraging uptake of the New Zealand Pathway to permanent residency(b)(c)	-	3.0	2.0	1.0	-
Working Holiday Maker Visa Changes to Support Bushfire Recovery	*	*	*	*	*
Portfolio total	-6.6	-2.7	0.5	-0.2	-0.8
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS					
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
Consumer Safeguards — targeted measures — amendments(b)(c)	-	-1.4	-1.3	-0.8	-0.8
COVID-19 Response Package — communications, cyber safety and the arts(b)	-8.0	-33.0	-	-	-
Regional Broadband Scheme — revised start date(b)	-	-	-10.0	-	-
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support(b)(c)	-	-17.5	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-8.0	-52.0	-11.3	-0.8	-0.8

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	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY					
<i>Australian Office of Financial Management</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Australian Office of Financial Management support(b)	31.7	178.2	294.1	294.4	294.5
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
Bushfire Response Assistance — tax treatment of disaster recovery and volunteer firefighter payments	-	*	*	*	*
Clarifying the scope of the Product Stewardship for Oil Scheme(b)	-1.0	-6.0	-6.0	-6.0	-6.0
COVID-19 Response Package — ageing and aged care(b)	-	49.6	4.4	0.5	-
COVID-19 Response Package — backing business investment	-	-1,500.0	-5,200.0	200.0	3,300.0
COVID-19 Response Package — income support for individuals(b)(c)	-	600.0	900.0	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — increasing and extending the instant asset write-off	-	-2,400.0	-800.0	1,400.0	800.0
COVID-19 Response Package — JobSeeker Partner Income Test measure(b)	-	50.0	50.0	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — tax instalment GDP adjustment factor(b)	-	-1,030.0	1,030.0	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — temporary early access to superannuation	-30.0	-490.0	-540.0	-560.0	-600.0
COVID-19 Response Package — temporarily reducing superannuation minimum drawdown rates	-	*	*	*	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Treasury(b)	2.6	7.8	-	-	-
Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan — further support for farmers and communities in drought(b)	-	-	0.2	-	-
Hybrid Mismatch Rules	-	*	*	*	*
Indirect Tax Concession Scheme — diplomatic and consular concessions(b)	..	..	..	..	..
Permanent Migration — encouraging uptake of the New Zealand Pathway to permanent residency(b)(c)	-	-	..	-3.0	-6.0
Personal Income Tax — exemption of pay and allowances for Operation Orenda	-	..	..	..	..
Personal Income Tax — increasing the Medicare levy low-income thresholds	-	-90.0	-50.0	-50.0	-50.0
Philanthropy — updates to the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients	-	-4.5	-2.5	-2.2	-1.9
Reforming Australia's Foreign Investment Framework(b)(c)	-	0.7	1.4	1.5	1.6
Revised Start Dates for Tax and Superannuation Measures(b)	*	*	*	*	*
Superannuation — defer the start date of the Retirement Income Covenant	-	-	-	*	*
Superannuation — facilitating the closure of eligible rollover funds — amendment(b)	-359.0	92.0	351.0	-4.0	2.0

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	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — International Monetary Fund's Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust(b)	-	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.8
Reforming Australia's Foreign Investment Framework(b)(c)	-	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.0
Portfolio total	-355.7	-4,541.4	-3,965.5	1,273.0	3,736.1
Decisions taken but not yet announced(d)	16.5	-24.2	-135.9	-132.8	-132.2
Total impact of receipts measures(e)	-372.7	-4,651.4	-4,125.2	1,173.5	3,696.5

* The nature of the measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

nfp not for publication.

(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in receipts, no sign before an estimate indicates a gain in receipts.

(b) These measures can also be found in the payment measures summary table.

(c) These measures can also be found in the capital measures summary table.

(d) Includes the impact of measures that are not for publication (nfp).

(e) Measures may not add due to rounding.

AGRICULTURE, WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Primary Industries — changes to agricultural production levies

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	-	-0.1	0.6	0.6	1.5
<i>Related payment (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</i>	-	-0.1	0.6	0.6	1.5

The Government is making changes to the following agricultural levies and export charges to address funding needs of the agricultural sector.

- Rice: from 1 July 2020, the Government will increase the research and development component of the rice levy from \$2.94 per tonne to \$5.94 per tonne, in response to the request from the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia following the outcome of an industry ballot. The additional levy will be used to fund high priority research and development activities for the benefit of the Australian rice industry.
- Dairy cattle: the Government will defer the commencement of the \$6 per head statutory dairy cattle export charge by six months, from 1 July 2020 to 1 January 2021. This charge will replace the current voluntary charge in response to the request from the Australian Livestock Exporters' Council following the outcome of an industry ballot. The funds will be used for research and development, and delivery of LiveCorp's Dairy Cattle Export Program.
- Lamb: from 1 January 2021, the Government will update the definition of lamb used for agricultural levies purposes to align with the definition of lamb used for export legislation and industry purposes that was amended in 2019. Updating the definition will provide administrative clarity for levy payers around the definition of lamb that applies in Australia, and support compliance in the agricultural levies system.

This measure is estimated to have no net impact on the underlying cash balance over the forward estimates period.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

COVID-19 Response Package — PNG loan

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	*	*	*	*	*

The Government will temporarily suspend interest and principal repayments in 2020-21 on a loan to Papua New Guinea, to support that country's response to fiscal pressures and impacts of COVID-19. This is in line with a G20 Finance Ministers' agreement to a coordinated approach for a suspension of debt service payments for the world's poorest nations.

Further information can be found in the transcript of the Prime Minister's press conference of 16 April 2020.

HOME AFFAIRS

COVID-19 Response Package — changes to student and temporary graduate visas

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Home Affairs	-	-3.7	-1.5	-1.2	-0.8

The Government is ensuring that COVID-19 and related travel restrictions do not unduly affect international students and their eligibility for post-study work visas.

The Government is waiving the visa application charge for Student visa (subclass 500) holders who are required to lodge a further Student visa application to complete their studies or to remain in Australia as a result of travel restrictions. International students and recent graduates who are eligible for a Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) and unable to travel to Australia will also be allowed to apply while offshore.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$7.2 million over the forward estimates period.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Response Package — temporary visas — changes to support the agricultural workforce

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Home Affairs	*	*	*	*	*

The Government has made temporary changes to allow temporary visa holders currently working in the agricultural sector to continue to work in Australia during COVID-19.

Working Holiday Maker (subclass 417 and 462) visa holders currently working in food processing or the agricultural sector will be eligible for a further visa and will be exempt from the six-month work limitation with one employer. Seasonal Worker Program and Pacific Labour Scheme workers, and other visa holders currently in the agricultural sector whose visas are expiring, may have their visas extended for up to 12 months to work for approved employers.

This measure is estimated to result in a small but unquantifiable impact on receipts over the forward estimates period.

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COVID-19 Response Package — temporary visas — support for the continuity of essential goods and services

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Home Affairs	*	*	*	*	*

The Government has made temporary changes to certain visa conditions to ensure the continuity of essential goods and services during COVID-19.

Student visa holders (subclass 500) will not be limited to the pre-COVID 40 hour per fortnight work limit in:

- supermarkets (up to 30 April 2020)
- aged care with an aged care Approved Provider or Commonwealth-funded aged care service provider
- disability care with a registered National Disability Insurance Scheme provider.

Student visa holders studying relevant medical courses are also exempt from the 40 hour per fortnight work limit if they are supporting COVID-19 health efforts at the direction of the relevant health authority.

These temporary measures will be reviewed regularly. Employers will be advised when these measures are scheduled to cease.

This measure is estimated to result in a small but unquantifiable impact on receipts over the forward estimates period.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Response Package — waiving import duty on certain medical and hygiene products

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Home Affairs	-6.6	-2.0	-	-	-

The Government has introduced a free rate of customs duty for the period of 1 February 2020 to 31 July 2020 for certain hygiene or medical products imported to treat, diagnose or prevent the spread of COVID-19. Affected product types include face masks, gloves, disinfectant preparations (excluding hand sanitiser), soaps, COVID-19 test kits and reagents, and viral transport media.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$8.6 million over the budget and forward estimates period.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 May 2020 issued by the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Permanent Migration — encouraging uptake of the New Zealand Pathway to permanent residency

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Home Affairs	-	3.0	2.0	1.0	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	..	-3.0	-6.0
Total — Receipts	-	3.0	2.0	-2.0	-6.0
<i>Related payment (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-	0.1	-	-	-
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-	-	-1.0	-2.0
Total — Payment	-	0.1	-	-1.0	-2.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will reduce the income eligibility requirement for the New Zealand stream of the Skilled Independent (subclass 189) visa (the Pathway), and promote take-up of the Pathway by eligible New Zealand citizens.

Eligibility for the Pathway will be extended to Special Category (subclass 444) visa holders who have a taxable income at or above the Temporary Skilled Migrant Income Threshold for at least three of the last five income years, including the most recent year. The Government will also provide clearer public information on the Pathway, undertake an advertising campaign and contact potential applicants to promote take-up.

This measure is estimated to decrease the underlying cash balance by \$0.5 million over the forward estimates period. This includes a decrease in GST payments to the States and Territories of \$3.0 million over the forward estimates period.

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Working Holiday Maker Visa Changes to Support Bushfire Recovery

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Home Affairs	*	*	*	*	*

The Government has introduced changes to Working Holiday Maker visas (subclass 417 and 462) to allow construction work, paid and volunteer disaster recovery work in a Local Government Area with a declared natural disaster to be recognised as “specified work”. Working Holiday Makers engaged in disaster recovery work are also able to work for the same employer for up to 12 months.

This measure is estimated to result in a small but unquantifiable impact on receipts over the forward estimates period.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 17 February 2020 issued by the Acting Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs, the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment and the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management.

INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Regional Broadband Scheme — revised start date

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	-	-10.0	-	-
<i>Related payment (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</i>	-	-	-9.5	-	-

The Government is updating its 2019-20 Budget measure *Regional Broadband Scheme – amendments* (RBS) to revise the start date to 1 January 2021. This will provide sufficient time for implementation of the RBS and provide certainty for carriers at a time when they are supporting essential connectivity to businesses and consumers during COVID-19.

This measure is estimated to decrease the underlying cash balance by \$0.5 million over the forward estimates period.

TREASURY

Bushfire Response Assistance — tax treatment of disaster recovery and volunteer firefighter payments

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government has made relief and recovery payments and benefits, as well as support payments to volunteer firefighters, provided by Australian governments in relation to the 2019-20 bushfires free from tax. The measure applies to the 2019-20 income year and later income years.

Australian governments provide a range of disaster assistance payments and benefits to entities, including individuals, but typically not all of these payments are tax-free.

This measure ensures relief and recovery payments made by the Commonwealth; state and territory; or local governments for the purpose of providing relief or assisting in the recovery efforts of entities and individuals affected by the 2019-20 bushfires are free from income tax. Examples of payments covered by this measure include the Disaster Recovery Allowance and payments made by state and territory governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Additionally, it ensures the payments made to eligible volunteer firefighters, to compensate them for loss of income as a result of volunteering, are free from tax.

These changes are in recognition of the extraordinary bushfire season, and are aimed at providing further relief to individuals and business affected by the bushfires.

This measure is estimated to result in an unquantifiable decrease in receipts over the forward estimates period.

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 January 2020 issued by the Treasurer, and the joint press release of 29 December 2019 issued by the Prime Minister and the then Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management.

Clarifying the scope of the Product Stewardship for Oil Scheme

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-1.0	-6.0	-6.0	-6.0	-6.0
<i>Related payment (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	<i>-5.0</i>	<i>-5.0</i>	<i>-5.0</i>	<i>-5.0</i>

The Government will amend the *Product Stewardship (Oil) Act 2000* to clarify that fuels such as diesel are not eligible for benefits under the Product Stewardship for Oil Scheme (the Scheme). Under the Scheme, oil recyclers are entitled to a benefit payment, for used oil collected and recycled in Australia. The Government will also amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*, to ensure fuels ineligible for the Scheme are not subject to excise under the tariff item that applies to oils and grease.

Together, the amendments will restore the operation of the Scheme to its original policy intent. The amendments apply from 14 May 2020.

This measure is estimated to decrease the underlying cash balance by \$4.0 million over the forward estimates period.

COVID-19 Response Package — Australian Office of Financial Management support

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Office of Financial Management	31.7	178.2	294.1	294.4	294.5
<i>Related payment (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Office of Financial Management</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.6</i>

The Government provided \$15.0 billion in 2019-20 to the Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM) for the Structured Finance Support Fund (the Fund). The Fund will support continued access to funding markets for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) impacted by the economic effects of the Coronavirus and mitigate impacts on competition in consumer and business lending markets.

The Fund will be invested in structured finance markets used by smaller lenders, including non-authorised deposit-taking institutions and smaller authorised deposit-taking institutions.

The Government will also provide \$10.5 million over four years from 2020-21 to the AOFM to support the administration of the Fund.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 March 2020 issued by the Treasurer.

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COVID-19 Response Package — backing business investment

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-	-1,500.0	-5,200.0	200.0	3,300.0

The Government has introduced a time limited investment incentive that temporarily allows businesses with aggregated turnover of less than \$500 million to deduct capital allowances for eligible depreciating assets at an accelerated rate.

Generally, to be eligible to apply the accelerated rate of deduction, the depreciating asset must satisfy a number of conditions, including that the asset:

- be new and not previously held by another entity (other than as trading stock or for testing and trialling purposes)
- be first held on or after 12 March 2020
- be first used or first installed ready for use for a taxable purpose on or after 12 March 2020 until 30 June 2021
- not be an asset to which an entity has applied the instant asset write-off rules or depreciation deductions.

Eligible businesses with a turnover of less than \$500 million can deduct an additional 50 per cent of the asset cost in the year of purchase.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$3.2 billion over the forward estimates period.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Response Package — increasing and extending the instant asset write-off

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-	-2,400.0	-800.0	1,400.0	800.0

The Government has increased and extended the instant asset write-off to provide more support to businesses to invest, lowering taxes by an estimated \$3.2 billion over the next two years.

On 12 March 2020, the Government announced that it would increase the instant asset write-off threshold to \$150,000 (up from \$30,000) and expand access to include businesses with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$500 million (up from

\$50 million) until 30 June 2020. The Government has extended the \$150,000 instant asset write-off for an additional six months until 31 December 2020.

Around 3.5 million businesses with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$500 million are eligible to access the \$150,000 instant asset write-off. Eligible businesses can immediately deduct purchases of eligible assets costing less than \$150,000 that are first used, or installed ready for use, from 12 March 2020 until 31 December 2020. The threshold applies on a per asset basis, so eligible businesses can instantly write-off multiple assets.

Businesses that adopt substituted accounting periods are also able to benefit from the instant asset write-off until 31 December 2020, provided all other eligibility requirements, including with respect to the date of purchase and installation or use of assets, are met.

Small businesses (with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$10 million) can continue to place assets which cannot be immediately deducted into the small business simplified depreciation pool. The lock out laws for the simplified depreciation rules (these prevent small businesses from re-entering the simplified depreciation regime for five years if they opt out) will continue to be suspended.

Larger businesses (with aggregated annual turnover of \$10 million or more, but less than \$500 million) do not have access to the small business pooling rules and will instead continue to depreciate assets costing \$150,000 or more (which cannot be immediately deducted) in accordance with the existing depreciating asset provisions of the tax law.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$1.0 billion over the forward estimates period.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 12 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Treasurer, and the joint press release of 9 June 2020 issued by the Treasurer and the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

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COVID-19 Response Package — tax instalment GDP adjustment factor

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-	-1,030.0	1,030.0	-	-
<i>Related payment (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-30.0	30.0	-	-

The Government has suspended the indexation of tax instalment amounts based on historical nominal GDP outcomes for the 2020-21 income year, so that certain pay as you go and GST instalments will not increase in the current economic environment.

Tax instalments are indexed annually to reflect the normally expected growth in income from year-to-year. Indexation is based on historical nominal GDP outcomes and helps to ensure that tax instalments paid during the year reasonably align with the amount finally payable on tax assessment for taxpayers that do not pay instalments based on their current income or sales. Given that historical indexation is not likely to reflect current economic conditions, the Government has suspended indexation for the 2020-21 income year.

This measure is estimated to have no net impact on receipts, and no net impact on GST payments to the States and Territories over the forward estimates period.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Response Package – temporary early access to superannuation

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-30.0	-490.0	-540.0	-560.0	-600.0

The Government is allowing individuals affected by the financial impacts of COVID-19 to access up to \$10,000 of their superannuation in 2019-20 and a further \$10,000 in 2020-21 to help support them during COVID-19.

The Government has also extended the 2020-21 application period for the measure to 31 December 2020 to increase the scope for individuals who may still be financially impacted by COVID-19 to access their superannuation.

Eligible Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents were able to access up to \$10,000 of their superannuation before 1 July 2020 and are allowed to access a further \$10,000 from 1 July 2020 until 31 December 2020. Eligible temporary visa holders were also able to apply for a single release of up to \$10,000 before 1 July 2020.

These amounts will not be taxable and will not affect Centrelink and Veterans' Affairs payments or JobKeeper payments.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$2.2 billion over the budget and forward estimates period.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 22 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Treasurer and the press release of 4 April 2020 issued by the Acting Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Response Package — temporarily reducing superannuation minimum drawdown rates

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	-

The Government has reduced the superannuation minimum drawdown requirements for account-based pensions and similar products by 50 per cent for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 income years.

The minimum drawdown requirements determine the minimum amount of a pension that a retiree has to draw from their superannuation in order to qualify for tax concessions. Minimum payment amounts are calculated on the basis of asset values on 1 July of each income year. This change will allow retirees to avoid selling assets in a loss position in order to satisfy the minimum drawdown requirements.

This measure is estimated to result in a small but unquantifiable decrease in receipts over the forward estimates period.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 22 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Treasurer.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Hybrid Mismatch Rules

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will amend Australia's hybrid mismatch rules to provide greater certainty and ensure that the rules operate as intended. This measure will also ensure that, if an authorised deposit-taking institution, general insurance company or life insurance company is entitled to a foreign tax deduction on a franked Additional Tier 1 capital distribution, an amount equal to the deduction is included in their assessable income. These amendments will apply from 1 January 2019, with the exception of a

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change relating to the comparison of foreign hybrid mismatch laws which will commence on 1 July 2020.

Further details of these amendments can be found in the explanatory memorandum to Treasury Laws Amendment (2020 Measures No.2) Bill 2020.

The purpose of the hybrid mismatch rules is to prevent multinational corporations from exploiting differences in the tax treatment of an entity or instrument under the laws of two or more tax jurisdictions. The amendments will make it easier for taxpayers to comply with the hybrid mismatch rules.

This measure is estimated to result in a small but unquantifiable increase in receipts over the forward estimates period.

Indirect Tax Concession Scheme — diplomatic and consular concessions

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office
<i>Related payment (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>

The Government has granted or extended access to refunds of indirect tax (including GST, fuel and alcohol taxes) under the Indirect Tax Concession Scheme (ITCS). New access to refunds has been granted to the diplomatic and consular representations of Panama in Australia. The Government has extended ITCS access for Serbia and the Slovak Republic to include construction and renovation relating to their current and future diplomatic missions and consular posts. ITCS access has been extended for Portugal to be consistent with the 'standard plus' package.

This measure is estimated to result in a negligible decrease in receipts, and a negligible decrease in GST payments to the States and Territories, over the forward estimates period.

Personal Income Tax — increasing the Medicare levy low-income thresholds

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-	-90.0	-50.0	-50.0	-50.0

The Government has increased the Medicare levy low-income thresholds for singles, families, and seniors and pensioners from the 2019-20 income year. The increases take account of recent movements in the consumer price index so that low-income taxpayers generally continue to be exempted from paying the Medicare levy.

The threshold for singles has increased from \$22,398 to \$22,801. The family threshold has increased from \$37,794 to \$38,474. For single seniors and pensioners, the threshold has increased from \$35,418 to \$36,056. The family threshold for seniors and pensioners has increased from \$49,304 to \$50,191. For each dependent child or student, the family income thresholds increase by a further \$3,533, instead of the previous amount of \$3,471.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$240.0 million over the forward estimates period.

Personal Income Tax — exemption of pay and allowances for Operation Orenda

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-

The Government will provide a full income tax exemption for the pay and allowances of Australian Defence Force personnel deployed on Operation Orenda, which is our contribution to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali, with effect from 1 April 2020.

This measure is estimated to result in a negligible decrease in receipts over the forward estimates period.

Philanthropy — updates to the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-	-4.5	-2.5	-2.2	-1.9

Since the 2019-20 MYEFO, the following organisations have been approved as specifically listed deductible gift recipients from 1 July 2019:

- Australian Volunteers Support Trust
- Community Rebuilding Trust.

Taxpayers may claim an income tax deduction for gifts of \$2 or more to these organisations.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$11.1 million over the forward estimates period.

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Revised Start Dates for Tax and Superannuation Measures

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	*	*	*	*	*
Related payment (\$m)					
Australian Taxation Office	-

The Government will change the start dates for the following measures:

- The start date for the 2018-19 Budget measure *Superannuation – increasing the maximum number of allowable members in self-managed superannuation funds and small APRA funds from four to six* has been revised from 1 July 2019 to the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation
- The start date for the 2018-19 MYEFO measure *Petroleum Resource Rent Tax – changing the PRRT settings to get a fair return (compliance and administration changes)* has been revised from 1 July 2019 to the income year commencing on or after three months after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation
- The start date for the 2018-19 Budget measure *Tax Integrity – removing the capital gains discount at the trust level for Managed Investment Trusts and Attribution MITs* (as amended by the 2018-19 MYEFO measure *Revised start dates for tax measures*) has been revised from 1 July 2020 to the income year commencing on or after three months after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation
- The start date for the 2016-17 Budget measure *Ten Year Enterprise Tax Plan – targeted amendments to Division 7A* (as amended and modified by 2018-19 Budget measure *Tax Integrity – clarifying the operation of the Division 7A integrity rule* and the 2019-20 Budget measure *Tax Integrity – further consultation on amendments to Division 7A*) has been revised from 1 July 2020 to the income year commencing on or after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation
- The start date for the 2019-20 Budget measure *Superannuation – reducing red tape for superannuation funds* (exempt current pension income changes) has been revised from 1 July 2020 to 1 July 2021
- The start date for the 2017-18 MYEFO measure *Deductible gift recipient reform – strengthening governance and integrity and reducing complexity* (as amended by the 2018-19 MYEFO measure *Revised start dates for tax measures*) has been revised from 1 July 2020 to three months after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation
- The start date for the 2015-16 Budget measure *Cutting Red Tape – lost and unclaimed superannuation*, to allow the ATO to pay lost and unclaimed superannuation amounts directly to New Zealand KiwiSaver accounts, has been revised from 1 July 2016 to six months after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

These revisions are a result of the reprioritisation of Government resources and the shortened parliamentary sitting period in 2020 due to COVID-19.

The revised start dates for these measures are estimated to result in an unquantifiable impact on the underlying cash balance over the forward estimates period.

Superannuation — defer the start date of the Retirement Income Covenant

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	*	*

The Government is deferring the commencement of the Retirement Income Covenant, announced in Budget 2018-19, from 1 July 2020 to 1 July 2022 to allow continued consultation and legislative drafting to take place during COVID-19. This will also allow finalisation of the measure to be informed by the Retirement Income Review.

This measure is estimated to result in a small but unquantifiable impact on receipts over the forward estimates period.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 May 2020 issued by the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology.

Superannuation — facilitating the closure of eligible rollover funds — amendment

Receipts (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-359.0	92.0	351.0	-4.0	2.0
<i>Related payment (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.9

The Government will amend the Treasury Laws Amendment (Reuniting More Superannuation) Bill 2020 which enacts the measure *Superannuation – facilitating closure of eligible rollover funds* first announced in the 2019-20 MYEFO. The amendment will:

- defer by 12 months the start date of the measure that prevents superannuation funds transferring new amounts to eligible rollover funds (ERFs)
- defer the date by which ERFs are required to transfer accounts below \$6,000 to the ATO to 30 June 2021
- defer the date by which ERFs are required to transfer remaining accounts to the ATO to 31 January 2022

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- allow all superannuation funds to voluntarily transfer amounts to the ATO in circumstances where the trustee believes it is in the best interests of that member, such as amounts that would otherwise have been transferred to an ERF.

These amendments respond to requests from superannuation funds to provide additional time and flexibility for superannuation funds to transfer amounts to the ATO.

The Government will also provide \$4.7 million over four years to the ATO to administer amounts transferred voluntarily.

This measure is estimated to increase the underlying cash balance by \$79.3 million over the forward estimates period.

Part 2: Payment Measures

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2019 20 MYEFO^(a)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
AGRICULTURE, WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT					
<i>Australian Fisheries Management Authority</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	5.2	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Agriculture	15.3	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — income support for individuals(b)(c)	18.1	47.7	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — payments to support households(c)	5.3	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	2.0	43.1	-	-	-
Drought Communities Small Business Support Program — expansion	1.0	-	-	-	-
Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan — further support for farmers and communities in drought(b)	-	-27.9	-	-	-
Environmental Management — the use and disposal of industrial chemicals(b)(c)	0.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	19.1	120.1	96.9	10.2	-
Primary Industries — changes to agricultural production levies(b)	-	-0.1	0.6	0.6	1.5
Reducing Regulatory Burden and Streamlining Audit Arrangements in the Dairy Sector	-	-	-	-	-
Transforming Australia's Waste and Recycling Industry(c)	-	15.5	12.0	10.2	7.9
<i>Director of National Parks</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — investing in our Commonwealth national parks(c)	-	8.4	8.5	8.1	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	4.6	7.4	-	-	-
<i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Agriculture	3.8	1.8	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	2.6	5.5	-	-	-
<i>Regional Investment Corporation</i>					
Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan — further support for farmers and communities in drought(b)	-	30.0	9.5	3.7	6.9
Portfolio total	77.4	252.6	128.7	34.1	17.5

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Table 2: Payment measures since the 2019 20 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Bushfire Response Package — Royal Commission into Bushfires(c)	19.1	9.6	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Attorney-General's(c)	3.2	5.4	3.8	4.6	5.1
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention for Veterans(c)	1.1	14.7	8.9	8.0	8.1
Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety — COVID-19 extension	-	6.9	-	-	-
<i>Fair Work Ombudsman and Registered Organisations Commission Entity</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Attorney-General's(c)	7.0	20.1	19.2	-	-
<i>Office of Parliamentary Counsel</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Treasury(b)	-	1.6	1.6	-	-
Portfolio total	30.4	58.4	33.4	12.6	13.2
CROSS PORTFOLIO					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support(b)(c)	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	-	-	-	-	-
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-	-	-	-
DEFENCE					
<i>Australian Signals Directorate</i>					
Cyber Enhanced Situational Awareness and Response (CESAR) package	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Bushfire Response Package — Australian Defence Force deployment	87.9	-	-	-	-
Cyber Enhanced Situational Awareness and Response (CESAR) package	-	-	-	-	-
Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances — settlement of class action claims	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	87.9	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2019 20 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT					
<i>Australian Research Council</i>					
Higher Education Reform — more job ready graduates(b)(c)	-12.5	3.0	4.1	4.2	1.1
<i>Australian Skills Quality Authority</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — JobTrainer Fund — establishment(c)	-	2.7	4.3	3.2	2.2
<i>Department of Education, Skills and Employment</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — child care	102.4	206.6	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — higher education(b)(c)	10.9	7.1	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — income support for individuals(b)(c)	14.5	150.2	63.3	32.9	21.6
COVID-19 Response Package — JobSeeker Partner Income Test measure(b)	107.2	420.0	153.0	83.6	56.2
COVID-19 Response Package — JobTrainer Fund — establishment(c)	-	2.1	11.0	13.6	3.9
COVID-19 Response Package — support for non-government schools	1,034.2	-1,034.2	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — supporting apprentices and trainees(c)	360.4	2,390.3	55.6	3.1	-7.0
COVID-19 Response Package — supporting job seekers(c)	51.3	24.9	14.4	-	-
Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan — further support for farmers and communities in drought(b)	10.0	-	-	-	-
Higher Education Reform — additional support for regional Australia(b)(c)	-	11.9	12.7	14.8	-7.5
Higher Education Reform — more job ready graduates(b)(c)	-3.0	203.9	202.2	-116.6	-321.6
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	4.0	26.2	1.5	0.1	0.1
National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education — extension	-	3.1	2.1	-	-
New Arrangements for the Child Care Subsidy and the Additional Child Care Subsidy	-	-5.6	-5.9	-6.1	-6.5
PaTH Business Placement Partnerships — national industry associations	0.6	0.7	0.7	-	-
School Funding — additional support for students and teachers	-	-	-	-	-
Skills Reform Package(c)	-	17.0	37.8	17.3	26.8
<i>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency</i>					
Higher Education Reform — more job ready graduates(b)(c)	-	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.6
Portfolio total	1,679.9	2,433.3	559.7	52.9	-228.0

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	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
FINANCE					
<i>Department of Finance</i>					
Ageing and Aged Care(c)	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Portfolio total	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Trade and Investment Commission</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support(b)(c)	-	241.8	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	172.1	152.3	-	-	-
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	0.9	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support(b)(c)	10.6	4.1	-	-	-
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	4.1	-	-	-	-
Revised Implementation Timeline for the Kava Commercial Importation Pilot	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — support for exporters and the tourism sector	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Tourism Australia</i>					
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	41.5	29.5	-	-	-
Portfolio total	229.2	427.8	-	-	-
HEALTH					
<i>Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</i>					
Ageing and Aged Care(c)	0.2	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.2
COVID-19 Response Package — ageing and aged care(b)	2.7	2.5	-	-	-
<i>Australian Digital Health Agency</i>					
Guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines(b)(c)	-	215.4	-	-	-
<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>					
Support for High Performance Athletes	-	25.3	25.3	-	-
<i>Department of Health</i>					
Ageing and aged care(c)	0.5	100.7	112.6	104.3	70.9
Bushfire Response Package — Health	2.0	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — ageing and aged care(b)	355.5	416.7	1.1	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — emergency response(b)(c)	107.8	67.9	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines	700.8	713.8	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — income support for individuals(b)(c)	1.6	1.3	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — JobSeeker Partner Income Test measure(b)	1.8	3.7	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — maintaining support for Veterans	-	-2.5	-0.3	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2019 20 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HEALTH (continued)					
COVID-19 Response Package — medical research	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — prioritising mental health and preventive health	22.9	81.9	-6.3	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — supporting our hospitals	-	-	-	-	-
Environmental Management — the use and disposal of industrial chemicals(b)(c)	-	1.3	-	-	-
Guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines(b)(c)	90.1	129.3	20.4	-135.4	-123.4
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	15.5	36.7	13.1	-	-
Prioritising Mental Health and Preventive Health — continued support	-0.9	53.3	15.6	5.7	9.0
Revised Implementation Timeline for the Kava Commercial Importation Pilot	-	-	-	-	-
Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement	-	171.0	110.0	55.1	55.2
Strengthening Primary Care — continuing the Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	-	-	-	-	-
Supporting our Hospitals	-	10.0	-	-	-
<i>National Health Funding Body</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — emergency response(b)(c)	0.4	0.7	-	-	-
<i>National Mental Health Commission</i>					
Prioritising Mental Health and Preventive Health — continued support	1.0	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	1,301.9	2,030.8	293.1	30.9	12.8
HOME AFFAIRS					
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Reforming Australia's Foreign Investment Framework(b)(c)	-	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
Bushfire Response Package — disaster recovery funding arrangements	-	-	-	-	-
Bushfire Response Package — national aerial firefighting capability	-	11.0	11.2	11.4	11.5
COVID-19 Response Package — ageing and aged care(b)	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support(b)(c)	18.7	-	-	-	-
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	64.5	4.0	1.4	-	-
Permanent Migration — encouraging uptake of the New Zealand Pathway to permanent residency(b)(c)	-	0.1	-	-	-
Reforming Australia's Foreign Investment Framework(b)(c)	-	0.6	1.3	1.3	1.3
Revised Implementation Timeline for the Kava Commercial Importation Pilot	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	83.2	16.2	14.8	13.6	13.8

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	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, ENERGY AND RESOURCES					
<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — emergency response(b)(c)	-	0.9	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — medical research	-	10.0	-	-	-
<i>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — emergency response(b)(c)	5.5	2.7	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — fuel security(c)	-	2.5	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — support for small businesses impacted by COVID-19	4.8	7.1	-	-	-
Former British Nuclear Testing Site at Maralinga — funding support	-	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	-	8.5	14.5	8.0	8.0
Northern Endeavour Temporary Operations Program	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Geoscience Australia</i>					
Unlocking Australia's Resources Potential — Exploring for the Future 2(c)	-	20.4	37.7	44.0	19.8
Portfolio total	10.2	52.9	52.7	52.4	28.2
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS					
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
Consumer Safeguards — targeted measures — amendments(b)(c)	-1.0	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
COVID-19 Response Package — communications, cyber safety and the arts(b)	-10.4	-9.9	-	-	-
<i>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support(b)(c)	15.0	87.9	-	-	-
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support(b)(c)	519.6	1,019.5	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — communications, cyber safety and the arts(b)	-	239.8	27.0	32.0	80.0
COVID-19 Response Package — external territories(c)	-	7.8	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — freeze and maintain the Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — infrastructure stimulus	-	429.0	80.0	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	105.9	473.8	-	-	-

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	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)					
Darwin City Deal — education and community precinct	-	-	-	-	-
Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan — further support for farmers and communities in drought(b)	87.8	-	-	-	-
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	-	12.2	15.0	-	-
National Collecting Institutions — additional funding	-	8.4	6.3	4.4	2.2
Redress of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse in the Australian Capital Territory Prior to Self-Government	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Regional Broadband Scheme — revised start date(b)	-	-	-9.5	-	-
<i>National Library of Australia</i>					
National Collecting Institutions — additional funding	-	4.0	4.0	-	-
Portfolio total	716.9	2,271.5	122.0	35.6	81.4
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
Bushfire Response Package — National Bushfire Recovery Agency(c)	10.9	21.5	10.8	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — National COVID-19 Coordination Commission	-	-	-	-	-
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	-	0.5	11.3	0.5	-
National Collecting Institutions — additional funding	-	0.5	-	1.4	-
<i>National Indigenous Australians Agency</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Attorney-General's(c)	0.7	0.3	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — support for Indigenous and remote communities	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	11.6	22.9	22.1	1.9	-

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	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
SOCIAL SERVICES					
<i>Department of Social Services</i>					
Changes to the Income Compliance Program	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
COVID-19 Response Package — income support for individuals(b)(c)	5,873.7	11,869.9	0.2	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — JobSeeker Partner Income Test measure(b)	378.7	839.5	0.2	..	-
COVID-19 Response Package — payments to support households(c)	5,405.6	3,542.4	34.0	1.8	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Social Services	140.7	113.2	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — supporting job seekers(c)	14.0	38.6	-	-	-
Drought Communities Small Business Support Program — expansion	-1.0	-	-	-	-
Higher Education Reform — additional support for regional Australia(b)(c)	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	50.0	-	-	-	-
<i>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Social Services	2.6	3.6	-	-	-
<i>Services Australia</i>					
Ageing and Aged Care(c)	-	32.3	33.8	-	-
Changes to the Income Compliance Program	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
COVID-19 Response Package — child care	2.5	..	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines	7.8	8.4	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — income support for individuals(b)(c)	31.5	109.6	2.1	0.7	0.8
COVID-19 Response Package — JobSeeker Partner Income Test measure(b)	20.0	49.0	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — payments to support households(c)	19.2	13.9	0.3	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — prioritising mental health and preventive health	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Social Services	200.0	0.3	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — supporting job seekers(c)	1.3	0.3	-	-	-
Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan — further support for farmers and communities in drought(b)	0.6	0.5	-	-	-
Guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines(b)(c)	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2
Higher Education Reform — additional support for regional Australia(b)(c)	0.4	5.4	0.8	0.8	0.8
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	1.9	0.3	..	-	-
New Arrangements for the Child Care Subsidy and the Additional Child Care Subsidy	5.0	16.4	0.9	-	-
Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement	-	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Portfolio total	12,155.0	16,645.7	73.6	4.8	3.1

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2019 20 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY					
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>					
Census 2021 — building for the future	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — prioritising mental health and preventive health	-	0.8	0.5	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Treasury(b)	-	22.6	1.0	0.4	-
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support(b)(c)	-	1.6	1.5	1.3	-
National Consumer Data Right — implementation(c)	-	6.6	-	-	-
<i>Australian Office of Financial Management</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Australian Office of Financial Management support(b)	-	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
Clarifying the Scope of the Product Stewardship for Oil Scheme(b)	-1.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
COVID-19 Response Package — boosting cash flow for employers	14,900.0	17,000.0	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — freeze and maintain the Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge	-	20.0	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — JobKeeper Payment	20,576.0	65,125.7	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	-	7.8	-	-	-
Reforming Australia's Foreign Investment Framework(b)(c)	-	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.8
Revised Start Dates for Tax and Superannuation Measures(b)	-	..	..	..	..
Superannuation — facilitating the closure of eligible rollover funds — amendment(b)	-	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.9
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
Bushfire Response Package — disaster recovery funding arrangements	109.6	13.7	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Attorney-General's(c)	27.9	32.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
COVID-19 Response Package — communications, cyber safety and the arts(b)	-	..	..	..	..
COVID-19 Response Package — Government support for immediate cash flow needs to small and medium enterprises	-	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.9
COVID-19 Response Package — HomeBuilder Grant	-	680.0	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — infrastructure stimulus	-	1,739.4	1,071.5	549.5	11.3
COVID-19 Response Package — International Monetary Fund's Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust(b)	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 2: Payment measures since the 2019 20 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
COVID-19 Response Package — JobTrainer Fund — establishment(c)	8.4	531.6	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	-	10.0	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Social Services	32.5	97.5	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — support for Indigenous and remote communities	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
COVID-19 Response Package — supporting our hospitals	2,955.2	708.3	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Treasury(b)	10.0	31.1	8.0	3.8	2.8
Darwin City Deal — education and community precinct	17.5	40.0	17.3	-9.8	-20.0
Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan — further support for farmers and communities in drought(b)	-	30.0	-	-	-
Guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines(b)(c)	-	107.8	0.6	0.5	0.5
Indirect Tax Concession Scheme — diplomatic and consular concessions(b)	..	..	..	..	..
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention for Veterans(c)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	665.8	526.2	150.8	140.0	-
National Consumer Data Right — implementation(c)	-	12.6	-	-	-
National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education — extension	-	136.0	317.2	-	-
Permanent Migration — encouraging uptake of the New Zealand Pathway to permanent residency(b)(c)	-	-	-	-1.0	-2.0
Reforming Australia's Foreign Investment Framework(b)(c)	-	12.0	13.2	10.9	10.9
Supporting our Hospitals	-4.2	155.0	125.4	-70.3	-177.5
COVID-19 Response Package — tax instalment GDP adjustment factor(b)	-	-30.0	30.0	-	-
Transforming Australia's Waste and Recycling Industry(c)	-	59.7	59.7	49.7	19.6
Portfolio total	39,297.8	87,079.5	1,798.9	677.9	-150.9

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2019 20 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — ageing and aged care(b)	16.9	1.9	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines	8.5	9.7	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — income support for individuals(b)(c)	2.9	5.8	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — maintaining support for Veterans	-	24.8	-3.6	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — payments to support households(c)	170.6	170.6	-	-	-
Guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines(b)(c)	3.2	3.7	3.7	4.3	5.0
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention for Veterans(c)	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	0.2	0.4	0.1	-	-
Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement	-	4.7	3.0	1.4	1.2
Portfolio total	202.3	222.2	3.6	6.2	6.7
Decisions taken but not yet announced(d)	45.0	769.1	93.1	21.4	-23.7
Total impact of payment measures(e)	55,928.6	112,283.0	3,195.8	944.5	-225.8

* The nature of the measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

nf not for publication.

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(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in payments, no sign before an estimate indicates increased payments.

(b) These measures can also be found in the receipts measures summary table.

(c) These measures can also be found in the capital measures summary table.

(d) Includes the impact of measures that are not for publication (nfp).

(e) Measures may not add due to rounding.

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COVID-19 Response Package — Agriculture

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	15.3	-	-	-	-
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	3.8	1.8	-	-	-
Total — Payment	19.1	1.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.8 million over two years from 2019-20 for COVID-19 support measures in the Agriculture, Water and the Environment portfolio.

This includes:

- \$15.3 million in 2019-20 to fund biosecurity interventions at the Australian border to contain and slow the transmission of COVID-19 within the Australian community
- \$3.3 million over two years from 2019-20 to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) to provide further fee relief to local tourism businesses in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, following the Government's decision to backdate the Environmental Management Charge waiver to 1 January 2020 and waive permit-related fees for reef use until 30 June 2021
- \$2.2 million over two years from 2019-20 to the GBRMPA to support the core functions and continued employment of staff at Reef HQ Aquarium in Townsville during its temporary closure due to COVID-19 related restrictions.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 12 May 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister, the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment and the Minister for the Environment.

Drought Communities Small Business Support Program — expansion

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	1.0	-	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-1.0	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.8 million over two years from 2019-20 to expand the Drought Communities Small Business Support Program to provide financial counselling services to rural and regional small businesses affected by drought, COVID-19 or the 2019-20 bushfires.

The cost of this measure will be met from a transfer from the Social Services portfolio, from the Relief and Recovery Fund, and from within existing resources of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

See the related cross-portfolio payment measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – Relief and Recovery Fund*.

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Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan — further support for farmers and communities in drought

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	87.8	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	10.0	-	-	-	-
Services Australia	0.6	0.5	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	-	-27.9	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	30.0	-	-	-
Regional Investment Corporation	-	30.0	9.5	3.7	6.9
Total — Payment	98.3	32.6	9.5	3.7	6.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	-	2.7	8.0	20.0	39.8
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	0.2	-	-
Total — Receipts	-	2.7	8.2	20.0	39.8

The Government will provide an additional \$2.2 billion over five years from 2019-20 for a package of measures to support farmers and communities in drought. The package supports immediate action for those in drought, support for the wider communities affected by drought and support to build long-term drought resilience and preparedness.

The package provides additional funding for concessional loans provided through the Regional Investment Corporation (RIC), and adjusts the eligibility and conditions for drought related loans, including by ceasing the availability of interest-free terms for new applicants after 30 September 2020. New funding includes:

- \$2.0 billion of additional loan funding in 2020-21 for drought related loans
- \$75.0 million of additional loan funding in 2020-21 for AgriStarter loans
- \$50.0 million over four years from 2020-21 for the RIC to administer these additional loans.

Funding to support immediate action for those in drought includes:

- an additional \$10.0 million in 2019-20 for Special Circumstances funding for eligible drought-affected schools experiencing financial difficulties, to help ensure the viability of these schools

- an additional \$3.3 million to extend the one-off Farm Household Allowance (FHA) relief payment of \$7,500 for singles and \$13,000 for couples to FHA recipients who exhaust their four year entitlement to payment, between 1 July 2020 and 30 September 2020.

Funding is also provided for local communities affected by the drought, including:

- \$82.8 million in 2019-20 to extend the Drought Community Support Initiative to provide financial assistance of up to \$3,000 per household in 52 new areas and to address unmet demand from the 128 previously announced areas and
- \$5.0 million in 2019-20 to support Drought Community Outreach activities in drought-affected communities across Australia.

The package also includes \$100.0 million in 2020-21 through the Future Drought Fund for a range of programs and activities that will support the long-term drought resilience and preparedness of primary producers, rural and regional communities and local governments.

This measure builds on the 2019-20 MYEFO measure titled *Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan – additional support for farmers and communities in drought*.

Further information can be found in the following press releases:

- the joint press release of 28 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the then Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management and the Minister for Education
- the press releases of 26 June and 1 July 2020 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management.

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Environmental Management — the use and disposal of industrial chemicals

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	0.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
Department of Health	-	1.3	-	-	-
Total — Payment	0.4	2.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	-	-	2.9	3.0	3.2
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	1.9	-	-	-	-
Department of Health	-	0.6	-	-	-
Total — Capital	1.9	0.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.1 million over five years from 2019-20 (and \$1.3 million per year ongoing) to provide advice to introducers and users of industrial chemicals on how a chemical that poses a risk to the environment should be managed. This work is the first step in the Government's implementation of the National Standard for Environmental Risk Management of Industrial Chemicals.

The cost of this measure will be recovered through a levy applied alongside the annual registration charge for chemical introducers under the *Industrial Chemicals Act 2019*.

Reducing Regulatory Burden and Streamlining Audit Arrangements in the Dairy Sector

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.8 million over six years from 2019-20 for a program of work to reduce the regulatory and cost burden on exporters in the dairy sector.

The program will include working with the dairy industry to identify gaps and opportunities in regulatory requirements, improving data, and supporting food safety.

Funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

Transforming Australia's Waste and Recycling Industry

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	-	59.7	59.7	49.7	19.6
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	-	15.5	12.0	10.2	7.9
Total — Payment	-	75.2	71.7	60.0	27.5
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</i>	-	4.4	3.5	3.9	3.3

The Government will provide \$249.6 million over four years from 2020-21 to support domestic waste management, reduce pressure on our environment and create economic opportunities for Australians. Investments made by the Commonwealth form part of a national strategy to transform Australia's waste and recycling industry, including:

- \$190.0 million to establish a Recycling Modernisation Fund that, along with contributions from the states and territories and industry, is expected to generate \$600 million of recycling investment to drive transformation of Australia's waste and recycling capacity
- \$35.0 million to implement the Commonwealth's commitments under the National Waste Policy Action Plan, which sets the direction for waste management and recycling in Australia until 2030
- \$24.6 million to improve Australian national waste data to measure recycling outcomes and track progress against national waste targets.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 6 July 2020 issued by the Minister for the Environment and the Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S

Bushfire Response Package — Royal Commission into Bushfires

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Attorney-General's Department	19.1	9.6	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Attorney-General's Department	1.3	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$30.0 million over two years from 2019-20 for the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements (the Royal Commission).

The Royal Commission will examine the responsibilities of, and coordination between Australian Governments relating to preparedness for, response to, resilience to, and recovery from, natural disasters and the arrangements for improving resilience and adapting to changing climatic conditions.

Further information can be found in the press release of 20 February 2020 issued by the Prime Minister.

COVID-19 Response Package — Attorney-General's

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	27.9	32.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
Fair Work Ombudsman and Registered Organisations Commission Entity	7.0	20.1	19.2	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	3.2	5.4	3.8	4.6	5.1
National Indigenous Australians Agency	0.7	0.3	-	-	-
Total — Payment	38.8	58.1	24.1	5.8	6.3
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	0.4	0.7	-

The Government will provide \$134.1 million over five years from 2019-20 to support legal services and workplace advice to individuals and businesses affected by COVID-19. The support includes:

- \$49.8 million over two years from 2019-20 for additional legal assistance services for families and children experiencing hardship

- \$13.5 million in 2019-20 to allow legal assistance providers to deliver services virtually to the community in response to the impact of COVID-19
- \$6.2 million over four years from 2020-21 to assist the states and territories in administering the National Legal Assistance Partnership
- \$2.6 million in 2020-21 for the Family Violence and Cross Examination of Parties Scheme, which helps protect victims of family violence in family law proceedings
- \$15.8 million over four years from 2020-21 to the Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner to continue ensuring safety on Commonwealth funded building projects, particularly as they accelerate as part of COVID-19 economic recovery
- \$46.3 million over three years from 2019-20 for the Fair Work Ombudsman to enhance its advice and education services for businesses and employees about workplace laws, including in the context of COVID-19.

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety — COVID-19 extension

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Attorney-General's Department	-	6.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$6.9 million in 2020-21 to extend the reporting date of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety from 12 November 2020 to 26 February 2021, following the suspension of hearings, workshops and group consultations because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 July 2020 issued by the Prime Minister.

CROSS PORTFOLIO

COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	519.6	1,019.5	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	18.7	-	-	-	-
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	15.0	87.9	-	-	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	10.6	4.1	-	-	-
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	241.8	-	-	-
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	1.6	1.5	1.3	-
Total — Payment	563.9	1,354.9	1.5	1.3	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</i>	-	-17.5	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>	-	0.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.9 billion over four years from 2019-20 to support the aviation sector as part of the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes:

- maintaining connectivity on major domestic air routes to 30 September 2020 through the Domestic Aviation Network Support program
- providing financial relief for the Australian domestic airline industry, including the refund of aviation fuel excise, rebate of domestic and regional aviation security charges and waiving or refunding of Airservices Australia charges levied on domestic commercial aircraft operators from 1 February to 31 December 2020
- continuing to provide essential safety regulatory services to the aviation sector through the Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- enabling leased federal airports to seek partial relief from land tax charges to 31 December 2020

- establishing an international aviation network with key international hubs, facilitating commercial flights and reimbursing costs for additional consular support to bring Australians home who were in locations without access to scheduled commercial services
- supporting the quarantine of passengers on facilitated flights from Wuhan and Hubei Province, including personal protective equipment for the frontline staff in quarantine facilities
- keeping vital supply chains open into key overseas markets, with return flights bringing back items of national importance, through the temporary International Freight Assistance Mechanism
- monitoring prices, costs and profits in the domestic air passenger sector through the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to ensure the market remains competitive.

These measures are in addition to \$428.0 million the Government will provide through the *COVID-19 Response Package – Relief and Recovery Fund* to support the aviation sector through COVID-19. This includes:

- the Regional Airline Network Support program to cover operating shortfalls for a limited number of services on regional routes until 31 December 2020 to ensure regional communities continue to receive essential air services
- a temporary measure to keep vital trade links operating and to deliver nationally important items such as medical supplies and equipment.

See the related cross portfolio payment measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – Relief and Recovery Fund*.

Further information can be found in the following press releases:

- the press releases of 18 March, 28 March, 9 April, 16 April and 7 June 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
- the joint press release of 29 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Health
- the joint press releases of 3 April and 8 May 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and the Minister for Foreign Affairs

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- the joint press releases of 1 April and 3 July 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management and the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries
- the press release of 19 June 2020 issued by the Treasurer.

COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	172.1	152.3	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	105.9	473.8	-	-	-
Australian Fisheries Management Authority	5.2	-	-	-	-
Director of National Parks	4.6	7.4	-	-	-
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	2.6	5.5	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	2.0	43.1	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	10.0	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	7.8	-	-	-
Total — Payment	292.4	699.9	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Fisheries Management Authority</i>	-5.2	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</i>	1.2	1.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 billion over two years from 2019-20 to establish the Relief and Recovery Fund (RRF) to support regions, communities and industry sectors that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

RRF funds committed to date include:

- \$94.6 million over two years from 2019-20 to assist Australian exhibiting zoos and aquariums to meet the costs of animal care
- \$49.8 million in 2019-20 to Australian exporters and tourism businesses for eligible marketing costs incurred overseas

- \$36.3 million in 2020-21 to provide support to agricultural show societies to meet the costs incurred through shows cancelled at short notice
- \$27.0 million over two years from 2019-20 for an arts support package for Regional Arts Australia, Support Act and Indigenous Art Centres and Fairs to provide crisis relief and targeted support to organisations, artists and arts workers
- \$12.0 million over two years from 2019-20 to the Director of National Parks to maintain its service levels and the Commonwealth's commitments to the Traditional Owners of jointly managed National Parks, following the Government's decision to provide temporary support for tourism operators and to encourage tourism in the regions, through temporarily waiving entry and permit fees for visitors to, and tourism operators within, Commonwealth-operated National Parks
- \$10.7 million over two years from 2019-20 to support the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to continue to deliver world class education and management of the Great Barrier Reef following the Government's decision to support local businesses and encourage tourism by temporarily waiving the Environmental Management Charge for visitors and tourism operators and providing localised employment through tourism infrastructure upgrades at Reef HQ in Townsville
- \$10.3 million in 2019-20 to support Australian fisheries impacted by reductions in export demand and changes in overseas market conditions by waiving two-thirds of Commonwealth fishery levies for 2019-20
- \$10.0 million in 2020-21 to establish storage facilities for salvaged logs, processed timber and other forestry products to support the recovery, resilience and growth of Australian forestry businesses
- \$7.8 million in 2020-21 to support the oil recycling industry by increasing the benefit provided through the Product Stewardship Oil Scheme from 50 cents per litre to 62 cents per litre until 31 December 2020
- \$4.0 million over two years from 2019-20 to support the seafood industry, which is currently experiencing volatile international demand, by promoting the domestic consumption of Australian seafood with a national awareness media campaign
- \$1.4 million in 2020-21 to maintain sea freight services to the Indian Ocean Territories.

The Government has also committed RRF funds to support the aviation sector and provide financial counselling services to small rural and regional businesses. See the related cross portfolio payment measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – aviation support* and the Agriculture, Water and the Environment portfolio payment measure titled *Drought Communities Small Business Support Program – expansion*.

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Further information can be found in the following press releases:

- the press release of 12 March 2020 issued by the Minister for the Environment
- the joint press release of 13 March 2020 issued by the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment
- the joint press release of 1 April 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management and the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries and Assistant Minister for Regional Tourism
- the press release of 1 April 2020 issued by the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment
- the joint press release of 9 April 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and the Minister for Communications and the Arts
- the joint press release of 28 April 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Trade Tourism and Investment and the Minister for the Environment
- the joint press release of 6 May 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and the Minister for the Environment
- the joint press release of 12 May 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment and the Minister for the Environment
- the joint press release of 30 June 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for the Environment and the Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management.

National Bushfire Recovery Fund

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	665.8	526.2	150.8	140.0	-
Department of Home Affairs	64.5	4.0	1.4	-	-
Department of Social Services	50.0	-	-	-	-
Tourism Australia	41.5	29.5	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	19.1	120.1	96.9	10.2	-
Department of Health	15.5	36.7	13.1	-	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4.1	-	-	-	-
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	4.0	26.2	1.5	0.1	0.1
Services Australia	1.9	0.3	..	-	-
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	0.9	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.2	0.4	0.1	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	-	12.2	15.0	-	-
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources	-	8.5	14.5	8.0	8.0
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	0.5	11.3	0.5	-
Total — Payment	867.5	764.6	304.5	158.8	8.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</i>	-	0.2	0.2	-	-

The Government committed \$2.0 billion to a National Bushfire Recovery Fund (NBRF) to assist communities and businesses to recover and rebuild following the 2019-20 bushfires. The NBRF is in addition to funding provided through existing disaster recovery assistance arrangements. The NBRF has funded:

- Support to individuals and families, including:
 - tax-free payments of up to \$6,000 to volunteer firefighters to provide for lost income
 - a back to school payment of \$400 for each child
 - \$82.1 million for mental health support services for individuals, families and communities impacted by the bushfires
 - \$40.0 million for emergency relief funding

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- \$10.0 million for financial counselling for families and individuals
- \$5.2 million for legal assistance to individuals residing in bushfire affected Local Government Areas (LGAs)
- exempting families in declared LGAs from the Child Care Subsidy activity test debt in the 2019-20 financial year
- reprioritising funding within the Community Child Care Fund to support the continuity of child care in bushfire affected areas.
- Assistance to small businesses and primary producers, including:
 - grants of up to \$75,000 for primary producers and up to \$50,000 for small businesses and not-for-profit organisations
 - concessional loans of up to \$500,000 for eligible small businesses (including primary producers) and non-profit organisations
 - \$76.0 million for a tourism recovery package
 - \$15.0 million for rural financial counsellors and support works to assist primary producers
 - grants of \$10,000 to assist significantly impacted small businesses in the worst affected LGAs
 - \$15.0 million to assist the forestry industry with the costs of transporting burned salvaged logs to timber mills or storage sites
 - \$12.8 million to provide recovery and resilience advice to businesses
 - \$3.5 million for financial advice telephone service for small businesses
 - \$3.5 million for legal assistance to businesses in bushfire affected LGAs.
- Support for local communities, including:
 - \$448.5 million as part of the Regional Bushfire Recovery and Development Program, to support delivery of local recovery plans
 - \$62.0 million in immediate bushfire assistance for the most affected LGAs
 - \$0.9 million for recovery assistance for the historic Binna Burra lodge.

- Funding to assist the environment to recover, including:
 - \$149.7 million for bushfire recovery for species and landscapes, including habitat regeneration and waterway and catchment restoration
 - \$53.4 million to support wildlife recovery and habitat restoration.
- \$37.1 million for telecommunications emergency resilience, partially offset by redirecting \$10 million from the *Mobile Black Spots Program*, to strengthen telecommunications capabilities prior to future natural disasters
- \$1.3 million to support the evaluation of the recovery programs, providing critical lessons learnt to inform future responses to natural disasters
- Sharing the cost of the clean-up of residential and commercial properties destroyed by the recent bushfires with affected State governments.

In addition to the \$2.0 billion NBRF, the Government has provided \$77.7 million over three years from 2020-21 to further support primary producers in recovering from the impact of the bushfires, including:

- \$41.0 million over three years from 2020-21 to establish a Forestry Recovery Development Fund to support the recovery of forestry processing businesses and jobs in forestry communities
- \$31.0 million in 2020-21 to provide grants for bushfire impacted apple growers to assist with the re-establishment and repair of damaged or destroyed orchards or perennial trees
- \$5.7 million in 2020-21 to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to wine grape producers affected by smoke taint to support the viability and resilience of their businesses.

The Government will also provide \$88.1 million over 12 years from 2020-21 to transition the National Research Centre Bushfire and Natural Hazard Resilience into a new National Research Centre for Disaster Resilience, which will deliver and scale up applied research to inform Australia's disaster recovery and resilience effort.

Further information can be found in the following press releases:

- the joint press release of 29 December 2019 issued by the Prime Minister, the Premier of New South Wales and the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Services
- the joint press release of 6 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Treasurer and the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management

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- the joint press release of 9 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, and the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management
- the press release of 11 January 2020 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management
- the joint press release of 12 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Assistant Minister for Health and the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- the joint press release of 13 January 2020 issued by the Treasurer and the Minister for the Environment
- the joint press release of 14 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management
- the joint press release of 15 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Families and Social Services
- the press release of 17 January 2020 issued by the Minister for Education
- the joint press release of 19 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Trade Tourism and Investment
- the joint press release of 19 January 2020 issued by the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management and the Victorian Minister for Water, Police and Emergency Services
- the joint press release of 20 January 2020 issued by Prime Minister, Treasurer and Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business
- the joint press release of 30 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Premier of New South Wales, the Treasurer, the Deputy Premier of New South Wales, the Treasurer of New South Wales and the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management
- the joint press release of 12 February 2020 issued by the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management and the South Australian Minister for Environment and Water

- the joint press release of 11 March 2020 issued by the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Businesses the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, the NSW Deputy Premier and the NSW Minister for Finance and Small Business
- the joint press release of 11 May 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Drought and Emergency Management
- the joint press release of 23 June 2020 by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries and the Assistant Minister for Regional Tourism.

See also the related payment measure titled *Bushfire Response Package – national aerial firefighting capability* in the Home Affairs portfolio.

DEFENCE

Bushfire Response Package — Australian Defence Force deployment

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Defence	87.9	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$87.9 million in 2019-20 for the net additional costs of Australian Defence Force (ADF) deployments associated with domestic bushfire assistance, under *Operation Bushfire Assist*. Costs are related to the deployment of ADF Members and Reservists, military assets, consumables, and logistics equipment.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 26 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence.

Cyber Enhanced Situational Awareness and Response (CESAR) package

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Signals Directorate	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.4 billion over 10 years from 2020-21 to the Australian Signals Directorate, Australian Cyber Security Centre and the Department of Defence to identify cyber threats, disrupt foreign cyber criminals and increase partnerships with industry and other governments.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding within the Defence Portfolio.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 30 June 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Home Affairs and the Minister for Defence.

Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances — settlement of class action claims

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Defence	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will settle three Federal Court of Australia class actions in relation to per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in the communities of Williamstown, New South Wales; Oakey, Queensland; and Katherine, Northern Territory.

The financial implications of this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to legal sensitivities.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 26 February 2020, issued by the Minister for Defence and the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel.

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COVID-19 Response Package — child care

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Services Australia	2.5	..	-	-	-
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	102.4	206.6	-	-	-
Total — Payment	104.9	206.6	-	-	-

The Government provided \$1.9 billion over two years from 2019-20 to ensure the ongoing availability of early childhood education and child care services for Australian families, as well as to support the operations of more than 13,000 child care services from 6 April to 12 July 2020. Services and families will also be supported as they transition back to Child Care Subsidy (CCS) funding arrangements from 13 July 2020.

The *Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package* provided immediate assistance to families and services at a point in time when parents were withdrawing their children from child care in large numbers. This measure temporarily paused CCS funding arrangements from 6 April to 12 July 2020 so that families were not required to pay fees to access care for their children during this time. The Government also assisted services with the costs of providing care, ensuring the sector remained open and families could continue to access care during the COVID-19 pandemic. This included:

- weekly Business Continuity Payments equivalent to 50 per cent of the sector's fee revenue for the relevant reference period in lieu of CCS and the Additional Child Care Subsidy. This was paid regardless of how many children attended the service and in addition to any JobKeeper eligibility
- exceptional circumstance supplementary payments for some services, including services that were required to provide additional care and those ineligible for JobKeeper payments.

CCS funding arrangements were re-introduced on 13 July 2020, and will provide approximately \$2.0 billion this quarter to services on behalf of eligible families. In addition, the Government will provide transitional support of \$708.0 million in 2020-21 to assist the sector and families with the move back to the subsidy, including:

- from 13 July until 27 September 2020, services will be paid a Transition Payment of 25 per cent of their fee revenue for the *Relief Package* reference period, subject to services maintaining child care fees at the level of the reference period and guaranteeing employment levels

- an easing of CCS activity test requirements until 4 October 2020, to enable eligible families whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19 to receive up to 100 hours per fortnight of subsidised care, and assist them to return to the level of work, study or training they were undertaking before the pandemic.

This measure is partially offset from CCS that would otherwise have been paid in a non-COVID-19 environment with regular child care attendance.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 13 March, 23 March, 25 March, 1 May, 20 May and 8 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Education, and in the joint press release of 2 April 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Education.

COVID-19 Response Package — higher education

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	10.9	7.1	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency</i>	-3.1	-10.8	-2.3	-3.7	-
<i>Australian Skills Quality Authority</i>	-4.6	-30.5	-	-	-
<i>Department of Education, Skills and Employment</i>	-6.0	-4.6	..	..	0.1
<i>Total — Receipts</i>	-13.7	-46.0	-2.3	-3.7	0.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education, Skills and Employment</i>	-	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$84.1 million over five years from 2019-20 in financial relief to the higher education sector and will guarantee \$18.0 billion in payments in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will support universities and higher education providers to deliver quality teaching, to ease the financial burden for students, and support workers displaced by COVID-19 to upskill or retrain to meet the skills demands of the new economy.

The package includes:

- delivery of higher education short courses in national priority areas to help Australians who have lost their job to re-train or up-skill. The Government will provide \$7.1 million to provide up to 1,000 places in courses at non-university and private higher education providers.

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- guaranteeing higher education providers' funding through the Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS) at 2020 levels, regardless of any fall in student enrolments, with universities to provide subsidised places in short courses with their guaranteed CGS funding.
- guaranteeing higher education providers' *Higher Education Loan Program* (HELP) payments at 2020 levels, regardless of any fall in student enrolments.
- \$47.9 million over five years from 2019-20 in regulatory fee relief for universities and private education providers. This includes waiving or refunding fees and charges collected by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) and the Department of Education, Skills and Employment in relation to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2021.
- delaying the collection of the 2019-20 Tuition Protection Service levy by one year, and delaying the introduction of full cost recovery arrangements for ASQA and TEQSA to 1 July 2021, at a cost of \$28.6 million over five years from 2019-20
- exempting students from paying FEE-HELP and VET Student Loan fees for six months from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020, at a cost of \$0.6 million over five years from 2019-20 in underlying cash balance terms (and \$73.5 million in fiscal balance terms).

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 12 April 2020 issued by the Minister for Education and the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.

COVID-19 Response Package — JobTrainer Fund — establishment

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	8.4	531.6	-	-	-
Australian Skills Quality Authority	-	2.7	4.3	3.2	2.2
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-	2.1	11.0	13.6	3.9
Total — Payment	8.4	536.5	15.3	16.8	6.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Skills Quality Authority	-	0.3	1.1	1.2	1.2

The Government will provide \$586.8 million over five years from 2019-20 (including \$3.7 million in capital funding) to ensure the vocational education and training (VET) system can play a critical role in supporting Australia's future growth and prosperity, including the economic recovery from COVID-19. This includes:

- \$500.0 million in 2020-21 to establish a national JobTrainer Fund to support job seekers to reskill and upskill, and ensure that all school-leavers have access to training. The National Partnership Agreement on the JobTrainer Fund will establish shared funding arrangements between the Commonwealth and states and territories to support a rapid increase in low or no fee training places for job seekers and young people in areas of identified skills need, based on an agreed list of qualifications and short courses
- \$40.0 million over two years from 2019-20, with matched funding from the states and territories, to provide new training opportunities in infection prevention and control to reduce the spread of COVID-19
- \$29.8 million over four years from 2020-21 to accelerate implementation of the VET Reform Roadmap, developed with the states and territories, to simplify and streamline national qualifications, introduce improved industry engagement, and progress implementation of the Skills Organisation (SO) model, including extending the current SO mining pilot to 30 June 2023
- \$16.1 million (including \$3.7 million in capital funding) to develop new quality standards and arrangements for Registered Training Organisations, to be implemented by the Australian Skills Quality Authority
- \$0.9 million in 2020-21 for the National Careers Institute to provide dedicated advice to school-leavers and job seekers about the training options suited to their needs to succeed in the jobs of the future.

The measure builds on the 2019-20 Budget measure titled *Skills Package – delivering skills for today and tomorrow*.

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Further information can be found in the press release of 16 May 2020 issued by the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, and the joint press release of 16 July 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.

COVID-19 Response Package — support for non-government schools

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	1,034.2	-1,034.2	-	-	-

The Government brought forward \$1.0 billion from 2020-21 into 2019-20 to support non-government schools to resume normal classroom based learning. Schools had the option to receive some or all of their July 2020 recurrent funding payments in May and June, subject to them:

- being open for physical campus learning for Term 2 and having a plan to fully re-open classroom teaching by 1 June 2020
- committing to achieving 50 per cent of students attending classroom based learning by 1 June 2020.

Non-government schools that elected not to bring forward their funding or did not meet the conditions received their payment in July 2020, as scheduled.

The Government also provided \$10.0 million in 2019-20 to improve COVID-19 hygiene measures for non-government schools that committed to achieving 50 per cent of students attending classroom based learning by 1 June 2020. Funding supported additional cleaning costs for schools, including the purchase of soap and hand sanitiser. The cost of this component of the measure will be offset by redirecting uncommitted funding from existing resources.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 May 2020 issued by the Minister for Education.

COVID-19 Response Package — supporting apprentices and trainees

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	360.4	2,390.3	55.6	3.1	-7.0
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education, Skills and Employment</i>	3.3	1.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.8 billion over five years from 2019-20 (including \$4.4 million in capital funding over two years from 2019-20) to keep apprentices and trainees employed.

The Supporting Apprentices and Trainees (SAT) wage subsidy reimburses eligible businesses up to 50 per cent of an apprentice or trainee's wages. Subsidies are capped at \$7,000 per quarter, per eligible apprentice or trainee.

- From 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020, small businesses (of less than 20 employees) could claim the SAT wage subsidy for apprentices or trainees who had been in-training with the business as at 1 March 2020.
- From 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021, small and medium-sized businesses (of less than 200 employees) can claim the SAT wage subsidy for apprentices or trainees who have been in-training with the business as at 1 July 2020.

A wage subsidy is also available to eligible Group Training Organisations where the Host Employer of any size is receiving the JobKeeper payment and retains their apprentice or trainee.

The Government will also ensure continued support for students and job seekers through amendments to the delivery of existing skills and training programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- expanding the scope of the *Foundation Skills for your Future Program* to enable the development and delivery of online language, literacy, numeracy and digital (LLND) teaching resources
- extending the termination date of the *Foundation Skills for Your Future Remote Community Pilot* by 12 months to 30 June 2023 to support adult LLND training in remote communities
- extending the *Commonwealth Scholarships Program for South Australia* by 15 months to 30 June 2022 to enable scholarship recipients to complete their training

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- increasing the host incentive for the *Commonwealth Scholarship Program for Young Australians* from \$500 to \$1,500 per intern to encourage intake of interns and improve outcomes for young people and businesses, to be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to the deferral of the commencement of the *Incentives for Australian Apprenticeships Program* from 1 July 2020 to 1 January 2021, which will minimise disruption to employers and Australian apprentices and continue support through the existing *Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program*. The deferral will partially offset this measure by \$19.7 million over four years from 2020-21.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 12 March and 16 July 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.

COVID-19 Response Package — supporting job seekers

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	51.3	24.9	14.4	-	-
Department of Social Services	14.0	38.6	-	-	-
Services Australia	1.3	0.3	-	-	-
Total — Payment	66.5	63.9	14.4	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education, Skills and Employment</i>	2.9	1.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$159.5 million over three years from 2019-20 (including \$4.3 million in capital funding over two years from 2019-20) to support job seekers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This package will provide \$115.1 million over two years from 2019-20 to ensure job seekers get the support they need and can be connected to employment services at the earliest opportunity, including:

- providing job seekers with access to Employment Fund credits at commencement of their period of unemployment, helping them to rapidly gain the tools and build the skills and experience they need to transition to critical vacancies
- providing the Coronavirus Supplement to eligible New Enterprise Incentive Scheme participants

- making IT system enhancements to streamline registration and referral processes that will simplify income support claims
- providing \$19.6 million to rebalance the *jobactive* funding model, for a period of six months from 1 June 2020, to allocate more upfront funding to providers for the influx of new job seekers.

This package will also provide:

- \$2.7 million in 2020-21 to extend Regional Employment Trials by a further 12 months to 30 June 2021 to ensure approved projects continue in the selected regional areas
- \$41.7 million over three years from 2019-20 in additional funding to the *Career Transition Assistance* program to enable *jobactive* providers to more readily refer mature age job seekers to the program.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 21 April, 22 April and 26 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.

Higher Education Reform — additional support for regional Australia

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Services Australia	0.4	5.4	0.8	0.8	0.8
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-	11.9	12.7	14.8	-7.5
Department of Social Services	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total — Payment	0.4	17.3	13.7	15.8	-6.5
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-	-	-	-	..
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Services Australia	-	1.1	-	-	-
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-	0.5	-	-	-
Total — Capital	-	1.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$259.9 million over five years from 2019-20 to increase higher education access and attainment for regional Australians and to support higher education providers in regional Australia to grow their local economies. This funding complements other reforms in the *Higher Education Reform – more job ready graduates* measure.

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This measure responds to the recommendations of the *National Regional, Rural and Remote Tertiary Education Strategy* final report and includes:

- \$159.1 million over five years from 2019-20 (including \$1.1 million in capital funding and \$43.9 million per year ongoing) to provide a Tertiary Access Payment of \$5,000 to eligible school-leavers from outer regional or remote areas to assist with their costs of moving closer to their tertiary education institution
- \$17.1 million over four years from 2020-21 (including \$0.5 million in capital funding and \$13.9 million per year ongoing) to ensure all Indigenous students from regional and remote communities who meet admissions standards can access a Commonwealth supported place at a higher education provider
- \$0.7 million over five years from 2019-20 (and \$0.2 million per year ongoing) to support students receiving Youth Allowance, Austudy or the Pensioner Education Supplement to access Fares Allowance so they can visit their homes and families more often
- \$21.0 million over four years from 2020-21 (and \$76.4 million over ten years to 2029-30) to strengthen the *Regional University Centres* program by establishing a central support network, evaluation program and additional centres throughout regional Australia
- \$7.1 million over four years from 2020-21 (and \$1.8 million per year ongoing) to refocus the *Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program* (HEPPP) to provide more support to Indigenous students and students from regional and remote areas, including supporting more projects in regional areas to encourage students into higher education
- \$48.8 million over four years from 2020-21 (and \$20.9 million per year ongoing) to establish new partnerships between regional universities and other higher education providers or local industry to undertake innovative research projects
- \$6.0 million over four years from 2020-21 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) to appoint a dedicated Regional Education Commissioner to monitor implementation of the reforms and encourage increased participation in higher education throughout regional Australia.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resources of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment through efficiencies from HEPPP and the related payment measure *Higher Education Reform – more job ready graduates*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 19 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Education.

Higher Education Reform — more job ready graduates

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-3.0	203.9	202.2	-116.6	-321.6
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency	-	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.6
Australian Research Council	-12.5	3.0	4.1	4.2	1.1
Total — Payment	-15.5	210.3	209.1	-109.6	-317.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-	-20.0	-22.3	14.4	49.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-	0.8	-	-	-
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency	-	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total — Capital	-	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1

The Government will strengthen the higher education system through better university funding arrangements with targeted investment in areas of national priority, more opportunities for regional, rural and remote students, stronger links with industry, as well as improved transparency and accountability for the higher education sector. This package aims to deliver more job ready graduates in the disciplines and regions where they are needed most and help drive the nation's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The reforms will be implemented from 1 January 2021 and include:

- expanding access to higher education by increasing the number of Commonwealth supported places (CSPs), especially in regional Australia, with an additional 39,000 places provided by 2023 and an additional 100,000 places provided by 2030
- greater flexibility for universities to determine their allocation of CSPs to increase options and pathways for students to higher education
- fairly sharing the costs of higher education between students and taxpayers, with course fees better aligned to teaching costs, and lower student contributions in priority areas such as science, teaching, nursing, agriculture and mathematics
- \$800.0 million over four years from 2020-21 (and \$239.9 million per year ongoing) to establish a National Priorities and Industry Linkage Fund to increase partnerships between universities and industry to ensure more students gain industry experiences and job ready skills

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- consolidating funding from existing programs to establish the Indigenous, Regional and Low SES Attainment Fund, which will encourage universities to improve higher education attainment among regional, Indigenous and low-socioeconomic status students
- reducing the FEE-HELP loan fee for students from 25 per cent to 20 per cent to align with loan fee costs in the vocational education and training sector
- revised indexation for the Commonwealth Grant Scheme to reflect the Consumer Price Index.

To support universities and students transitioning to the new arrangements, the Government will guarantee university funding at current levels for three years from 2021 and will put in place grandfathering arrangements for current students studying courses where student contributions will increase from 2021.

This measure also includes \$12.5 million over three years from 2020-21 to establish a new Special Research Initiative grant scheme under the Australian Research Council's *National Competitive Grants Program* (NCGP) for research into Australia's distinct history, society and culture, providing between \$20,000 and \$100,000 each year to approximately 40 projects for up to three years. This initiative will be offset by redirecting existing 2019-20 funding allocated to the NCGP.

This measure is estimated to achieve savings of \$43.8 million over four years from 2020-21 in underlying cash terms, and cost \$134.2 million over four years from 2020-21 in fiscal balance terms. This includes \$0.8 million in capital funding in 2020-21 to make changes to the Department of Education, Skills and Employment's IT systems.

The savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to fund the measure *Higher Education Reform – additional support for regional Australia*.

Further information can be found in the Minister for Education's National Press Club address of 19 June 2020 and press release of 27 January 2020.

National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education — extension

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	-	136.0	317.2	-	-
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-	3.1	2.1	-	-
Total — Payment	-	139.0	319.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$458.3 million over two years from 2020-21 to further extend the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education for the 2021 calendar year and to undertake the related National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection in early 2022. The extension will support 15 hours of preschool each week (600 hours per year) for children attending preschool in 2021 before starting school in 2022.

This measure extends the 2019-20 Budget measure titled *National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education – further extension*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 3 April 2020 issued by the Minister for Education.

New Arrangements for the Child Care Subsidy and the Additional Child Care Subsidy

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Services Australia	5.0	16.4	0.9	-	-
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-	-5.6	-5.9	-6.1	-6.5
Total — Payment	5.0	10.8	-4.9	-6.1	-6.5

The Government is improving the administration of the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) (child wellbeing) to ensure that families' child care entitlements better reflect their circumstances.

The method of reconciling income against CCS entitlements will be amended for individuals who have changed their relationship status due to partnering, separation or death within a financial year. This will include:

- separately recognising income for periods over the year in which an individual is partnered and when they are not, to achieve fairer and more consistent end-of-year reconciliation outcomes
- adjusting how the annual CCS cap is applied at reconciliation, to align with this approach

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- a new exceptional circumstances provision, so individuals can avoid CCS debts where an ex-partner has underestimated their income
- applying an Australian Tax Office determined income amount for deceased individuals, so that partners of deceased individuals do not receive an inflated income which leads to CCS debts.

The changes to ACCS (child wellbeing) administrative arrangements will improve access to child care for children at risk of serious abuse or neglect by:

- extending the backdating of ACCS (child wellbeing) determination from 28 days to up to 13 weeks in defined circumstances
- extending the length of ACCS (child wellbeing) determination from 13 weeks to up to 12 months for children on child protection orders or in foster care
- enabling providers to enrol a child at risk and receive ACCS (child wellbeing) payments from the Commonwealth for the period over which the foster family finalised its CCS and ACCS claims.

The savings of \$1.7 million over five years from 2019-20 from this measure will be redirected by the Government to fund policy priorities.

PaTH Business Placement Partnerships — national industry associations

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	0.6	0.7	0.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.9 million over three years from 2019-20 to establish Prepare, Trial, Hire (PaTH) Business Placement Partnerships with selected industry associations that have a national footprint. This measure will develop and deliver industry-led employment pathways to help young people into work. It will also draw upon existing government funded employment programs, such as the *Youth Jobs PaTH* program and the *National Work Experience Program*.

Part of the costs of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment.

School Funding — additional support for students and teachers

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$41.2 million over five years from 2019-20 to non-government schools due to changes in the method to calculate Commonwealth recurrent funding. The new method will use parental or guardian income to measure a school community's capacity to contribute to their school's costs. This approach will improve school funding equity by ensuring funding flows to the schools that need it most.

The changes to the method will improve the accuracy of each school's funding calculation, and are consistent with the recommendations of the National School Resourcing Board's *Review of the socio-economic status (SES) score*.

The Government will also provide \$3.0 million over four years from 2019-20 to the Anti-Defamation Commission to expand its *Click Against Hate* program, to develop inter-faith understanding and emphasise the importance of standing up to hate and intolerance. The funding will enable the program to reach an additional 500 cohorts of students across Australia.

Funding for these measures has already been provided for by the Government.

Further information on the changes to school funding calculations can be found in the press release of 2 March 2020 issued by the Minister for Education. Further information on the Click Against Hate funding can be found in the joint press release of 14 February 2020 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister, the Treasurer, and the Minister for Education.

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Skills Reform Package

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	-	17.0	37.8	17.3	26.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education, Skills and Employment</i>	-	3.8	0.7	0.8	0.8

The Government will provide \$141.1 million over five years from 2019-20 (including \$6.1 million in capital funding over four years from 2020-21) to permanently establish the National Skills Commission to provide advice on Australia's future workforce changes and current and emerging skills needs, with a focus on vocational education and training.

This measure included \$66.7 million in additional funding for the Additional Identified Skills Shortage payment to support employers taking on new apprentices in areas of identified national skills shortages.

Funding of \$36.2 million for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

This measure builds on the 2019-20 Budget measure titled *Skills Package – delivering skills for today and tomorrow*.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

COVID-19 Response Package — support for exporters and the tourism sector

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government has established a \$500.0 million COVID-19 Export Capital Facility (the Facility) to provide loans of between \$250,000 and \$50.0 million for previously profitable export and tourism businesses that are unable to obtain commercial finance.

The budget impacts of loans in this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

See also the related payment measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – Government support for immediate cash flow needs to small and medium enterprises* in the Treasury portfolio.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Further information can be found in the press release of 15 April 2020 issued by the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.

HEALTH

Ageing and Aged Care

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health	0.5	100.7	112.6	104.3	70.9
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	0.2	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.2
Services Australia	-	32.3	33.8	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Total — Payment	0.7	135.0	148.1	105.4	72.1
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Services Australia	-	35.1	26.6	-	-
Department of Health	-	21.3	2.9	-	-
Total — Capital	-	56.4	29.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$617.7 million over six years from 2019-20 (including \$21.8 million in 2024-25) to further support older Australians accessing aged care by providing additional home care packages and improving transparency and regulatory standards while building on the recent reforms announced in the 2019-20 MYEFO. Funding includes:

- \$347.4 million over five years from 2020-21 (including \$21.8 million in 2024-25) for the release of an additional 6,105 home care packages across three package levels
- \$166.9 million over two years from 2020-21 to continue work on options to reform residential aged care funding and to replace the ageing ICT payment system for residential care
- \$48.7 million over two years from 2019-20 to establish the Business Improvement Fund to assist eligible aged care providers to improve their financial operations and ensure older Australians' needs are met
- \$27.9 million over two years from 2019-20 to extend continuity of support for older Australians with a disability who were ineligible to transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- \$23.0 million over five years from 2019-20 for the introduction of a serious incident response scheme to reduce the risk of abuse and better respond to serious incidents in Government subsidised residential aged care
- \$3.6 million in 2020-21 to improve access to at home palliative care and improve end of life care systems and services in primary and community care.

The costs of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 31 January and 15 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, and the joint press release of 8 July 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Health and the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians.

Bushfire Response Package — Health

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health	2.0	-	-	-	-

The Government provided \$2.0 million in 2019-20 to increase the capacity of Lifeline Australia and the Kids Helpline to respond to increased demand for mental health crisis services as a result of the bushfires.

The Government also expanded Continued Dispensing arrangements in 2019-20 to ensure people affected by the bushfires are able to access subsidised medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 10 January and 30 January 2020 issued by the Minister for Health.

COVID-19 Response Package — ageing and aged care

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health	355.5	416.7	1.1	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	16.9	1.9	-	-	-
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	2.7	2.5	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	375.2	421.1	1.1	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	49.6	4.4	0.5	-

The Government will provide \$812.8 million over four years from 2019-20 to support older Australians throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding includes:

- \$308.8 million in 2019-20 to support residential aged care and home care providers to prepare for and respond to the pressures on workforce supply resulting from COVID-19, including through a Workforce Retention Bonus for eligible direct care staff

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- \$205.3 million in 2019-20 to address cost pressures being experienced across the residential aged care sector through a temporary COVID-19 Supporting Resident Care Supplement to support aged care providers with the additional costs of staffing, training, supporting visitations and connections and the provision of personal protective equipment
- \$101.2 million over two years from 2019-20 to support aged care providers experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak through the deployment of additional aged care staff and additional infection control support
- \$70.0 million over two years from 2019-20 to provide access to short-term home support services through the *Commonwealth Home Support Program* to senior Australians who are frail or have self-isolated due to a high risk of contracting COVID-19
- \$59.3 million over two years from 2019-20 to guarantee the supply of food, including groceries and prepared meals, for senior Australians who are frail or have self-isolated due to a high risk of contracting COVID-19
- \$55.8 million over two years from 2020-21 to extend the Business Improvement Fund and to strengthen the Government's prudential and financial risk management of the aged care sector during COVID-19
- \$12.3 million over two years from 2019-20 for additional surge capacity for the My Aged Care contact centre to respond to COVID-19 enquiries.

The Government will temporarily relax work limitations on international students to help address staff shortages.

The costs of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health.

Further information can be found in the following press releases:

- the press releases of 11 March, 20 March and 1 May 2020 issued by the Prime Minister
- the joint press release of 31 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Health and Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians
- the joint press release of 18 March 2020 issued by the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians and the Acting Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs.

COVID-19 Response Package — emergency response

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health	107.8	67.9	-	-	-
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources	5.5	2.7	-	-	-
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	0.9	-	-	-
National Health Funding Body	0.4	0.7	-	-	-
Total — Payment	113.7	72.2	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health</i>	<i>2,082.6</i>	<i>1,162.5</i>	-	-	-
<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>	-	<i>0.2</i>	-	-	-
Total — Capital	2,082.6	1,162.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.4 billion over two years from 2019-20 (including \$3.2 billion in capital funding) to support Australia's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This package includes:

- \$3.2 billion over two years from 2019-20 for the urgent purchase of personal protective equipment including face masks, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, and to increase the domestic manufacture of pathology testing kits
- \$176.9 million over two years from 2019-20 for the surveillance and modelling of COVID-19, upscaling the Department of Health's capacity, including the National Incident Room, a central patient triage hotline and the coordination of a national communication campaign
- \$9.2 million over two years from 2019-20 to increase the domestic production of medical protective equipment.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 11 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Health, the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians and the Minister for Youth and Sport, and the joint press release of 17 March 2020 issued by the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology and the Minister for Defence.

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COVID-19 Response Package — guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health	700.8	713.8	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	8.5	9.7	-	-	-
Services Australia	7.8	8.4	-	-	-
Total — Payment	717.1	731.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 billion over two years from 2019-20 to support access to health care services as part of the COVID-19 response and to help reduce the risk of community transmission of COVID-19, including:

- temporary items on the Medicare Benefits Schedule to enable access to medical, nursing and mental health services via telehealth
- \$619.1 million for a temporary increase in the value of General Practice bulk billing incentives
- \$206.7 million to establish dedicated respiratory clinics to manage and diagnose COVID-19 cases and take pressure off public hospitals
- \$350.6 million to the pathology sector to support the testing of COVID-19 in the community
- \$57.8 million to support remote communities to minimise the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19
- \$54.8 million in increased Practice Incentive Payments to support General Practice during the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$25.0 million for home medicine services that allow Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) prescriptions to be filled remotely and delivered to patient homes
- \$20.0 million to provide up-to-date infection control training to the health workforce
- \$10.0 million to support the return of medical professionals to the workforce
- \$5.0 million in 2019-20 to accelerate the implementation of electronic prescribing for PBS medicines
- \$6.3 million in 2019-20 to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency for activities undertaken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- modifying existing medical indemnity legislative arrangements to allow eligible doctors and midwives no longer practising to assist during the COVID-19 response

- expanding Continued Dispensing arrangements for PBS and RPBS medicines to provide patients with continued access to medicines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Response Package — medical research

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	10.0	-	-	-
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	-	10.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$42.0 million over two years from 2019-20 to support medical research and vaccine development in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes:

- \$32.0 million from the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) over two years from 2019-20, which will build on the \$34.1 million already provided through the 10-year investment plan for the MRFF for the COVID-19 research response. This will support research to identify and accelerate the development of antiviral therapies, support vaccine development and respiratory medicine, and support clinical trials to better treat and manage COVID-19 patients
- up to \$10.0 million to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation to fast track development of a vaccine in Australia.

Partial funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 25 February and 2 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Health, the press release of 11 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the press release of 4 April 2020 issued by the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology.

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COVID-19 Response Package — prioritising mental health and preventive health

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health	22.9	81.9	-6.3	-	-
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	0.8	0.5	-	-
Services Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	22.9	82.6	-5.8	-	-

The Government will provide \$122.1 million over three years from 2019-20 to support implementation of the National Mental Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Response Plan and the mental health of Australians during the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- \$49.6 million over two years from 2019-20 for targeted support for vulnerable groups to address emerging gaps in mental health services, such as social isolation and anxiety, due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$28.4 million in 2020-21 to support clients of community mental health programs who are yet to transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme for a further 12 months
- \$24.0 million over two years from 2019-20 for Beyond Blue to establish a dedicated counselling and support line for people experiencing stress and anxiety due to COVID-19, and for additional support for services such as Lifeline Australia and Kids Helpline
- \$11.8 million over two years from 2019-20 to deliver a national mental health communication campaign and enhancements to the Head to Health website
- \$4.7 million over two years from 2019-20 to extend the Suicide Prevention Research Fund and National Gateway to Best Practice and Quality Improvement project for a further 12 months to 30 June 2021
- \$3.6 million over two years from 2020-21 to establish a national reporting dashboard to monitor mental health services, and develop pathways for crisis support services to better engage with mental health services.

Funding for this measure will be partly met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Services Australia.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 29 March and 15 May 2020 issued by the Prime Minister.

COVID-19 Response Package — supporting our hospitals

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	2,955.2	708.3	-	-	-
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	2,955.2	708.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.7 billion over two years from 2019-20 for the National Partnership Agreement on COVID-19 Response. This includes an initial upfront \$100.0 million payment and funding on a 50-50 basis with states and territories for the costs to diagnose and treat patients with, or suspected of having COVID-19, to minimise the spread of the disease in the Australian community. This covers hospital services and activities for care such as respiratory clinics and drive-through testing services.

This measure includes a viability guarantee for private hospitals during COVID-19 as a result of reduced elective surgery activity and to provide surge capacity to assist public hospitals.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 11 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Health, the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians and the Minister for Youth and Sport.

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Guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health	90.1	129.3	20.4	-135.4	-123.4
Department of Veterans' Affairs	3.2	3.7	3.7	4.3	5.0
Services Australia	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	215.4	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	107.8	0.6	0.5	0.5
Total — Payment	93.8	457.0	25.7	-129.5	-116.7
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	32.3	-	-	-
Department of Health	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	-	-
Total — Receipts	<i>nfp</i>	32.3	<i>nfp</i>	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	15.5	-	-	-
Department of Health	-	14.8	-	-	-
Total — Capital	-	30.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$328.1 million over five years from 2019-20 to support patient access to medicines, vaccines and therapeutic devices, and to delay the commencement of some measures to enable further consultation. This includes:

- \$703.5 million over five years from 2019-20 for new and amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS). The costs of some of these medicines will be reduced by revenue from rebates negotiated as part of pricing arrangements, the details of which are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities
- \$200.0 million in 2020-21 to continue the operation of the Australian Digital Health Agency to deliver the national digital health strategies including the My Health Record system
- \$107.8 million in 2020-21 to extend the National Partnership Agreement on Adult Public Dental Services for one year to provide services to around 180,000 additional public dental health patients
- \$49.0 million over four years from 2020-21 to increase the availability and extend the eligibility of certain vaccines on the *National Immunisation Program* from 1 July 2020
- \$16.0 million in 2020-21 to continue the National Medical Stockpile and replenish supplies as they expire, such as for vaccines and chemical, biological or radio-nuclear products

- \$4.8 million in 2020-21 for continued operations of the Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in Australia (AURA) surveillance system, which facilitates national monitoring and reporting on antimicrobial resistance
- delaying the commencement of PBS deed management fees included in the 2018-19 MYEFO measure *Improving Access to Medicines – streamlined listings* until 1 July 2021, which is estimated to reduce revenue and expenses by \$1.2 million in 2020-21
- implementing the recommendations of the Stoma Product Assessment Panel to list eight new items, eight amendments and 15 deletions on the Stoma Appliance Scheme from 1 April 2020.

Prioritising Mental Health and Preventive Health — continued support

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
National Mental Health Commission	1.0	-	-	-	-
Department of Health	-0.9	53.3	15.6	5.7	9.0
Total — Payment	0.1	53.3	15.6	5.7	9.0

The Government will provide an additional \$104.6 million over five years from 2019-20 to improve the health and wellbeing of Australians and provide support for people with mental illness or at risk of suicide. Funding includes:

- \$23.7 million over five years from 2019-20 to support the continuation of diagnostic services and models of care projects and to provide support and counselling services across Australia for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- \$18.9 million over five years from 2019-20 to enhance the National headspace Network by upgrading Batemans Bay (New South Wales), Roma and Emerald (Queensland) to full centres, commencing early service delivery in Rosebud and Pakenham (Victoria), establishing an outpost service in Hastings (Victoria), continuing the headspace Schools Suicide Prevention Activities for a further two years from 2020-21, and to conduct an independent evaluation of the Network
- \$17.0 million over three years from 2019-20 to expand the *Standby Support After Suicide* program and the *Way Back Support Service* in partnership with the Victorian Government, to support individuals impacted by suicide
- \$14.5 million in 2020-21 to improve access to psychosocial support services for people with complex mental illness who are not receiving support from the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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- \$13.4 million over two years from 2019-20 to extend the National Suicide Prevention Trial to 30 June 2021 and to enhance coordination and translation of suicide prevention trial evaluations currently underway
- \$7.2 million in 2020-21 to extend the *Good Sports Program*, which provides tools and support for community sporting clubs to promote good mental health and reduce harmful alcohol consumption and drug use
- \$4.6 million in 2020-21 for the Raise Foundation, ReachOut, Harrison Riedel Foundation and Stand Tall to deliver suicide prevention, peer support and mentoring services for young people, including the development of culturally safe prevention and early intervention services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people
- \$4.2 million in 2020-21 for the continued operation of the Head to Health website and for the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care to continue to develop safety and quality standards to ensure digital mental health services are safe and effective
- \$1.0 million in 2019-20 in additional resourcing for the National Mental Health Commission for it to support the Government's mental health and suicide prevention priorities.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health.

Further information can be found in the press release of 12 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, and the press release of 30 January 2020 issued by the Minister for Health.

Revised Implementation Timeline for the Kava Commercial Importation Pilot

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	-	-	-	-	-

The Government recognises the importance of kava to the social and cultural life of Pacific Islanders, including those living in Australia. Due to COVID-19 the Government will delay the second phase of the pilot program to ease restrictions on the commercial importation of kava, to commence instead in 2021.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Health and the Department of Home Affairs.

Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health	-	171.0	110.0	55.1	55.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	4.7	3.0	1.4	1.2
Services Australia	-	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total — Payment	-	176.7	113.1	56.6	56.5

The Government will provide \$18.3 billion in new and existing funding for pharmacy and wholesaler remuneration under the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement over five years from 2020-21 for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Further information can be found in the press release of 12 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Health.

Strengthening Primary Care — continuing the Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.2 million over four years from 2020-21 to extend and expand the Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner. The Commissioner will be assisted by Deputy Commissioners with expertise across a range of vital rural health disciplines, will provide advice on rural health policy, ensure targeted rural health initiatives are achieving practical outcomes in regional Australia, and support delivery of key projects and priorities. The Office will provide guidance on integrated, multidisciplinary models of care for rural and remote communities.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health.

Further information can be found in the press release of 12 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government.

Support for High Performance Athletes

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Sports Commission	-	25.3	25.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$50.6 million over two years from 2020-21 for high performance grants to National Sporting Organisations to ensure Australia remains a world-leading sporting nation.

The grants will be distributed by the Australian Institute of Sport and will support Olympic and Paralympic athletes, coaches and officials prepare for the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in 2021, the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics, and the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Funding for this measure is in addition to \$50.7 million in financial support for athletes preparing for the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics through the measure *Sport 2030 – high performance funding* in the 2018-19 MYEFO.

Further information can be found in the press release of 14 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Youth and Sport.

Supporting our Hospitals

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health	-	10.0	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-4.2	155.0	125.4	-70.3	-177.5
Total — Payment	-4.2	165.0	125.4	-70.3	-177.5

The Government will provide \$131.4 billion over six years from 2019-20 to the states and territories for public hospital services and implementation of the 2020-25 National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA), including to:

- provide a minimum funding guarantee for all states and territories to ensure payments are not impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- support the delivery of high cost therapies in public hospitals with funding shared on a 50:50 basis with states and territories and with an exemption from the national growth funding cap under the NHRA for the first two years for each therapy
- implement cost neutrality in the funding provided for private patients in public hospitals
- extend an agreement with the Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania and the Northern Territory to support their funding share under activity-based funding arrangements.

The Government will also provide \$131.2 million over five years from 2019-20 to the states and territories to support projects that reduce avoidable hospitalisations, improve access to mental health care and improve hospital infrastructure.

The Government will also provide \$5.7 million over two years from 2020-21 to support improved clinical care and better patient outcomes through extending operational funding for the National Cardiac Registry, Australian Breast Device Registry, Australian and New Zealand Hip Fracture Registry and the Australian National Diabetes Audit.

Funding for this measure has been partially met from within existing resources.

This measure builds on the 2019-20 Budget measure titled *Guaranteeing Medicare – operational costs of Cardiac, Breast, Hip Fracture and Trauma Registries*.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 May 2020 issued by the Prime Minister.

HOME AFFAIRS

Bushfire Response Package — disaster recovery funding arrangements

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	109.6	13.7	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	109.6	13.7	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$109.6 million in 2019-20 under Categories C and D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements for recovery packages for communities and assistance for primary producers affected by the 2019-20 bushfire season.

This assistance is provided to communities and sectors severely affected by a natural disaster, with the cost of the assistance shared between the Commonwealth and the relevant state or territory government.

The Government will also provide an additional \$13.7 million to the Tasmanian Government in recognition of the impacts of the 2018-19 Tasmanian bushfires.

See also the related cross portfolio payment measure titled *National Bushfire Recovery Fund*.

Bushfire Response Package — national aerial firefighting capability

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Home Affairs	-	11.0	11.2	11.4	11.5

The Government will provide an additional \$11.0 million a year, indexed, from 2020-21 to the National Aerial Firefighting Centre, to support fleet standing costs and to increase access to large air tankers across all jurisdictions.

This measure will bring the annual Australian Government investment from 2020-21 onwards to \$26.0 million and will increase aerial firefighting capacity across the country helping the states and territories to prepare for summer and protect communities across the country.

The additional funding to the National Aerial Firefighting Centre will increase the length of existing lease arrangements and/or the number of contract opportunities available to aircraft owners/operators.

The Government also provided \$20.0 million in 2019-20 to lease four extra aircraft to assist in firefighting.

See the related cross portfolio payment measure titled *National Bushfire Recovery Fund*.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 12 December 2019 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management and the press release of 4 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister.

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, ENERGY AND RESOURCES

COVID-19 Response Package — fuel security

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources	-	2.5	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources	-	91.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$94.0 million in 2020-21 to boost Australia's long-term fuel security by establishing Australian Government oil reserves for domestic fuel security in the United States Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

By purchasing during the COVID-19 crisis the Government is able to take advantage of historically low prices, minimising cost to the taxpayer. Arrangements for storage beyond 2020-21 will be considered in the future.

Further information can be found in the press release of 22 April 2020 issued by the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, and the press release of 24 April 2020 issued by the Minister for Finance.

COVID-19 Response Package — support for small businesses impacted by COVID-19

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources	4.8	7.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.9 million over two years from 2019-20 to increase the operations at the business.gov.au Contact Centre to provide more support to small and medium businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, \$5.0 million will be provided over two years from 2019-20 for a national campaign to encourage Australians to support their local small businesses.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 23 March 2020 issued by the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business and the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, and the press releases of 27 May and 10 July 2020 issued by the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.

Former British Nuclear Testing Site at Maralinga — funding support

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources	-	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4

The Government will provide \$2.5 million over four years from 2020-21 to support monitoring and maintenance work at the former British nuclear testing site on the Maralinga Tjarutja lands in South Australia. The funding will also enable detailed site investigations to inform a long-term remediation action plan for the site, and support construction of permanent accommodation for current and future Maralinga caretakers.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from existing resources within the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

Further information can be found in the press release of 8 July 2020 issued by the Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia.

Northern Endeavour Temporary Operations Program

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide funding over two years from 2019-20 to ensure the safe and stable operations of the *Northern Endeavour* floating oil production storage and offtake facility, which is permanently moored between the Laminaria and Corallina oil fields in the Timor Sea. The funding will enable the operational activities required to maintain the facility in 'lighthouse mode', as well as critical safety maintenance works, maintenance of appropriate insurance, and advice to develop a complete long-term solution for the facility and surrounds.

The expenditure for this measure is not for publication (nfp) due to commercial-in-confidence sensitivities.

Further information can be found in the press release of 23 April 2020 issued by the Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia.

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Unlocking Australia's Resources Potential — Exploring for the Future 2

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Geoscience Australia	-	20.4	37.7	44.0	19.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Geoscience Australia	-	-	2.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$124.5 million over four years from 2020-21 to continue and expand the *Exploring for the Future* program. The expanded program will extend the geoscientific mapping of the mineral, critical mineral, energy and groundwater resources from northern Australia into southern Australia. This program will provide the public geoscientific data and analyses required to attract future investment in resource exploration and development.

Further information can be found in the press release of 23 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia.

INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Consumer Safeguards — targeted measures — amendments

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-1.0	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	-1.4	-1.3	-0.8	-0.8
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Communications and Media Authority	..	..	..	-	-

The Government is revising its 2019-20 Budget measure *Consumer Safeguards – targeted measures*. The Government will not proceed with legislative amendments to provide the Australian Communications and Media Authority with responsibility for direct oversight of the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO).

This measure is expected to have a negligible financial impact as related costs were to be recovered from 2020-21.

The Government will continue to proceed with improvements to dispute resolution for Australian telecommunications consumers by providing enhanced analysis and reporting of complaints data through the TIO.

COVID-19 Response Package — communications, cyber safety and the arts

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	-	239.8	27.0	32.0	80.0
Department of the Treasury	-	..	..	..	..
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-10.4	-9.9	-	-	-
Total — Payment	-10.4	230.0	27.0	32.0	80.0
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-8.0	-33.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$676.8 million over nine years from 2019-20 (including \$240.5 million over four years from 2024-25) for COVID-19 support measures in the communications, cyber safety and arts sectors.

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The package includes:

- \$55.0 million over two years from 2019-20 to establish a Public Interest News Gathering Program to support broadcasters and publishers who are producing news in regional Australia, partially offset by redirecting unallocated funds from the *Regional and Small Publishers Jobs and Innovation Package*
- waiving the Commercial Broadcasting Tax for 12 months from 14 February 2020, providing commercial television and radio broadcasters with an estimated \$41.0 million in tax relief for the use of broadcasting spectrum over two years from 2019-20
- \$10.0 million over three years from 2020-21 to extend the *Supporting Television and Online Coverage of Under-represented Sports Program* to provide further support for the broadcasting of underrepresented sports on subscription television, including women's sports, niche sports and sports with a high level of community involvement and participation
- \$10.0 million in 2020-21 for the Office of the eSafety Commissioner to respond to increased online activity.

In addition, as a component of the Government's JobMaker plan to restart Australia's creative economy:

- support for up to \$90.0 million in concessional loans through establishing the Arts and Entertainment Guarantee Scheme, including \$0.8 million over eight years from 2020-21 to administer the program, to assist creative economy businesses to fund new productions and events
- \$75.0 million in 2020-21 to establish a Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund to provide competitive grants to support new events or productions as social distancing restrictions ease
- \$50.0 million in 2020-21 to establish a Temporary Interruption Fund to support the local film and television sector so it can secure funding to commence productions
- \$35.0 million in 2020-21 to support Commonwealth-funded arts and culture organisations facing threats to their viability
- a Creative Economy Taskforce to implement the JobMaker plan, with costs to be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

The Government will also provide \$400.0 million over seven years from 2020-21 to extend the *Location Incentive Program* to attract international investment in the screen industry and provide local employment and training opportunities.

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The Arts and Entertainment Guarantee Scheme component of this measure has unquantifiable financial impacts at this time.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 15 April, 7 May, 25 June and 28 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, and the joint press release of 17 July 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts.

COVID-19 Response Package — external territories

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	-	7.8	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</i>	-	5.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.5 million in 2020-21 (including \$5.7 million in capital funding) for an infrastructure package to stimulate and support the economies of Norfolk Island and the Indian Ocean Territories during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Response Package — freeze and maintain the Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	-	20.0	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	-	20.0	-	-	-

The Government will maintain the Road User Charge rate at the 2017-18 level of 25.8 cents per litre for one year.

This measure will support the heavy vehicle industry during the COVID-19 pandemic, which is crucial to sustaining our economy and distributing critical goods.

This will increase expenditure on the Fuel Tax Credit by \$20.0 million in 2020-21.

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COVID-19 Response Package — infrastructure stimulus

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	-	1,739.4	1,071.5	549.5	11.3
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	-	429.0	80.0	-	-
Total — Payment	-	2,168.4	1,151.5	549.5	11.3

The Government will provide \$2.0 billion over three years from 2020-21 for priority regional and urban transport infrastructure across Australia to support local jobs and economic recovery post-COVID-19. This includes:

- \$1.0 billion over three years from 2020-21 towards shovel ready priority projects and \$500.0 million over two years from 2020-21 for targeted road safety works under the Infrastructure Investment Program, with:
 - \$320.3 million in Victoria, including an additional \$178.2 million for regional rail revival projects, \$70.6 million for the Princes Highway East and \$71.5 million for Targeted Safety Works
 - \$451.0 million in New South Wales, including \$120.0 million for pinch points, \$191.0 million to fix local roads and \$140.0 million for Targeted Safety Works
 - \$324.3 million in Queensland, including \$126.4 million for a regional economic enabling fund and \$120.0 million for Targeted Safety Works
 - \$176.0 million in Western Australia, including \$80.0 million for a regional state road safety improvement program, \$68.0 million for the Bussell Highway Duplication and \$16.0 million for Exmouth Roads
 - \$115.6 million in South Australia, including \$41.6 million for a regional road network package, \$12.0 million for the Heysen Tunnel refit and \$47.6 million for Targeted Safety Works
 - \$34.3 million in Tasmania, including \$8.0 million for state road network enhancements and \$12.3 million for Targeted Safety Works
 - \$40.4 million in the Northern Territory, including \$26.8 million for Targeted Safety Works

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- \$17.6 million in the Australian Capital Territory, including \$6.0 million for the new Mitchell Light Rail Stop.
- \$500.0 million over two years from 2020-21 for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program to support local councils to maintain and deliver social infrastructure, improve road safety and bolster the resilience of our local road networks.

The Government will also provide an additional \$1.9 billion towards other infrastructure priorities, including \$1.8 billion for the Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport rail project.

This measure builds on the 2019-20 MYEFO *Infrastructure Investment Program* measures.

Further information can be found in the following press releases:

- the joint press release of 22 May 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and the Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government
- the joint press release of 1 June 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, the Premier of New South Wales, the New South Wales Minister for Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the New South Wales Minister for Transport and Roads
- the joint press release of 21 June 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, the Premier of Western Australia and the Western Australian Minister for Transport and Planning
- the joint press release of 22 June 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, the Northern Territory Chief Minister and the Northern Territory Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
- the joint press release of 22 June 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, Senator for the Australian Capital Territory Senator the Hon Zed Seselja, the Australian Capital Territory Chief Minister and the Australian Capital Territory Minister for Roads and Active Travel

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- the joint press release of 22 June 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, the Premier of Queensland and the Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads
- the joint press release of 24 June 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, the Premier of South Australia and the South Australian Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government
- the joint press release of 25 June 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, the Premier of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
- the joint press release of 29 June 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, the Premier of New South Wales, the New South Wales Minister for Transport and the New South Wales Minister for Regional Transport and Roads
- the joint press release of 6 July 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, the Treasurer, the Premier of Victoria and the Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure.

Darwin City Deal — education and community precinct

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	17.5	40.0	17.3	-9.8	-20.0
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	-	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	17.5	40.0	17.3	-9.8	-20.0

The Government will bring forward \$74.8 million over three years from 2019-20 to fast-track the delivery of the education and community precinct, which includes construction of a university campus, library and carpark in Darwin's city centre.

Funding for the precinct was provided through the Government's \$97.3 million contribution to the Darwin City Deal.

Further information can be found in the press release of 2 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure.

National Collecting Institutions — additional funding

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	-	8.4	6.3	4.4	2.2
National Library of Australia	-	4.0	4.0	-	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	0.5	-	1.4	-
Total — Payment	-	12.9	10.3	5.8	2.2

The Government will provide \$31.2 million over four years from 2020-21 to support the National Collecting Institutions, including:

- \$12.7 million over three years from 2020-21 to complete critical asset management works at the Australian National Maritime Museum, the National Library of Australia (NLA), Old Parliament House and the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) and planning and audit activities
- \$10.5 million over four years from 2020-21 for the National Museum of Australia, the NLA and the NFSA to safeguard and digitise at-risk elements of the national collection, including establishing the National Centre for Excellence in Audiovisual Digitisation at the NFSA

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- \$8.0 million over two years from 2020-21 to support the NLA's digital information resource, Trove.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 26 June and 30 June 2020 issued by the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts.

Redress of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse in the Australian Capital Territory Prior to Self-Government

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government has settled a claim brought outside the National Redress Scheme relating to institutional child sexual abuse that was alleged to have occurred in the Australian Capital Territory prior to self-government.

The expenditure for this measure is not for publication (nfp) due to legal sensitivities.

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Bushfire Response Package — National Bushfire Recovery Agency

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	10.9	21.5	10.8	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$45.2 million over three years from 2019-20 to establish the National Bushfire Recovery Agency (NBRA). The NBRA will operate for two years from 6 January 2020.

The NBRA is a national response to rebuild and support communities affected by the 2019-20 summer bushfires. The agency is also responsible for administering the \$2.0 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund, which is supporting recovery efforts across Australia.

Further information can be found in the press release of 6 January 2020 issued by the Prime Minister.

See also the related payment measure titled *National Bushfire Recovery Fund* in the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio.

COVID-19 Response Package — National COVID-19 Coordination Commission

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has established the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission (the Commission). The Commission will coordinate advice to the Australian Government on actions to anticipate and mitigate the economic and social effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Further information can be found in the press release of 25 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister.

COVID-19 Response Package — support for Indigenous and remote communities

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
National Indigenous Australians Agency	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total — Payment	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$19.8 million over two years from 2019-20 to support three Commonwealth wholly-owned Indigenous subsidiaries that have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding will support the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia and Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park to manage the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensure continued business viability and secure jobs.

The Government will also provide funding in 2020-21 to support the Northern Territory, South Australia, Western Australia, and Queensland with the cost of implementing COVID-19 related travel restrictions to remote communities. These costs will be met from the existing resources of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, and are not for publication (nfp) as negotiations with jurisdictions are not yet finalised.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Changes to the Income Compliance Program

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Social Services	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Services Australia	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total — Payment	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide \$721 million over four years from 2020-21 to refund all repayments made on debts raised based on wholly or partially averaged Australian Taxation Office (ATO) data under the Income Compliance Program.

Refunding of eligible debts commenced in July and will continue through the 2020-21 financial year.

The financial implications of this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to ongoing legal proceedings.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 May 2020 issued by the Minister for Government Services.

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COVID-19 Response Package — income support for individuals

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Social Services	5,873.7	11,869.9	0.2	-	-
Services Australia	31.5	109.6	2.1	0.7	0.8
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	18.1	47.7	-	-	-
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	14.5	150.2	63.3	32.9	21.6
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2.9	5.8	-	-	-
Department of Health	1.6	1.3	-	-	-
Total — Payment	5,942.3	12,184.5	65.6	33.6	22.4
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	600.0	900.0	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	2.1	0.4	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.3	0.3	-	-	-
Total — Capital	2.3	0.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.8 billion over five years from 2019-20 to new and existing income support recipients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 27 April 2020, the Government established a new time-limited Coronavirus Supplement to be paid at a non-income tested rate of \$550 per fortnight. This is paid to both existing and new recipients of JobSeeker Payment, Youth Allowance, Parenting Payment, Austudy, ABSTUDY Living Allowance, Farm Household Allowance, Special Benefit, and recipients of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Education Schemes, *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act* Education and Training Scheme and Veterans' Children's Education Scheme.

From 25 September 2020 this supplement will change to \$250 per fortnight and continue to 31 December 2020. The income free area will change to \$300 per fortnight with a 60 cents taper for income earned above the income free area for JobSeeker Payment (except principal carer parents who have an income free area of \$106 and a taper rate of 40 cents) and Youth Allowance (other) recipients.

Payment eligibility has been relaxed on a temporary basis, with the One Week Ordinary Waiting Period being waived from 12 March 2020, and a range of further exemptions, including waiving the Newly Arrived Residents' Waiting Period, Assets Test, Liquid Assets Waiting Period and Seasonal Work Preclusion Period, have been applied from 25 March 2020. Eligibility criteria for JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (Other) has also been extended to allow sole traders and the self-employed to access the payments provided they meet income test requirements. From 25 September 2020 the Assets test

and Liquid Assets Waiting Period will be reinstated with all other eligibility waivers continuing to 31 December 2020.

Mutual obligation requirements were temporarily lifted on 24 March 2020 and then gradually reinstated from 9 June 2020 in line with the gradual removal of COVID-19 restrictions. Mutual obligations will be changed to give job seekers greater flexibility to count education and training toward their activity requirements.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Further information can be found in the following press releases:

- the press releases of 12 March and 24 March 2020 issued by the Minister for Families and Social Services
- the joint press release of 22 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Treasurer
- the joint press release of 26 March 2020 issued by the Minister for Families and Social Services and the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business
- the joint press release of 22 April 2020 issued by the Minister for Families and Social Services and the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business
- the joint press release of 31 May 2020 issued by the Minister for Families and Social Services and the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.

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COVID-19 Response Package — JobSeeker Partner Income Test measure

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Social Services	378.7	839.5	0.2	..	-
Department of Education, Skills and Employment	107.2	420.0	153.0	83.6	56.2
Services Australia	20.0	49.0	-	-	-
Department of Health	1.8	3.7	-	-	-
Total — Payment	507.7	1,312.2	153.2	83.6	56.2
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	50.0	50.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 billion over five years from 2019-20 to temporarily relax the partner income test taper of the JobSeeker Payment to provide additional support for couples and families whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19.

From 27 April 2020 to 24 September 2020 the JobSeeker Payment partner income test taper will be temporarily revised from 60 cents in the dollar to 25 cents in the dollar above the current partner income free area of \$996 per fortnight.

From 25 September 2020 to 31 December 2020 the partner income test taper will be further revised to 27 cents in the dollar above the partner income free area of \$1,165 per fortnight. The personal income test for individuals on the JobSeeker Payment will still apply.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Further information can be found in the press release of 30 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister.

COVID-19 Response Package — payments to support households

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Social Services	5,405.6	3,542.4	34.0	1.8	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	170.6	170.6	-	-	-
Services Australia	19.2	13.9	0.3	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	5.3	-	-	-	-
Total — Payment	5,600.7	3,726.9	34.3	1.8	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$9.4 billion over three years from 2019-20 to provide eligible pensioners, income support recipients, carers and student payment recipients two separate \$750 economic support payments.

The first payment was made from 31 March 2020, while the second payment commenced on 13 July 2020.

The payments are exempt from taxation and will not count as income for the purposes of any income support payment.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Further information can be found in the joint press releases of 12 March and 22 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Treasurer.

COVID-19 Response Package — Social Services

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Services Australia	200.0	0.3	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	140.7	113.2	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	32.5	97.5	-	-	-
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	2.6	3.6	-	-	-
Total — Payment	375.8	214.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$590.4 million over two years from 2019-20 to increase services and support available to vulnerable Australians affected by COVID-19. The package includes:

- \$200.0 million in additional funding to Emergency Relief and Food Relief, to expand the No Interest Loan Scheme and scale up the delivery of financial counselling services

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- \$150.0 million to support Australians at risk of domestic, family and sexual violence during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes up to \$130.0 million for states and territories to invest in specialist services, including crisis accommodation, and \$20.0 million for a nationwide awareness campaign, additional programs including 1800RESPECT and other national responses
- \$64.2 million to extend over 3,100 grants to 31 March 2021 to support a range of family and community based services, with the cost to be met from existing resources of the Department of Social Services
- \$34.2 million to increase services and support available to people with disability and businesses providing employment supports and services to people with disability
- \$6.2 million to enable the National Disability Insurance Scheme Quality and Safeguards Commission to provide additional support to individuals and service providers impacted by COVID-19.

To facilitate increased support services, the Government increased the capacity of Services Australia to meet the additional workload caused by COVID-19, including to respond to the Prime Minister's announcement in March 2020 that the agency would recruit an additional 5,000 staff.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 29 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Women, the Assistant Minister for Health and the Minister for Families and Social Services, and the joint press release of 9 April 2020 issued by the Minister for Families and Social Services and the Minister for Government Services and the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

TREASURY

Census 2021 — building for the future

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$39.6 million over three years from 2019-20 to the Australian Bureau of Statistics to facilitate and enhance the delivery of the 2021 Census. The additional funding will address areas of risk which were identified in the course of the 2016 Census and encourage greater participation to ensure the successful delivery of the 2021 Census.

Funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

COVID-19 Response Package — boosting cash flow for employers

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	14,900.0	17,000.0	-	-	-

The Government is providing tax-free cash flow boosts of between \$20,000 and \$100,000 to eligible small and medium businesses and not-for-profit organisations that employ individuals. Eligible entities automatically receive payments upon lodgment of relevant activity statements for the March to September 2020 reporting periods. This will support the connection between employers and employees and help entities continue to operate through the economic downturn associated with COVID-19.

This measure is estimated to increase payments by \$31.9 billion over two years from 2019-20.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Further information can be found in the joint press releases of 12 March and 22 March 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Treasurer.

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COVID-19 Response Package — Government support for immediate cash flow needs to small and medium enterprises

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	-	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.9

The Government will support up to \$40 billion of new lending through the *Coronavirus Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Guarantee Scheme* (the Scheme). Under the Scheme, the Government will guarantee 50 per cent of new loans provided by eligible lenders to SMEs.

The Scheme will provide businesses with funding to meet cash flow needs by further enhancing lenders' willingness and ability to provide credit. The Scheme will assist otherwise viable businesses across the economy, which are facing significant challenges due to disrupted cash flow.

The total financial impact of the Scheme cannot be quantified at this time.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 22 March and 9 April 2020 issued by the Treasurer.

COVID-19 Response Package — HomeBuilder Grant

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	-	680.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$680.0 million in 2020-21 for the *HomeBuilder* program to support jobs in the residential construction sector.

HomeBuilder will provide eligible owner-occupiers (including first home buyers) with a grant of \$25,000 to build a new home or substantially rebuild an existing home where a contract was entered into between 4 June 2020 and 31 December 2020 and building commenced within three months of the contract date. *HomeBuilder* is limited to new homes worth less than \$750,000 and to renovations of between \$150,000 and \$750,000 where the total value of the property is less than \$1.5 million pre-renovation. *HomeBuilder* will assist the residential construction market by encouraging the commencement of building and renovation projects.

Further information can be found in the press release of 4 June 2020 issued by the Prime Minister.

COVID-19 Response Package — International Monetary Fund's Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Department of the Treasury	-	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.8

The Government has committed to provide a loan of 500 million Special Drawing Rights (AUD \$1.1 billion) to the International Monetary Fund's Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PRGT). The PRGT provides concessional financial support to low income countries to help them achieve, maintain, or restore a stable and sustainable macroeconomic position.

COVID-19 Response Package — JobKeeper Payment

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Australian Taxation Office	20,576.0	65,125.7	-	-	-

The JobKeeper Payment is a wage subsidy for businesses and not-for-profits significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to assist them to maintain the connection with their employees.

From 30 March 2020 to 27 September 2020, the JobKeeper Payment is \$1,500 per fortnight for eligible employees and business participants.

From 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021, the JobKeeper Payment will generally be \$1,200 per fortnight for eligible employees and business participants. A JobKeeper Payment of \$750 per fortnight will apply for all eligible employees and business participants who worked for the business or not-for-profit for less than 20 hours per week, on average, in the four weekly pay periods ending prior to 1 March 2020.

From 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021, the JobKeeper Payment will generally be \$1,000 per fortnight for eligible employees and business participants. A JobKeeper payment of \$650 per fortnight will apply for eligible employees and business participants who worked for the business or not-for-profit for less than 20 hours per week, on average, in the four weekly pay periods ending prior to 1 March 2020.

A business must remunerate each eligible employee a minimum of the JobKeeper Payment that applies for that employee per fortnight, before tax.

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To be eligible from 30 March 2020 to 27 September 2020, an employer must project that their turnover has, or is expected to, decline by at least:

- 50 per cent for businesses with an aggregated turnover of more than \$1.0 billion
- 30 per cent for businesses with an aggregated turnover of \$1.0 billion or less or
- 15 per cent for Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission-registered charities (excluding schools and universities).

Further rules apply to working out the decline in turnover of some charities and universities.

To be eligible from 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021, an employer will need to demonstrate that their actual turnover has fallen by the relevant percentage in both the June quarter and the September quarter relative to comparable periods (generally the corresponding quarter in 2019).

To be eligible from 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021, an employer will again need to demonstrate that their actual turnover has fallen in each of the June, September and December quarter in 2020 by the relevant percentage.

The following entities are ineligible for the JobKeeper Payment:

- Entities subject to the major bank levy as at 1 March 2020
- Commonwealth, State and Territory government agencies and local governing bodies
- entities wholly owned by Commonwealth, State and Territory government agencies and local governing bodies
- sovereign entities and entities wholly owned by a sovereign entity.

Additionally, a company that is in liquidation, or a partnership, trust or sole trader in bankruptcy will not be eligible.

Self-employed individuals are eligible to receive the JobKeeper Payment if they meet the turnover test and are not a permanent employee of another employer. Entities are eligible to receive only one JobKeeper Payment in respect of owners, partners, directors, shareholders or trust beneficiaries, in addition to any payments they receive for eligible employees. Registered religious institutions may claim a JobKeeper Payment for religious practitioners. From 13 July 2020, the Government will pay child care providers an additional transition payment to replace the JobKeeper Payment, with child care providers becoming ineligible for the JobKeeper Payment from 20 July 2020.

The JobKeeper Payment is estimated to increase payments by \$85.7 billion over the forward estimates period.

This measure forms part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19.

Further information can be found in the press releases of 30 March, 5 April and 24 April 2020 issued by the Treasurer.

COVID-19 Response Package — Treasury

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	10.0	31.1	8.0	3.8	2.8
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	22.6	1.0	0.4	-
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	-	1.6	1.6	-	-
Total — Payment	10.0	55.3	10.7	4.1	2.8
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

The Government will provide \$82.9 million over five years from 2019-20 to the Treasury portfolio, including to the Australian Bureau of Statistics and to the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, to help support the transition from the economic impact of COVID-19 and continue the delivery of the Government's legislative program. The funding will support:

- the production of statistical information that informs the development and delivery of the Government's response
- addressing the existing backlog of legislation and escalation in Treasury's legislative program
- the Financial Services Reform Taskforce implementing the recommendations from the Financial Services Royal Commission
- an advertising campaign to raise public awareness about assistance available through the Government's COVID-19 Response Package.

The Government has also temporarily reduced all foreign investment monetary screening thresholds to \$0 from 29 March 2020 to protect Australia's national interest during the COVID-19 crisis. This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$10.4 million over the forward estimates period.

Further information can be found in the press release of 29 March 2020 issued by the Treasurer.

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National Consumer Data Right — implementation

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	-	12.6	-	-	-
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	6.6	-	-	-
Total — Payment	-	19.2	-	-	-
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	6.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to continue to progress the key elements of the Consumer Data Right (CDR). The Government will also provide funding to the Department of the Treasury to support an information and awareness campaign to introduce CDR to consumers and businesses, and drive uptake.

This measure builds on the 2019-20 MYEFO measure *National Consumer Data Right*.

Reforming Australia's Foreign Investment Framework

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of the Treasury	-	12.0	13.2	10.9	10.9
Australian Taxation Office	-	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.8
Department of Home Affairs	-	0.6	1.3	1.3	1.3
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total — Payment	-	15.3	17.3	15.0	15.1
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.7	1.4	1.5	1.6
Department of the Treasury	-	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.0
Total — Receipts	-	1.2	2.4	2.5	2.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$62.8 million over four years from 2020-21 (and \$15.1 million per year ongoing) to support reforms to Australia's foreign investment framework.

These reforms will ensure that Australia's foreign investment framework keeps pace with emerging risks and global developments, including similar changes to foreign investment regimes in comparable countries. The changes address national security risks, strengthen compliance measures, streamline approval processes and provide administrative enhancements.

Further information can be found in the press release of 5 June 2020 issued by the Treasurer.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

COVID-19 Response Package — maintaining support for Veterans

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	24.8	-3.6	-	-
Department of Health	-	-2.5	-0.3	-	-
Total — Payment	-	22.3	-3.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$18.4 million over two years to continue the *Wellbeing and Support Program* and the *Provisional Access to Medical Treatment Program* for a further 12 months from 1 July 2020. These pilot programs provide community-based case management services for vulnerable veterans and early access to medical treatment for those submitting claims for a range of commonly accepted conditions.

Additional funding will also be provided to process an increased number of claims for rehabilitation, compensation and income support being submitted by veterans and their dependants.

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention for Veterans

Payment (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Attorney-General's Department	1.1	14.7	8.9	8.0	8.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Department of the Treasury	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total — Payment	1.1	15.2	9.4	8.5	8.6
<i>Related capital (\$m)</i>					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>	0.1	1.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$31.0 million over five years from 2019-20 (including capital of \$1.9 million over two years from 2019-20) to establish the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention, including to undertake an independent review of more than 400 Defence and Veteran deaths by suicide since 2001, and to establish a new Veteran Family Advocate.

The National Commissioner will be an independent, publicly accountable body, with the powers of a Royal Commission to inquire into the systemic issues relevant to these deaths by suicide, including the ability to compel the production of evidence, summon witnesses and make findings and recommendations to Government focused on the prevention of further deaths by suicide.

The Government will establish a new Veteran Family Advocate who will be responsible for engaging with the families of veterans to help shape policy and improve the design of veterans' programs and services, including mental health support.

The Government will also provide funding of \$6.4 million over four years from 1 July 2020 for additional case coordinators and health workers to support young and vulnerable veterans who have mental health conditions. Funding for the case coordinators has already been provided for by the Government.

The Government will also work with jurisdictions and state and territory Coroners to establish a new National Coronial Centre for Defence and Veteran Suicides. The financial implications for the Department of the Treasury are not for publication (nfp) pending ongoing discussions regarding the new National Coronial Centre.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 5 February 2020 issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel.

Part 3: Capital Measures

Table 3: Capital measures since the 2019-20 MYEFO^(a)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
AGRICULTURE, WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</i>					
Environmental Management — the use and disposal of industrial chemicals(b)(c)	1.9	-	-	-	-
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(b)	-	0.2	0.2	-	-
Transforming Australia's Waste and Recycling Industry(b)	-	4.4	3.5	3.9	3.3
<i>Director of National Parks</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — investing in our Commonwealth national parks(b)	-	25.4	126.2	56.7	-
<i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	1.2	1.3	-	-	-
Portfolio total	3.1	31.4	129.9	60.7	3.3
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Bushfire Response Package — Royal Commission into Bushfires(b)	1.3	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Attorney-General's(b)	-	-	0.4	0.7	-
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention for Veterans(b)	0.1	1.8	-	-	-
Portfolio total	1.4	1.8	0.4	0.7	-
CROSS PORTFOLIO					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support(b)(c)	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — Relief and Recovery Fund(b)(c)	-	-	-	-	-
National Bushfire Recovery Fund(c)	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-	-	-	-
EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT					
<i>Australian Skills Quality Authority</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — JobTrainer Fund — establishment(b)	-	0.3	1.1	1.2	1.2
<i>Department of Education, Skills and Employment</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — higher education(b)(c)	-	0.5	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — income support for individuals(b)(c)	2.1	0.4	-	-	-

Table 3: Capital measures since the 2019-20 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT					
(continued)					
COVID-19 Response Package — supporting apprentices and trainees(b)	3.3	1.1	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — supporting job seekers(b)	2.9	1.4	-	-	-
Higher Education Reform — additional support for regional Australia(b)(c)	-	0.5	-	-	-
Higher Education Reform — more job ready graduates(b)(c)	-	0.8	-	-	-
Skills Reform Package(b)	-	3.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
<i>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency</i>					
Higher Education Reform — more job ready graduates(b)(c)	-	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Portfolio total	8.3	9.2	1.9	2.1	2.1
HEALTH					
<i>Australian Digital Health Agency</i>					
Guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines(b)(c)	-	15.5	-	-	-
<i>Department of Health</i>					
Ageing and Aged Care(b)	-	21.3	2.9	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — emergency response(b)(c)	2,082.6	1,162.5	-	-	-
Environmental Management — the use and disposal of industrial chemicals(b)(c)	-	0.6	-	-	-
Guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines(b)(c)	-	14.8	-	-	-
Portfolio total	2,082.6	1,214.6	2.9	-	-
HOME AFFAIRS					
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Reforming Australia's Foreign Investment Framework(b)(c)	-	..	..	-	-
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
Permanent Migration — encouraging uptake of the New Zealand Pathway to permanent residency(b)(c)	-	0.4	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	0.4	..	-	-
INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, ENERGY AND RESOURCES					
<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — emergency response(b)(c)	-	0.2	-	-	-

Table 3: Capital measures since the 2019-20 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, ENERGY AND RESOURCES (continued)					
<i>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — fuel security(b)	-	91.5	-	-	-
<i>Geoscience Australia</i>					
Unlocking Australia's Resources Potential — Exploring for the Future 2(b)	-	-	2.6	-	-
Portfolio total	-	91.7	2.6	-	-
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS					
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
Consumer Safeguards — targeted measures — amendments(b)(c)	..	..	..	-	-
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — external territories(b)	-	5.7	-	-	-
<i>National Capital Authority</i>					
Land Exchange with Australian Capital Territory Government	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	..	5.7	..	-	-
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
Bushfire Response Package — National Bushfire Recovery Agency(b)	1.8	0.1	0.1	-	-
Portfolio total	1.8	0.1	0.1	-	-
SOCIAL SERVICES					
<i>Services Australia</i>					
Ageing and Aged Care(b)	-	35.1	26.6	-	-
Higher Education Reform — additional support for regional Australia(b)(c)	-	1.1	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	36.2	26.6	-	-
TREASURY					
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — aviation support(b)(c)	-	0.4	-	-	-
National Consumer Data Right — implementation(b)	-	6.2	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	6.6	-	-	-

Appendix A: Policy decisions taken since the 2019-20 MYEFO

Table 3: Capital measures since the 2019-20 MYEFO^(a) (continued)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
COVID-19 Response Package — income support for individuals(b)(c)	0.3	0.3	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response Package — payments to support households(b)	0.4	0.4	-	-	-
Portfolio total	0.7	0.7	-	-	-
Decisions taken but not yet announced(d)	-	44.2	-	-	-
Total impact of capital measures(e)	2,097.9	1,442.7	164.4	63.4	5.2

* The nature of the measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

nfp not for publication.

(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in capital, no sign before an estimate indicates increased capital.

(b) These measures can also be found in the payment measures summary table.

(c) These measures can also be found in the receipts measures summary table.

(d) Includes the impact of measures that are not for publication (nfp).

(e) Measures may not add due to rounding.

AGRICULTURE, WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT

COVID-19 Response Package — investing in our Commonwealth national parks

Capital (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Director of National Parks	-	25.4	126.2	56.7	-
<i>Related payment (\$m)</i>					
<i>Director of National Parks</i>	-	8.4	8.5	8.1	-

The Government will provide \$233.4 million over three years from 2020-21 to improve infrastructure in Commonwealth national parks. This increased investment in infrastructure will support economic recovery from COVID-19 through stimulating construction activity, regional jobs and improving the tourism draw of these internationally iconic places. The works will improve visitor safety and allow for the renewal and replacement of tourism infrastructure, including campgrounds, walkways, roads, visitors' centres and staff housing. This funding also includes \$51.4 million to renew and replace essential services infrastructure, including water, electricity and sewage in the Mutitjulu Community in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 12 July 2020 issued by the Minister for the Environment, the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment and the Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories.

INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Land Exchange with Australian Capital Territory Government

Capital (\$m)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
National Capital Authority	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has agreed to a no-cost land exchange with the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government to facilitate the development of a new diplomatic estate in the ACT, including:

- the transfer of Block 4 Section 106 and part Block 5 Section 121 Curtin, ACT from the ACT Government to the National Capital Authority (NCA)
- the transfer of a portion of the bed of Lake Burley Griffin at Part Block 1 Section 89 Acton, ACT from the NCA to the ACT Government.

This will remedy the lack of suitable land to accommodate foreign missions who seek to establish a permanent presence in Canberra.

The land exchange agreement was given effect by the gazetted publications on the Federal Register of Legislation on 23 March 2020.