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# Foreword

Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24* ensures that the Budget Papers provide comprehensive information on all Government decisions that involve changes to its payment and receipt activities since the 2022–23 *October Budget* released in October 2022. This information is outlined in two parts:

- Part 1: Receipt Measures
- Part 2: Payment Measures

Receipt measures are defined as those measures that affect taxation or non-taxation receipts. Payment measures are defined as those measures that affect operating payments and purchases of non-financial assets. Measures are presented on a cash basis, corresponding with references to the underlying cash balance in Budget Paper No. 1, Budget Strategy and Outlook.



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## Part 1: Receipt Measures

**Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup>**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY</b>					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>					
Primary industries – changes to agricultural production levies(b)	-	-0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Strengthened and Sustainably Funded Biosecurity System(b)	-	-	74.6	79.5	80.2
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>79.3</b>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER</b>					
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>					
Aviation Meteorological Services Charging Reform(b)	-	12.0	11.6	12.8	13.9
<i>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</i>					
Household Energy Upgrades Fund – establishment(b)	-	0.6	8.3	23.2	29.3
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>					
Guarantee of Origin(b)	-	-	0.5	3.8	4.4
<i>North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority</i>					
North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority – efficiencies(b)	-	..	-	-	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>47.6</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
<i>Department of Education</i>					
Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens(b)	-	-	-	..	..
Improving the Administration of Student Loans(b)	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	-	-	..	..
Visa and Migration System(b)	-	-	..	..	..
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.5</b>

**Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS</b>					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens(b)	-	-	..	..	..
Improving the Administration of Student Loans(b)	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>FINANCE</b>					
<i>Department of Finance</i>					
Buy Australian Plan(b)	-	6.6	4.0	4.7	2.9
Securing a Unique and Critical Defence Capability(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE</b>					
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>					
Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – Sasape Shipyard(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>HEALTH AND AGED CARE</b>					
<i>Australian Digital Health Agency</i>					
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	32.3	32.3	32.3	32.3
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>					
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) New and Amended Listings(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Reducing Patient Costs and Improving Services through Community Pharmacies(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Supporting Affordable Health Care – Cost Recovery Arrangements(b)	-	5.7	9.0	9.3	9.8
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>42.1</b>
<b>HOME AFFAIRS</b>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
Amending measures of the former Government(b)	-	2,541.0	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1
Enduring Funding Mechanism for AusCheck(b)	-	28.7	44.7	51.7	39.8



**Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>HOME AFFAIRS (continued)</b>					
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	..	..	10.0	10.0
Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens(b)	..	-	-	-	-
Increasing the Passenger Movement Charge(b)	-	-	160.0	175.0	185.0
Migration – raising the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT)(b)	20.0	-40.0	-15.0	-10.0	-10.0
Migration – Uplift of Visa Application Charges	-	100.0	150.0	190.0	225.0
Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels(b)	-	..	..	..	..
Reform of the Product Stewardship for Oil Scheme(b)	-	15.0	15.0	15.0	16.0
Tobacco Excise – measures to improve health outcomes and aligning the treatment of stick and non-stick tobacco tax(b)	-	290.0	650.0	1,030.0	1,070.0
Visa and Migration System(b)	..	..	..	..	..
Visa changes for Graduates and Students – increasing visa duration and work hours(b)	..	5.0	15.0	20.0	25.0
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>2,939.7</b>	<b>1,019.6</b>	<b>1,481.6</b>	<b>1,559.7</b>
<b>INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES</b>					
<i>National Reconstruction Fund Corporation</i>					
National Reconstruction Fund Corporation – establishment(b)	-	5.2	21.7	50.3	111.5
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>111.5</b>
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS</b>					
<i>Australia Council</i>					
Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive(b)	-	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>					
Funding for Territories(b)	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<i>National Library of Australia</i>					
National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability(b)	-	2.8	1.5	0.8	0.8
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET</b>					
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	-	2.1	-	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>TREASURY</b>					
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>					
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
Comprehensive Sustainable Finance Agenda(b)	-	-	4.3	-	-
Fighting Scams(b)	-	-	4.8	4.2	4.2
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
Amending measures of the former Government(b)	-	-2,232.0	90.0	135.0	190.0
Amending the tax law to reduce compliance costs for general insurers	-	*	*	*	*
Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions(b)	-	-	-	325.0	625.0
Clarifying the tax treatment of 'exploration' and 'mining, quarrying and prospecting rights'	-	*	*	*	*
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	20.0	50.0	85.0	125.0
Extending the Personal Income Tax Compliance Program(b)	-	-	-	166.6	308.3
Extending and merging the Serious Financial Crime Taskforce and Serious Organised Crime program(b)	-	18.1	55.9	92.2	113.3
Extending the clean building managed investment trust withholding tax concession	-	-	-	*	*
Foreign Investment – interfunding exemption	-	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
GST compliance program – four-year extension(b)	-	1,584.5	1,844.5	2,017.1	2,132.1
Housing (Build-To-Rent Developments) – accelerating tax deductions and reducing managed investment trust withholding tax rate(b)	-	-	..	-10.0	-20.0
Implementation of a global minimum tax and a domestic minimum tax(b)	-	-	-	160.0	210.0
Improving Aged Care Support(b)	-	-	7.5	3.7	3.1
Increase to Working Age Payments(b)	-	-	60.0	80.0	80.0
Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions(b)	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Migration – raising the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT)(b)	-	-5.0	-10.0	-15.0	-15.0
Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels(b)	-	-10.0	-10.0	-5.0	-5.0
Nature Positive Plan – better for the environment, better for business(b)	-	..	..	..	..

**Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>TREASURY (continued)</b>					
Parenting Payment (Single) – improved support for single parents(b)	-	-	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0
Personal Income Tax – exempting lump sum payments in arrears from the Medicare levy	-	-	-	-1.0	-1.0
Personal Income Tax – increasing the Medicare levy low-income thresholds	-	-100.0	-140.0	-120.0	-100.0
Petroleum Resource Rent Tax – Government Response to the Review of the PRRT Gas Transfer Pricing arrangements(b)	-	500.0	600.0	800.0	500.0
Philanthropy – updates to the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients	-	-0.7	-3.4	-1.4	-1.8
Powering Australia – amendment to the Electric Car Discount(b)	-	-	..	10.0	20.0
Reform of the Product Stewardship for Oil Scheme(b)	-	24.0	24.0	26.0	26.0
Securing Australians' Superannuation Package – increasing the payment frequency of the Superannuation Guarantee (SG) and investing in SG compliance(b)	-	-	-	-	835.0
Small Business Support – helping small business manage their tax instalments and improving cashflow(b)	-	-1,640.0	1,640.0	-	-
Small Business Support – \$20,000 instant asset write-off	-	-	-670.0	-60.0	440.0
Small Business Support – Small Business Energy Incentive(b)	-	-	-260.0	-50.0	-
Tax Integrity – expanding the general anti-avoidance rule in the income tax law	-	-	*	*	*
Tax Integrity – improving engagement with taxpayers to ensure timely payment of tax and superannuation liabilities(b)	-	137.5	235.4	227.1	118.0

**Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Tobacco Excise – measures to improve health outcomes and aligning the treatment of stick and non-stick tobacco tax(b)	-	30.0	60.0	100.0	100.0
Visa and Migration System(b)	..	..	..	..	..
Visa changes for Graduates and Students – increasing visa duration and work hours(b)	..	35.0	145.0	240.0	315.0
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
Increasing the Supply of Social and Affordable Housing and Making it Easier to Buy a Home(b)	-	2.8	-	-	-
International Support – Papua New Guinea	-	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-1,625.2</b>	<b>3,728.7</b>	<b>4,210.1</b>	<b>6,002.8</b>
<b>Decisions taken but not yet announced and not for publication (nfp)</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>378.1</b>	<b>465.4</b>	<b>505.7</b>	<b>535.6</b>
<b>Total impact of receipt measures (c)</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>1,756.8</b>	<b>5,377.9</b>	<b>6,412.9</b>	<b>8,381.9</b>

\* 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) Measures may not add due to rounding.

## Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

### Primary industries – changes to agricultural production levies

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>	-	-0.9	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4

The Government is making changes to the following agricultural levies at the request of industry to better reflect the current needs of the agricultural sector:

- Stone fruit levy: from 1 July 2023, at the request of Summerfruit Australia Limited, the Government will decrease the marketing component of the stone fruit levy from 0.441 to zero cents per kilogram of stone fruit, increase the research and development component from 0.539 to 0.980 cents per kilogram and maintain the Plant Health Australia (PHA) rate of 0.02 cents per kilogram of stone fruit. These changes will maintain the overall levy rate at 1 cent per kilogram of stone fruit.
- Rubus levy: from 1 October 2023, at the request of Raspberries and Blackberries Australia, the Government will decrease the research and development component of the rubus levy from 10 to 2 cents per kilogram of the fruit, reduce the marketing component from 2 to zero cents per kilogram of the fruit, and introduce a PHA component at 2 cents per kilogram of the fruit, to cover industry's financial commitments under the Emergency Pest Response Deed. These changes will decrease the overall levy rate from 12 to 4 cents per kilogram of the fruit.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$3.3 million and decrease payments by \$5.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

## Home Affairs

### Increasing the Passenger Movement Charge

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	160.0	175.0	185.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-	6.7	5.5	1.6	1.7

The Government will increase the Passenger Movement Charge from 1 July 2024 by \$10 from \$60 to \$70 per passenger. The Passenger Movement Charge is a charge levied on passengers departing Australia on international flights or sea transport, irrespective of a passenger's intention to return to Australia. The Passenger Movement Charge was last increased in 2017, and the increase is broadly in line with inflation.

The Government will also provide \$15.5 million over the 5 years from 2022–23 to the Department of Home Affairs to improve the administration of the Passenger Movement Charge, which will be offset by an estimated increase to receipts of \$520.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### Migration – raising the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT)

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	20.0	-40.0	-15.0	-10.0	-10.0
Australian Taxation Office	-	-5.0	-10.0	-15.0	-15.0
Total – Receipts	20.0	-45.0	-25.0	-25.0	-25.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	..	..	..	..

The Government will increase the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold from the current rate of \$53,900 to \$70,000 from 1 July 2023. This reflects the level it would have reached if it was indexed to wages when it was last adjusted 10 years ago.

Resetting the income threshold will ensure that the skilled migration program remains focused on its objective of attracting skilled migrants who complement the skills of the Australian workforce.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$100.0 million and result in a negligible impact on GST payments to the states and territories over the 5 years from 2022-23.

This measure meets the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*, and outcomes from the Jobs and Skills Summit.

**Migration – uplift of Visa Application Charges**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	-	100.0	150.0	190.0	225.0

The Government will increase Visa Application Charges (VACs) from 1 July 2023. In addition to the regular CPI indexation, VACs will increase by 6 percentage points for visa applications, as well as an additional 15 percentage points for select visitor and temporary visa subclasses and an additional 40 percentage points for business innovation and investment visas.

The select visitor and temporary visa subclasses include visitor, working holiday, work and holiday, training, temporary activity, and temporary work (short stay specialist).

The Pacific Engagement Visa and Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme are exempt from the VAC uplift.

The increased revenue generated will fund costs associated with improving visa processing and other Government priorities.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$665.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	-	..	..	..	..
Australian Taxation Office	-	-10.0	-10.0	-5.0	-5.0
<b>Total – Receipts</b>	-	-10.0	-10.0	-5.0	-5.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	3.0	6.5	2.2	-2.5
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	..	..
Services Australia	-	..	..	..	..
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-0.1	-0.1	..	..
Department of Education	-	-0.9	-5.4	-4.7	-3.8
Department of Social Services	-	-2.3	-4.0	-4.2	-3.5
Department of Home Affairs	-	-3.1	-5.3	-1.9	-1.3
Department of the Treasury	-	-5.0	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	-8.4	-18.4	-18.6	-21.1

For the 2023–24 permanent Migration Program, the Government will return the planning level to the longer-term level of 190,000 places and will allocate 137,100 places (around 70 per cent) to the Skill stream, helping address Australia’s longer term skill needs.

The Government will improve pathways to permanency for Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) (subclass 482) visa holders. Restrictions will be removed to enable TSS visa holders on the short-term stream access to permanent residence pathways through the Employer Nomination Scheme (subclass 186) visa. The limit of one onshore renewal for the short-term stream TSS visa will also be removed.

This permanent Migration Program measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$30.0 million and decrease payments by \$66.4 million over the 5 years from 2022–23. Improving pathways to permanency for TSS visa holders is estimated to result in an unquantifiable impact on receipts and increase payments by \$0.6 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.



**Tobacco Excise – measures to improve health outcomes and aligning the treatment of stick and non-stick tobacco tax**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	-	290.0	650.0	1,030.0	1,070.0
Australian Taxation Office	-	30.0	60.0	100.0	100.0
Total – Receipts	-	320.0	710.0	1,130.0	1,170.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	30.0	60.0	100.0	100.0

The Government will encourage smokers to quit by increasing tobacco excise and excise-equivalent customs duty by 5 per cent per year for 3 years from 1 September 2023, in addition to ordinary indexation.

The Government will also align the tax treatment of tobacco products subject to the per kilogram excise and excise-equivalent customs duty (such as roll-your-own tobacco) with the manufactured per-stick rate, by progressively lowering the ‘equivalisation weight’ from 0.7 to 0.6 grams. These progressive decreases will occur on 1 September each year from 2023, with the new weight coming fully into effect from 1 September 2026. This will raise the per kilogram duty accordingly.

The Government will expand compliance activity to address illicit tobacco and work with relevant agencies and state and territory governments to develop an appropriate multi-jurisdictional approach.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$3.3 billion and increase GST payments to the states and territories by \$290.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

These changes to tobacco excise are part of the Government’s response to the National Tobacco Strategy and related initiatives on vaping and smoking prevention and cessation, and an enhanced regulatory approach to vaping.

**Visa changes for Graduates and Students – increasing visa duration and work hours**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	..	35.0	145.0	240.0	315.0
Department of Home Affairs	..	5.0	15.0	20.0	25.0
<b>Total – Receipts</b>	..	40.0	160.0	260.0	340.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Department of Home Affairs	0.4	0.2	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	..	10.0	35.0	60.0	80.0
<b>Total – Payments</b>	0.4	10.2	35.0	60.0	80.0

The Government will grant an extra two years of post-study work rights to international higher education graduates of Australian institutions with eligible qualifications to strengthen the pipeline of skilled labour. This measure will apply from 1 July 2023.

The work hour cap for international student visa holders will be reinstated from 1 July 2023, following its removal during the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be increased by 8 hours from pre-pandemic levels to 48 hours per fortnight. International students working in the aged care sector will be exempt from the 48 hour per fortnight work limit until 31 December 2023.

These changes are in line with recommendations made in the report to Government by the Post Study Work Rights Working Group in October 2022.

The increase to post-study work rights is estimated to increase receipts by \$800.0 million, and increase payments by \$185.6 million, which includes a \$185.0 million increase in GST payments to the states and territories over the 5 years from 2022–23. Bringing back the work hours cap for international students is estimated to result in an unquantifiable increase in receipts over the 5 years from 2022–23.

## Treasury

### Amending measures of the former Government

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	-	2,541.0	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1
Australian Taxation Office	-	-2,232.0	90.0	135.0	190.0
<b>Total – Receipts</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>309.0</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>188.9</b>
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	<i>-10.9</i>	<i>234.4</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>-7.3</i>	<i>-7.3</i>
<i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i>	<i>-13.4</i>	<i>-16.8</i>	<i>-12.3</i>	<i>-12.0</i>	<i>-9.2</i>
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-25.1</b>	<b>217.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-18.5</b>	<b>-16.5</b>

The Government will amend measures announced by the former Government to provide greater certainty to taxpayers:

- Amend the start date of the 2016–17 MYEFO measure: Tax integrity – franked distributions funded by capital raisings from 19 December 2016 to 15 September 2022.
- Amend the start date for some components of the 2022–23 March Budget measure: Streamlining excise administration for fuel and alcohol package from 1 July 2023 to 1 July 2024. The changed start date applies to the measures that:
  - remove overlapping Australian Border Force and ATO systems (Uniform Business Experience)
  - streamline license application and renewal requirements
  - remove regulatory barriers for excise and excise equivalent customs goods (including lubricants, bunker fuels for commercial shipping industries, and vapour recovery units)
  - further, the ATO will publish on its website a public register of entities that hold excise licences to store or manufacture excise and excise equivalent customs goods, from 1 July 2024.

- Amend the non-arm’s length income (NALI) provisions which apply to expenditure incurred by superannuation funds by:
  - limiting income of self-managed superannuation funds and small Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) regulated funds that are taxable as NALI to twice the level of a general expense. Additionally, fund income taxable as NALI will exclude contributions
  - exempting large APRA regulated funds from the NALI provisions for both general and specific expenses of the fund
  - exempting expenditure that occurred prior to the 2018-19 income year.

The Government will also not proceed with 3 separate patent box measures announced by the former Government in the 2021–22 and 2022–23 March Budgets.

These changes will increase receipts by \$722.6 million and increase payments by \$159.3 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### Amending the tax law to reduce compliance costs for general insurers

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will introduce legislation to amend the tax law to minimise the regulatory burden facing the general insurance industry. The introduction of the new accounting standard, AASB17 Insurance Contracts, by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, has meant that the tax law is no longer aligned with accounting standards. This change to the tax law will allow general insurers to continue to use audited financial reporting information, which is calculated according to the new standard, as the basis for their tax returns. The measure will have effect for income years commencing on or after 1 January 2023.

This measure is estimated to result in an unquantifiable impact on receipts over the 5 years from 2022–23.

**Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	325.0	625.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	4.5	14.3	16.0	10.8
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	1.1	0.9	..	-
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	5.6	15.2	16.0	10.8

The Government will reduce the tax concessions available to individuals with a total superannuation balance exceeding \$3 million, from 1 July 2025.

Individuals with a total superannuation balance of less than \$3 million will not be affected.

This reform is intended to ensure generous superannuation concessions are better targeted and sustainable. It will bring the headline tax rate to 30 per cent, up from 15 per cent, for earnings corresponding to the proportion of an individual's total superannuation balance that is greater than \$3 million. This rate remains lower than the top marginal tax rate of 45 per cent. Earnings relating to assets below the \$3 million threshold will continue to be taxed at 15 per cent or zero per cent if held in a retirement pension account.

Interests in defined benefit schemes will be appropriately valued and will have earnings taxed under this measure in a similar way to other interests. This will ensure commensurate treatment.

The additional tax on earnings imposed by this measure will impact around 80,000 individuals in 2025–26, or approximately 0.5 per cent of individuals with a superannuation account. The measure will not place a limit on the amount of money an individual can hold in superannuation. The current contributions rules continue to apply.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$950.0 million and increase payments by \$47.6 million over the 5 years from 2022–23. This includes \$50.0 million in receipts associated with updating the notional contribution calculation methodology, applicable to all defined benefit members. In 2027–28, the first full year of receipts collection, the measure is expected to increase receipts by \$2.3 billion.

This measure is consistent with the Government's proposed objective of superannuation, to deliver income for a dignified retirement in an equitable and sustainable way.

### Clarifying the tax treatment of ‘exploration’ and ‘mining, quarrying and prospecting rights’

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

The Government will amend the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) legislation to clarify that ‘exploration for petroleum’ is limited to the ‘discovery and identification of the existence, extent and nature of the petroleum resource’ and does not extend to ‘activities and feasibility studies directed at evaluating whether the resource is commercially recoverable’. This measure is consistent with the Government’s policy intent and the Commissioner of Taxation’s administrative treatment and written binding advice as set out in TR 2014/9, which applies from 21 August 2013. The amendments will apply to all expenditure incurred from 21 August 2013.

This measure will also clarify that mining, quarrying and prospecting rights (MQPRs) cannot be depreciated for income tax purposes until they are used (not merely held) and will limit the circumstances in which the issue of new rights over areas covered by existing rights lead to tax adjustments. These amendments will restore the policy intent of the law and apply in respect of all MQPRs acquired or started to be used after the date of announcement (7:30 PM (AEST) on 9 May 2023 (Budget night)).

These amendments ensure the PRRT and income tax legislation operates as intended following the Full Federal Court’s decision in *Commissioner of Taxation v Shell Energy Holdings Australia Limited* [2022] FCAFC 2.

This measure is estimated to result in an unquantifiable impact on receipts over the 5 years from 2022-23.

### Extending the Personal Income Tax Compliance Program

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	166.6	308.3
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	1.2	1.2	43.4	43.8
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	0.6	0.6	-	-
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	1.8	1.8	43.4	43.8

The Government will provide \$89.6 million to the ATO and \$1.2 million to Treasury to extend the Personal Income Tax Compliance Program for two years from 1 July 2025 and expand its scope from 1 July 2023.

This extension will enable the ATO to continue to deliver a combination of proactive, preventative and corrective activities in key areas of non-compliance, and to expand the scope of the program to address emerging areas of risk, such as deductions relating to short-term rental properties to ensure they are genuinely available to rent.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$474.9 million and increase payments by \$90.8 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### Extending and merging the Serious Financial Crime Taskforce and Serious Organised Crime program

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	18.1	55.9	92.2	113.3
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	54.2	55.6	56.5	57.5
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	3.1	7.8	10.3	11.5
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	57.3	63.4	66.8	69.0

The Government will extend funding for the Serious Financial Crime Taskforce (SFCT) and Serious Organised Crime program (SOC) over 4 years to 30 June 2027 and merge the programs, with a merged SFCT to commence from 1 July 2023. Funding for both programs currently terminates on 30 June 2023.

The SFCT and SOC are currently separately funded ATO-led cross-agency collaborations between the ATO, national policing and other law enforcement and regulatory agencies, targeting serious and organised crime groups and serious financial crime and tax evasion. An extension and merging of these programs will maximise the disruption of organised crime groups that seek to undermine the integrity of Australia’s public finances.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$279.5 million and increase payments by \$256.6 million, including an increase in GST payments to the states and territories of \$32.7 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### Extending the clean building managed investment trust withholding tax concession

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	*	*

The Government will extend the clean building managed investment trust (MIT) withholding tax concession to data centres and warehouses.

This measure will extend eligibility for the concession to data centres and warehouses that meet the relevant energy efficiency standard, where construction commences after 7:30 PM (AEST) on 9 May 2023 (Budget night). This measure will apply from 1 July 2025.

This measure will also raise the minimum energy efficiency requirements for existing and new clean buildings to a 6-star rating from the Green Building Council Australia or a 6-star rating under the National Australian Built Environment Rating System. The Government will consult on transitional arrangements for existing buildings. These changes will support investment in energy efficient commercial buildings, and in turn, reduce energy usage and energy bills for commercial tenants.

This measure is estimated to result in an unquantifiable decrease in receipts over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### Foreign Investment – interfunding exemption

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0

The Government will exempt passive or low-risk interfunding transactions from mandatory notification requirements and fees under the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975*. This change will apply from the date of commencement of the amendments to the legislation.

An interfunding exemption will mean qualifying interfunding investments will not require prior approval or attract fees. This will significantly decrease the regulatory burden and financial costs for investors who undertake interfunding activities. Interfunding transactions will remain reviewable national security actions under the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975*, which ensures the Treasurer’s national security powers will remain available if a national security risk arises.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$20.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.



**GST compliance program – four-year extension**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	1,584.5	1,844.5	2,017.1	2,132.1
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	649.6	773.7	846.6	901.8
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	146.7	148.0	149.1	145.0
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	796.3	921.7	995.7	1,046.8

The Government will provide \$588.8 million to the ATO over 4 years from 1 July 2023 to continue a range of activities that promote GST compliance. This measure is estimated to increase GST receipts by \$3.8 billion, and other tax receipts by \$3.8 billion, over the 5 years from 2022–23.

These activities will ensure businesses meet their tax obligations, including accurately accounting for and remitting GST, and correctly claiming GST refunds. Funding through this extension will also help the ATO develop more sophisticated analytical tools to combat emerging risks to the GST system.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$7.6 billion and increase payments by \$3.8 billion over the 5 years from 2022–23.

Arrangements for funding these activities have been agreed by the states and territories in accordance with the *GST Administration Performance Agreement*.

**Housing (Build-To-Rent Developments) – accelerating tax deductions and reducing managed investment trust withholding tax rate**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	..	-10.0	-20.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	2.9	0.9	0.6

For eligible new build-to-rent projects where construction commences after 7:30 PM (AEST) on 9 May 2023 (Budget night), the Government will:

- increase the rate for the capital works tax deduction (depreciation) to 4 per cent per year
- reduce the final withholding tax rate on eligible fund payments from managed investment trust (MIT) investments from 30 per cent to 15 per cent.

This measure will encourage investment and construction in the build-to-rent sector, expanding Australia’s housing supply.

This measure will apply to build-to-rent projects consisting of 50 or more apartments or dwellings made available for rent to the general public. The dwellings must be retained under single ownership for at least 10 years before being able to be sold and landlords must offer a lease term of at least 3 years for each dwelling.

The reduced managed investment trust withholding tax rate for residential build-to-rent will apply from 1 July 2024. Consultation will be undertaken on implementation details, including any minimum proportion of dwellings being offered as affordable tenancies and the length of time dwellings must be retained under single ownership.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$30.0 million and increase payments by \$4.3 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### Implementation of a global minimum tax and a domestic minimum tax

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	160.0	210.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	39.4	29.5	21.9	19.7
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	39.5	29.6	22.0	19.9

The Government will implement key aspects of Pillar Two of the OECD/G20 Two-Pillar Solution to address the tax challenges arising from digitalisation of the economy:

- i) A 15 per cent global minimum tax for large multinational enterprises with the Income Inclusion Rule applying to income years starting on or after 1 January 2024 and the Undertaxed Profits Rule applying to income years starting on or after 1 January 2025.
- ii) A 15 per cent domestic minimum tax applying to income years starting on or after 1 January 2024.

The global minimum tax and domestic minimum tax will be based on the OECD Global Anti-Base Erosion Model Rules, which are designed to ensure large multinationals pay an effective minimum level of tax on the income arising in each jurisdiction where they operate.

A global minimum corporate tax rate of 15 per cent prevents a ‘race to the bottom’ on corporate tax rates, and protects our corporate tax base. The global minimum tax rules would allow Australia to apply a top up tax on a resident multinational parent or subsidiary company where the group’s income is taxed below 15 per cent overseas.

A domestic minimum tax would give Australia first claim on top-up tax for any low-taxed domestic income. In a small number of instances, a large multinational company’s effective Australian tax rate may fall below 15 per cent. In these instances, the domestic minimum

tax applies so that Australia collects the revenue that would otherwise have been collected by another country's global minimum tax.

The global minimum tax and domestic minimum tax will apply to large multinationals with annual global revenue of EUR750 million (approximately \$1.2 billion) or more.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$370.0 million and increase payments by \$111.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

This measure progresses the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

### Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-0.3	..	..	..	..

The Government has extended refunds of indirect tax (including GST, fuel and alcohol taxes) under the Indirect Tax Concession Scheme (ITCS). New access to refunds has been provided for construction and renovation arrangements for North Macedonia and Latvia relating to their current and future diplomatic missions and consular posts. Saudi Arabia will also have ITCS access upgraded for its Embassy and current and future Consulate-General.

These concessions are provided in accordance with Australia's international obligations in relation to diplomatic missions and consular posts and will establish reciprocal entitlements for Australian diplomatic missions in these countries.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$0.8 million, and decrease GST payments to the states and territories by \$0.3 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### International Support – Papua New Guinea

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7

The Government provided a \$750.0 million loan to the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) in 2022-23. The loan provides budgetary support for the PNG Government's continued progress on economic reforms under the International Monetary Fund's Extended Credit Facility and Extended Fund Facility.

### Personal Income Tax – exempting lump sum payments in arrears from the Medicare levy

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-1.0	-1.0

The Government will exempt eligible lump sum payments in arrears from the Medicare levy from 1 July 2024.

This measure will ensure low-income taxpayers do not pay higher amounts of the Medicare levy as a result of receiving an eligible lump sum payment, for example as compensation for underpaid wages.

Eligibility requirements will ensure that relief is targeted to taxpayers who are genuinely low-income and should be eligible for a reduced Medicare levy. To qualify, taxpayers must be eligible for a reduction in the Medicare levy in the 2 most recent years to which the lump sum accrues. Taxpayers must also satisfy the existing eligibility requirements of the existing lump sum payment in arrears tax offset, including that a lump sum accounts for at least 10 per cent of the taxpayer’s income in the year of receipt.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$2.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### Personal Income Tax – increasing the Medicare levy low-income thresholds

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-100.0	-140.0	-120.0	-100.0

The Government will increase the Medicare levy low-income thresholds for singles, families and seniors and pensioners from 1 July 2022. The increase in thresholds provides cost-of-living relief by taking account of recent CPI outcomes so that low-income individuals continue to be exempt from paying the Medicare levy.

The threshold for singles will be increased from \$23,365 to \$24,276. The family threshold will be increased from \$39,402 to \$40,939. For single seniors and pensioners, the threshold will be increased from \$36,925 to \$38,365. The family threshold for seniors and pensioners will be increased from \$51,401 to \$53,406. For each dependent child or student, the family income thresholds will increase by a further \$3,760 instead of the previous amount of \$3,619.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$460.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

## Petroleum Resource Rent Tax – Government Response to the Review of the PRRT Gas Transfer Pricing arrangements

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	500.0	600.0	800.0	500.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	1.4	1.3	0.9	0.9

The Government will amend the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) in response to Treasury's Review of the PRRT Gas Transfer Pricing (GTP) arrangements.

The Government will introduce a cap on the use of deductions to offset assessable PRRT income of liquefied natural gas (LNG) producers under the PRRT. The cap will bring forward PRRT receipts from LNG projects which are yet to pay PRRT and ensure a greater return to taxpayers from the offshore LNG industry.

The cap will limit deductible expenditure to the value of 90 per cent of each taxpayer's PRRT assessable receipts in respect of each project interest in the relevant income year and apply after mandatory transfers of exploration expenditure. The amounts that are unable to be deducted because of the cap will be carried forward and uplifted at the Government long-term bond rate.

The cap will only apply to PRRT projects that produce LNG. Projects would not be subject to the cap until 7 years after the year of first production or from 1 July 2023, whichever is later. The cap will not apply to certain classes of deductible expenditure in the PRRT – closing-down expenditure, starting base expenditure and resource tax expenditure.

The Government will also make a number of supporting changes to the GTP arrangements. From 1 July 2023, the Government will update the PRRT general anti-avoidance rule and the arm's length rule to clarify their application to the *Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Regulation 2015*. From 1 July 2024, the Government will modernise the PRRT for emerging developments in LNG project structures, better reflect the contributions and risks of the notional entities that comprise the LNG value chain, align the regulations with current transfer pricing practices and provide appropriate integrity rules for the regime.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$2.4 billion over the 5 years from 2022-23. The Government will also provide \$4.4 million in resourcing to the ATO to administer and ensure compliance with this measure.

The Government will consult on final design and implementation details for the deductions cap and on the draft PRRT regulation later this year. Consultation on the other policy changes will occur in early 2024. The *Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Regulation 2015* will not be remade until the legislation implementing the deductions cap has been enacted.

**Philanthropy – updates to the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-0.7	-3.4	-1.4	-1.8

The Government will amend the tax law to specifically list the following organisations as deductible gift recipients (DGRs) for the following dates:

- The Voice No Case Committee from the day after the entity is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission to 30 June 2024
- Justice Reform Initiative Limited from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028
- Susan McKinnon Charitable Foundation Ltd from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028
- Transparency International Australia from 1 July 2023.

The Government will also extend the following organisations’ DGR endorsement for the following dates:

- Victorian Pride Centre Ltd from 9 March 2023 to 8 March 2028
- Australian Sports Foundation Charitable Fund from 1 July 2023.

The listing of the Susan McKinnon Charitable Foundation Ltd is subject to the condition that DGR funds can only be used for purposes consistent with existing DGR categories in the tax law and it will maintain minimum annual distributions, consistent with the current requirements for ancillary funds.

The start date for the previously announced listing of 28 entities related to community foundations affiliated with the peak body Community Foundations Australia will be deferred from 1 July 2022 to the date of Royal Assent of relevant amendments to the tax law. The 30 June 2027 end date for the listing is removed. DGR status for these foundations will be subject to ongoing endorsement by the Commissioner of Taxation under new ministerial guidelines.

The listings of Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation and Foundation Broken Hill Limited will be made consistent with that for other community foundations, including removal of end dates where applicable.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$7.3 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

**Powering Australia – amendment to the Electric Car Discount**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	..	10.0	20.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-	..	..	5.0

The Government will sunset the eligibility of plug-in hybrid electric cars from the fringe benefits tax exemption for eligible electric cars. This change will apply from 1 April 2025. Arrangements involving plug-in hybrid electric cars entered into between 1 July 2022 and 31 March 2025 remain eligible for the Electric Car Discount.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$30.0 million and increase GST payments to the states and territories by \$5.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

This measure relates to the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Powering Australia – Electric Car Discount*.

**Reform of the Product Stewardship for Oil Scheme**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	24.0	24.0	26.0	26.0
Department of Home Affairs	-	15.0	15.0	15.0	16.0
Total – Receipts	-	39.0	39.0	41.0	42.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
Total – Payments	-	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0

The Government will increase the Product Stewardship for Oil (PSO) levy by 5.7 cents from 1 July 2023. The PSO levy will increase from 8.5 cents to 14.2 cents per litre for specific oils and greases. The Government will also make consequential changes to PSO category 8 benefits from 1 July 2023, raising these to 14.2 cents for oils to match the increased PSO levy.

The Government is increasing the relevant excise and customs duties to make the scheme more sustainable.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$161.0 million and increase payments by \$22.0 million, including GST payments to the state and territories of \$10.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### Securing Australians' Superannuation Package – increasing the payment frequency of the Superannuation Guarantee (SG) and investing in SG compliance

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	835.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	40.2	-	-	-285.0
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	1.2	0.5	-	-
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	0.1	-	-	-
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	41.4	0.5	-	-285.0

From 1 July 2026, employers will be required to pay their employees' SG entitlements on the same day that they pay salary and wages.

Currently, employers are only required to pay their employees' SG on a quarterly basis. By increasing the payment frequency of superannuation to align with the payment of salary and wages, this measure will both ensure employees have greater visibility over whether their entitlements have been paid and better enable the ATO to recover unpaid superannuation. Increased frequency of payment will also support better retirement outcomes. A 1 July 2026 commencement date will allow the ATO, payroll service providers and superannuation funds time to make necessary system changes and for employers to adjust their cash flow practices.

Changes to the design of the SG charge will also be necessary to align with increased payment frequency. The Government will consult with relevant stakeholders on the design of these changes, with the final design to be considered as part of the 2024–25 Budget.

These changes are estimated to increase receipts by \$835.0 million and decrease payments by \$285.0 million in 2026–27, due to the bring forward of superannuation tax receipts on SG contributions. However, this effect will be immediately offset by the associated company tax deductions of SG payments in 2027–28. Over the medium-term from 2022–23 to 2033–34 the proposal is estimated to reduce the underlying cash balance by \$256.6 million as there will be less SG charge debt raised due to increased compliance.

The Government will also provide \$40.2 million to the ATO in 2023–24, which includes \$27.0 million for the ATO to improve data matching capabilities to identify and act on cases of SG underpayment by employers and \$13.2 million for consultation and co-design.

In total, this package is estimated to increase receipts by \$835.0 million and decrease payments by \$243.1 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

This package will particularly benefit those in lower paid, casual and insecure work who are more likely to miss out when super is paid less frequently.



The package will also deliver on the Government’s election commitment to set public targets for the ATO on recovering unpaid superannuation. The ATO will report annually against new measures set out in the *Treasury Portfolio Budget Statement*.

### Small Business Support – helping small business manage their tax instalments and improving cashflow

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-1,640.0	1,640.0	-	-
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-40.0	40.0	-	-

The Government will amend the tax law to set the GDP adjustment factor for pay as you go (PAYG) and GST instalments at 6 per cent for the 2023–24 income year, a reduction from 12 per cent under the statutory formula.

The reduced factor will provide cash flow support to small businesses and other PAYG instalment taxpayers.

The 6 per cent GDP adjustment rate will apply to small businesses and individuals who are eligible to use the relevant instalment methods (up to \$10 million aggregated annual turnover for GST instalments and \$50 million annual aggregate turnover for PAYG instalments), in respect of instalments that relate to the 2023–24 income year and fall due after the enabling legislation receives Royal Assent.

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 5 years from 2022–23.

### Small Business Support – \$20,000 instant asset write-off

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-670.0	-60.0	440.0

The Government will improve cash flow and reduce compliance costs for small businesses by temporarily increasing the instant asset write-off threshold to \$20,000, from 1 July 2023 until 30 June 2024.

Small businesses, with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$10 million, will be able to immediately deduct the full cost of eligible assets costing less than \$20,000 that are first used or installed ready for use between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024. The \$20,000 threshold will apply on a per asset basis, so small businesses can instantly write off multiple assets.

Assets valued at \$20,000 or more (which cannot be immediately deducted) can continue to be placed into the small business simplified depreciation pool and depreciated at 15 per cent in the first income year and 30 per cent each income year thereafter.

The provisions that prevent small businesses from re-entering the simplified depreciation regime for 5 years if they opt-out will continue to be suspended until 30 June 2024.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$290.0 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

### Small Business Support – Small Business Energy Incentive

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-260.0	-50.0	-
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	3.9	0.3	-	-

The Government will support small and medium businesses to save on energy bills through incentivising the electrification of assets and improvements to energy efficiency.

Small and medium businesses, with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$50 million, will be able to deduct an additional 20 per cent of the cost of eligible depreciating assets that support electrification and more efficient use of energy. Up to \$100,000 of total expenditure will be eligible for the Small Business Energy Incentive, with the maximum bonus deduction being \$20,000.

A range of depreciating assets, as well as upgrades to existing assets, will be eligible for the Small Business Energy Incentive. These will include assets that upgrade to more efficient electrical goods such as energy-efficient fridges, assets that support electrification such as heat pumps and electric heating or cooling systems, and demand management assets such as batteries or thermal energy storage. Full details of eligibility criteria will be finalised in consultation with stakeholders.

Eligible assets will need to be first used or installed ready for use between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024. Eligible upgrades will also need to be made in this period.

Certain exclusions will apply such as electric vehicles, renewable electricity generation assets, capital works, and assets that are not connected to the electricity grid and use fossil fuels.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$310.0 million and increase payments by \$4.2 million over the 5 years from 2022–23.

**Tax Integrity – expanding the general anti-avoidance rule in the income tax law**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	*	*	*

The Government will improve the integrity of the tax system by expanding the scope of the general anti-avoidance rule for income tax (Part IVA of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*) so that it can apply to:

- schemes that reduce tax paid in Australia by accessing a lower withholding tax rate on income paid to foreign residents
- schemes that achieve an Australian income tax benefit, even where the dominant purpose was to reduce foreign income tax.

This measure will apply to income years commencing on or after 1 July 2024, regardless of whether the scheme was entered into before that date.

This measure is estimated to result in an unquantifiable increase in receipts over the 5 years from 2022–23.

**Tax Integrity – improving engagement with taxpayers to ensure timely payment of tax and superannuation liabilities**

Receipts (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	137.5	235.4	227.1	118.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	41.1	58.6	55.5	25.8
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	23.2	27.0	28.3	15.8
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	64.3	85.6	83.8	41.6

The Government will provide funding over 4 years from 1 July 2023 to enable the ATO to engage more effectively with businesses to address the growth of tax and superannuation liabilities.

The additional funding will facilitate ATO engagement with taxpayers who have high-value debts over \$100,000 and aged debts older than two years where those taxpayers are either public and multinational groups with an aggregated turnover of greater than \$10 million, or privately owned groups or individuals controlling over \$5 million of net wealth.

A lodgment penalty amnesty program is being provided for small businesses with aggregate turnover of less than \$10 million to encourage them to re-engage with the tax system. The amnesty will remit failure-to-lodge penalties for outstanding tax statements lodged in the period from 1 June 2023 to 31 December 2023 that were originally due during the period from 1 December 2019 to 29 February 2022.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$718.0 million and increase payments by \$275.4 million over the 5 years from 2022–23. In addition to the \$82.1 million in funding for the ATO, the increase in payments also includes \$12.3 million in unpaid superannuation to be disbursed to employees, and \$181.0 million in GST payments to the states and territories.

## Part 2: Payment Measures

**Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup>**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY</b>					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	0.4	-	-	-
Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	-	0.7	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – funding supplementation	127.0	-	-	-	-
Partnering to Implement the National Soil Action Plan	-31.7	-	-	-	-
Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – independent panel	2.2	3.4	-	-	-
Primary industries – changes to agricultural production levies(b)	-	-0.9	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
Renewed Australian Animal Welfare Strategy	-	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
Simplified Trade System – additional funding	-	1.7	-	-	-
Strengthened and Sustainably Funded Biosecurity System(b)	-	198.7	269.3	300.3	265.9
Supporting a Stronger and More Sustainable Agriculture Sector	-2.6	11.6	11.3	7.5	7.9
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>216.7</b>	<b>280.4</b>	<b>307.8</b>	<b>273.7</b>
<b>ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S</b>					
<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i>					
Continuation of Immigration Assessment Authority	-	4.0	-	-	-
Institutional Reform to Australia's System of Federal Administrative Review	-5.4	-4.6	-1.4	-1.5	-1.5
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.8
Anti-Slavery Commissioner – establishment	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan	-	-4.0	-3.5	-1.7	-
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.1
Institutional Reform to Australia's System of Federal Administrative Review	5.4	4.6	1.4	1.5	1.5

**Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)</b>					
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	1.2	1.2	-	-
Office of the Special Investigator Operations and Downstream Impacts Funding – extension	-	4.3	4.6	-	-
Strengthening Australia's Anti-Money Laundering Framework	-	-	-	-	-
Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders	-	20.0	21.0	nfp	nfp
Stronger Privacy Protection and Enforcement	-	0.5	0.5	-	-
Women's Safety	-	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.6
<i>Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	71.9	74.6	71.1	99.6
Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders	-	27.6	26.1	-	-
<i>Australian Law Reform Commission</i>					
Women's Safety	-	1.7	-	-	-
<i>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
Strengthening Australia's Anti-Money Laundering Framework	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>					
Women's Safety	-	10.3	7.7	7.8	7.8
<i>Office of Parliamentary Counsel</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	0.8	1.9	2.0	1.4
<i>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</i>					
Next Steps for Digital ID	-	1.1	-	-	-
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	2.4	2.4	-	-
Stronger Privacy Protection and Enforcement	-	16.1	11.3	8.4	8.4
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	1.6	1.7	-	-
<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>					
Improving the Administration of Student Loans(b)	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)</b>					
<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>					
Office of the Special Investigator					
Operations and Downstream Impacts					
Funding – extension	-	2.1	3.4	-	-
Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for					
High Risk Terrorist Offenders	-	0.4	0.5	-	-
<i>Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our					
Intelligence Agencies	-	-	2.3	4.9	4.9
<i>Office of the Special Investigator</i>					
Office of the Special Investigator					
Operations and Downstream Impacts					
Funding – extension	-	56.7	58.4	-	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231.9</b>	<b>227.2</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER</b>					
<i>Australian Institute of Marine Science</i>					
Securing the Future of Australia's Marine					
Science	-	35.3	42.7	42.5	42.9
<i>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</i>					
Hydrogen Headstart	-	4.2	4.8	4.7	4.8
Powering the Regions Fund – final design	-	-	-	-	-
Reducing Transport Emissions	-	-	-	-	-5.2
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>					
Aviation Meteorological Services Charging					
Reform(b)	-	0.9	1.4	2.0	2.7
Flood Warning Infrastructure Network					
Remediation	-	8.6	19.6	22.6	26.3
National Climate Adaptation and Risk					
Program	-	16.4	6.5	-	-
Water Market Reform – strengthening					
integrity and transparency	-	7.5	8.5	8.8	7.9
<i>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</i>					
Household Energy Upgrades Fund –					
establishment(b)	-	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.7
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>					
Guarantee of Origin(b)	-	6.2	12.5	6.4	4.8
Independent Review of Australian Carbon					
Credit Units – initial response	-	2.3	-0.7	-4.5	-4.5
<i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</i>					
Capacity Investment Scheme	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Capturing Australia's Emissions Reduction					
Data – additional funding	-	7.2	7.9	6.6	-
Climate Change, Energy, the Environment					
and Water – reprioritisation	-38.2	-32.5	-23.8	-6.0	-1.5

**Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER (continued)</b>					
Closing the Gap – further investment	-	-	-	-	-
Energy Price Relief Plan	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Ensuring the Supply of Reliable, Secure and Affordable Energy	-	16.7	8.8	7.1	0.9
Future-proofing the Murray-Darling Basin	-	27.2	16.6	1.1	-
Guarantee of Origin(b)	-	-6.2	-12.4	-6.4	-3.1
Household Energy Upgrades Fund – establishment(b)	-	23.2	75.4	111.7	128.3
Hydrogen Headstart	-	7.3	2.8	2.2	151.2
Independent Review of Australian Carbon Credit Units – initial response	-	9.1	7.4	4.5	4.5
National Climate Adaptation and Risk Program	-	3.0	2.1	-	-
National Waste Education Campaign	-	5.0	5.0	-	-
National Water Grid Fund – addressing legacy projects	-	-	-	-	-
National Water Grid Fund – delivering commitments	-	0.7	6.8	6.8	6.9
National Water Reform – First Nations peoples’ water ownership	-	-	-	-	-
Natural Heritage Trust – project funding	-	-	-	-	-
Nature Positive Plan – better for the environment, better for business(b)	-	49.5	60.1	49.6	54.9
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	4.5	3.1	-	-
Powering the Regions Fund – final design	-	-	-	-	-
Reducing Transport Emissions	-	3.6	1.2	0.2	0.2
Urban Rivers and Catchments Program – additional funding	-	-17.3	3.2	6.9	7.2
Waste Export Ban – delayed cost recovery	-	3.9	-	-	-
<i>Director of National Parks</i>					
Protecting Australia’s Iconic National Parks	-	76.7	122.0	86.1	70.4
<i>Murray-Darling Basin Authority</i>					
Future-proofing the Murray-Darling Basin	-	28.7	32.4	25.6	16.9
<i>North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority</i>					
North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority – efficiencies(b)	-	-1.2	-2.7	-2.8	-2.8
<i>Sydney Harbour Federation Trust</i>					
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – infrastructure improvements	-	25.7	19.6	-	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-38.2</b>	<b>318.8</b>	<b>433.3</b>	<b>378.3</b>	<b>516.4</b>



**Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>DEFENCE</b>					
<i>Australian Signals Directorate</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	-1.4	-2.1	-2.9	-2.9
Cyber Security – additional funding	-0.2	-2.9	-3.0	-3.1	-3.1
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Additional Assistance to Ukraine	-	-	-	-	-
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6
Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Defence Force Deployments	37.4	-	-	-	-
Cyber Security – additional funding	-	3.9	-	-	-
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Extension of the Defence Industry Pathways Program	-	-	-	-	-
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Office of the Special Investigator Operations and Downstream Impacts Funding – extension	-	-63.0	-66.4	-	-
Recognising the Australian Defence Force's Unique Service to the Nation	-	-	-	-	-
Securing a Unique and Critical Defence Capability(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
A Modern and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule	-	0.4	-0.6	-1.1	-1.3
Aged Care Regulatory Reform	-	1.7	1.7	-	-
Assistance for IVF – assisted reproductive technology storage	-	-0.1	..	..	..
COVID-19 Aged Care Response	0.3	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response	4.6	3.5	-	-	-

**Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>DEFENCE (continued)</b>					
Department of Veterans' Affairs Claims Processing – additional funding	-	64.1	-	-	-
Funding Pay Increases for Aged Care Workers	-	1.1	-	-	-
Implementing Aged Care Reform – home care	-	0.3	-	-	-
Improving Aged Care Support(b)	-	-	..	0.1	0.1
Improving the Investment in Aged Care	-	-	-15.5	-18.1	-22.6
Increased Support for Commonwealth Rent Assistance Recipients	-	3.0	3.6	3.5	3.4
Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce – 6 months extension	-	0.2	-	-	-
Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding	..	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5
Modernisation and Sustainment of ICT Systems	-	71.1	67.0	59.9	55.7
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) New and Amended Listings(b)	1.9	4.6	5.0	5.7	4.7
Reducing Patient Costs and Improving Services through Community Pharmacies(b)	-	-4.1	-11.2	-14.9	-16.4
Sir John Monash Centre – additional funding	-	-	-	-	-
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	7.1	10.2	9.7	9.4
Supporting Veteran Families at Risk	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Supporting Veterans – volunteer training in suicide recognition and intervention	-	1.0	1.0	-	-
Vaping Regulation Reform and Smoking Cessation Package	-	-	-	0.8	0.8
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>27.9</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
<i>Department of Education</i>					
Additional Child Care Subsidy – improving access	-	..	-	-	-
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	0.2	-	-	-
Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan	-40.0	0.3	0.1	-	-
Child Care Subsidy Reform – additional integrity	-	-29.5	-37.4	-38.9	-39.0
Closing the Gap – further investment	-	0.3	-	-	-
Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce	0.1	30.8	25.5	9.1	6.9
Education – reprioritisation	-14.1	-15.4	-9.0	-10.7	-3.9
First Nations – supporting education outcomes	-2.2	14.4	16.4	0.2	-

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>EDUCATION (continued)</b>					
Higher Education Support – amendments	-10.0	5.4	2.6	1.3	0.7
Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Improving the Administration of Student Loans(b)	3.3	11.5	12.6	7.5	1.9
Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels(b)	-	-0.9	-5.4	-4.7	-3.8
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	11.0	26.9	39.9	50.7
Strengthening the Capability of the Education Portfolio to Deliver Critical Functions	-	30.9	32.9	37.6	4.1
Teacher Workforce Action Plan	-13.6	-3.2	-4.2	-6.6	0.4
Visa and Migration System(b)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-76.5</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS</b>					
<i>Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency</i>					
Addressing Silicosis and Silica-Related Diseases	-	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Addressing Silicosis and Silica-Related Diseases	-	2.3	2.0	0.8	0.8
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	0.4	-	-	-
Australian Skills Guarantee – implementation	-	2.8	2.1	2.1	1.5
Boosting Employment Support	4.6	18.2	2.0	0.8	0.2
Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation	-16.9	-36.4	-47.6	-48.3	-47.9
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-1.4	36.9	27.8	40.1	63.3
Extension of National Skills Agreement Negotiation Resourcing	-	5.5	-	-	-
Foundation Skills Programs – redesign and pilot extension	-	12.9	-11.3	-6.2	4.6
Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Improving the Administration of Student Loans(b)	-	13.6	18.7	4.7	4.7
Increase to Working Age Payments(b)	-	0.4	1.0	1.3	1.5
Increased Support for Commonwealth Rent Assistance Recipients	-	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.7
Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels(b)	-	-	-	..	..
National Careers Institute – continuation	-	5.1	-	-	-

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)</b>					
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	1.9	2.0	-	-
Parenting Payment (Single) – improved support for single parents(b)	-	9.3	24.5	34.3	39.0
Safe and Fair Workplaces	-	12.5	12.1	1.1	1.1
Targeted Support for Apprenticeships	2.7	25.1	18.1	2.0	6.4
Visa and Migration System(b)	0.4	2.9	3.0	1.7	0.8
<i>Fair Work Commission</i>					
Safe and Fair Workplaces	-	0.6	-	-	-
<i>Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman</i>					
Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation	-	-4.1	-3.9	-3.9	-3.9
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	5.3	4.5	8.1	9.4
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>83.3</b>
<b>FINANCE</b>					
<i>Australian Electoral Commission</i>					
Delivering the Referendum to Recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples in the Constitution Through a Voice to Parliament	-	15.5	-	-	-
Electoral Commission – critical ICT replacement (second tranche)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Department of Finance</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	..	-	-	-
Big Data, Timely Insights Phase 2 – securing Australia’s critical economic data and supporting better informed macroeconomic policy	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Buy Australian Plan(b)	-	6.6	4.0	4.7	2.9
Electoral Commission – critical ICT replacement (second tranche)	-	0.1	-	0.2	0.2
Establish the Australian Centre for Disease Control	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	18.0	12.3	12.4	12.5
Implementation of a global minimum tax and a domestic minimum tax(b)	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Implementing Aged Care Reform – home care	-	0.1	-	-	-
Improving the Administration of Student Loans(b)	-	0.2	0.2	0.1	-
Improving the Culture of Parliamentary Workplaces	-	16.7	12.7	11.6	12.4
Improving the Effectiveness and Sustainability of the National Disability Insurance Scheme	-	0.1	-	-	-

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>FINANCE (continued)</b>					
Modernisation and Sustainment of ICT Systems	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Next Steps for Digital ID	-	10.0	-	-	-
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Parliamentary Workplace Reform	-	39.6	39.7	39.8	39.9
Progressing the National Disability Data Asset	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Protecting the Australian Border	-	-0.1	-0.1	-	-
Securing a Unique and Critical Defence Capability(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Securing Australians' Superannuation Package – increasing the payment frequency of the Superannuation Guarantee (SG) and investing in SG compliance(b)	-	0.1	-	-	-
Strengthened and Sustainably Funded Biosecurity System(b)	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
Strengthening the Capability of the Education Portfolio to Deliver Critical Functions	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sustain myGov	-	0.1	-	-	-
<i>Digital Transformation Agency</i>					
Next Steps for Digital ID	-4.5	4.5	-	-	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>112.2</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>68.3</b>
<b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE</b>					
<i>Australian Secret Intelligence Service</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	-0.7	-1.1	-1.5	-1.5
Australian Secret Intelligence Service – additional funding	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Trade and Investment Commission</i>					
Austrade and Export Market Development Grants – reprioritisation	-	3.0	5.0	-43.5	-25.5
Simplified Trade System – additional funding	-	13.6	-	-	-
Supporting Australian Critical Minerals	-	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.8
Sydney WorldPride Grant	0.9	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
An Australian Development Program Fit for Our Times	-	5.6	10.4	10.3	132.2
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	0.7	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE</b>					
<b>(continued)</b>					
Australian Diplomatic Representation to Afghanistan	-	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.6
Australian Engagement in Southeast Asia	-	7.8	10.3	10.8	11.9
Enhanced Strategic Capability	-	17.3	22.1	20.7	20.0
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-35.3	33.4	94.3	95.4	93.1
Expansion of Emerging Markets Impact Investment Fund	-	-15.0	-56.0	-52.0	-45.0
Indo-Pacific Economic Framework	-	6.6	9.7	7.8	7.8
Maintaining Support for an Effective Foreign Service	-	110.9	93.2	94.5	78.3
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	34.7	39.9	-	-
Supporting Australian Critical Minerals	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>					
Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – Sasape Shipyard(b)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-34.4</b>	<b>222.4</b>	<b>232.3</b>	<b>147.1</b>	<b>275.8</b>
<b>HEALTH AND AGED CARE</b>					
<i>Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</i>					
Aged Care Regulatory Reform	-	73.4	4.3	2.9	2.9
COVID-19 Aged Care Response	3.1	3.1	-	-	-
Implementing Aged Care Reform – home care	-	2.0	-	-	-
<i>Australian Digital Health Agency</i>					
COVID-19 Response	2.9	-	-	-	-
Implementing Aged Care Reform – home care	-	4.2	-	-	-
Reducing Patient Costs and Improving Services through Community Pharmacies(b)	-	3.0	2.7	0.4	0.4
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	320.0	341.1	124.9	125.2
<i>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</i>					
Long Term Dental Funding Reform Developmental Work and Interim Funding	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency</i>					
Ensuring Ongoing Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety for All Australians	-	3.7	3.3	1.0	1.0
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	19.1	6.2	-	-
<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>					
Investment in Sport	-	8.5	1.1	-	-
<i>Cancer Australia</i>					
Improving Health Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	-	2.2	11.5	12.7	12.2

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>HEALTH AND AGED CARE (continued)</b>					
Vaping Regulation Reform and Smoking Cessation Package	-	5.1	5.3	1.8	2.0
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>					
10 Year National Action Plan for LGBTIQ+ Health and Wellbeing	-	-	-	-	-
A Modern and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule	-	5.6	-69.8	-122.0	-134.0
Aged Care Regulatory Reform	-	98.7	48.4	29.4	22.9
Assistance for IVF – assisted reproductive technology storage	-	-2.6	-1.6	-0.8	0.2
Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan	..	3.5	6.2	6.3	-
COVID-19 Aged Care Response	223.1	361.5	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	-
Delivering the Referendum to Recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples in the Constitution Through a Voice to Parliament	-	10.5	-	-	-
Dengue and Other Disease Mitigation Through Mosquito Control in Tennant Creek	-	-0.4	-	-	-
Disaster Support	-	2.9	4.3	-	-
Enhancing National Strategies for Bloodborne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections	-	9.8	-	-	-
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.1
Establish the Australian Centre for Disease Control	-	42.1	47.7	-	-
Funding Pay Increases for Aged Care Workers	-	246.3	105.4	73.3	76.7
Good Friday Appeal – Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	-
Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Implementing Aged Care Reform – home care	-	239.9	36.0	17.9	15.9
Improving Aged Care Support(b)	0.9	171.2	265.3	195.2	180.8
Improving Health Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	-	45.7	85.7	74.2	85.5
Improving the Investment in Aged Care	-	-	-583.5	-681.7	-851.8
Increased Support for Commonwealth Rent Assistance Recipients	-	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Investment in Sport	-	4.8	0.5	1.0	3.5
Long Term Dental Funding Reform Developmental Work and Interim Funding	-	1.9	0.9	0.2	..
Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding	14.5	-5.1	-16.9	2.5	-
Mental Health	-1.3	160.8	93.9	-79.7	-84.8

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>HEALTH AND AGED CARE (continued)</b>					
Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels(b)	-	-0.1	-0.1	..	..
National Clinical Quality Registry Program	-	8.3	10.2	11.0	10.4
National Immunisation Program	-	65.6	95.4	102.4	103.8
National Medical Stockpile	0.7	0.7	-	-	-
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	1.5	1.6	-	-
Parenting Payment (Single) – improved support for single parents(b)	-	4.4	6.8	8.0	8.9
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) New and Amended Listings(b)	136.7	450.7	507.5	544.1	557.0
Preparatory Work for Implementation of New Legislation to Modernise the National Gene Technology Scheme – more effective delivery of regulation	-	3.2	-	-	-
Preventive Health Reform	-	23.1	13.9	9.6	4.2
Reducing Harm Caused by Alcohol and Other Drugs in Australia	-	19.4	13.7	-	-
Reducing Patient Costs and Improving Services through Community Pharmacies(b)	0.1	202.0	-131.5	-48.6	-80.2
Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs	-	-414.6	-415.9	-417.0	-422.0
Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive(b)	-	-	-	1.5	1.7
Strengthening Medicare(b)	0.2	988.9	1,265.4	1,162.2	1,182.7
Strengthening Medicare – improving Medicare integrity	-	11.8	2.3	2.3	2.4
Support for Children and New and Expecting Parents	-	7.6	10.8	-	-
Support for People with Autism	-	0.9	0.3	-	-
Supporting Affordable Health Care – Cost Recovery Arrangements(b)	-	10.1	6.7	6.4	6.3
Therapeutic Goods Administration – public good activities	-	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.5
Urgent Health Supports for Flood-affected Communities	-	-	-	-	-
Vaping Regulation Reform and Smoking Cessation Package	-	53.5	67.2	172.7	173.4
Visa and Migration System(b)	0.1	2.1	3.9	3.5	2.9
Younger People in Residential Aged Care	-	2.8	2.1	0.6	-
<i>National Mental Health Commission</i>					
Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>381.0</b>	<b>3,301.0</b>	<b>1,876.7</b>	<b>1,236.8</b>	<b>1,027.0</b>



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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>HOME AFFAIRS</b>					
<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	-0.4	-0.6	-0.9	-0.9
Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders	-	2.9	2.9	-	-
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5
Adult Migrant English Program – improved delivery model	-	-	-	-	-
Amending measures of the former Government(b)	-0.7	-0.7	0.9	0.9	-
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	0.1	-	-	-
Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	-	17.9	-	-	-
Cyber Security – additional funding	0.2	27.9	3.0	3.1	3.1
Enduring Funding Mechanism for AusCheck(b)	-	34.6	43.4	45.6	41.2
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	7.6	6.5	7.8	8.3
Establish the Australian Centre for Disease Control	-	0.3	0.5	-	-
Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Increasing the Passenger Movement Charge(b)	-	6.7	5.5	1.6	1.7
Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services	-	9.1	-	-	-
Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels(b)	-	-3.1	-5.3	-1.9	-1.3
Permanent Residency and Citizenship Implications of the Love and Thoms High Court Case	-	1.6	1.4	1.1	0.4
Protecting the Australian Border	-73.7	-20.3	-18.4	4.5	4.6
Simplified Trade System – additional funding	-	8.0	-	-	-
Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders	-	1.4	1.4	-	-
Visa and Migration System(b)	73.4	165.8	27.9	12.3	15.3
Visa changes for Graduates and Students – increasing visa duration and work hours(b)	0.4	0.2	-	-	-
Women's Safety	-	5.1	2.0	1.4	1.5
<i>National Emergency Management Agency</i>					
Disaster Support	-3.5	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>264.5</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>73.4</b>

**Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES</b>					
<i>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</i>					
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	10.2	6.1	-	-
Securing a Responsive Nuclear Medicine and Science Capability for Australia	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>					
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	4.6	4.7	-	-
<i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i>					
Amending measures of the former Government(b)	-13.4	-16.8	-12.3	-12.0	-9.2
Australian Engagement in Southeast Asia	-	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.8
Enhanced Support for Small and Medium- sized Businesses and Startups	-	8.8	31.4	45.9	-4.1
Growing Australia’s Critical Technologies Industries	-56.9	-20.6	13.4	31.6	17.9
National Reconstruction Fund Corporation – establishment(b)	-7.3	-30.6	2.0	2.1	2.1
Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation(b)	-	1.7	3.5	-	-
Powering the Regions Fund – final design	-	-	-	-	-
Refocusing Support for the Australian Space Industry	-34.4	-9.0	-8.0	6.9	1.0
Safely Managing Australia’s Radioactive Waste	-	67.2	85.8	90.8	76.6
Securing a Responsive Nuclear Medicine and Science Capability for Australia	-	nfp	-	-	-
Strengthening Australia’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Capabilities	-8.4	59.9	21.8	15.4	12.5
Supporting Australian Critical Minerals	-1.1	16.2	18.4	16.5	16.5
Working with the Australian Resources Industry on the Pathway to Net Zero	-21.4	nfp	5.7	5.8	1.5
<i>National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority</i>					
Powering the Regions Fund – final design	-	-	-	-	-
<i>National Reconstruction Fund Corporation</i>					
National Reconstruction Fund Corporation – establishment(b)	-	53.2	nfp	nfp	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-143.0</b>	<b>148.5</b>	<b>176.2</b>	<b>206.7</b>	<b>118.7</b>

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS</b>					
<i>Australia Council</i>					
Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive(b)	-	22.5	45.5	62.6	72.6
<i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i>					
Better Funded National Broadcasters	-	-	-	17.9	18.5
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	4.7	1.2	1.3	1.3
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
Fighting Scams(b)	-	4.3	2.0	2.1	2.1
Minimising Online Gambling Harms	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Online Safety	-	32.2	32.9	33.3	33.7
Regulatory Powers to Combat Misinformation and Disinformation	-	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.9
<i>Australian Film, Television and Radio School</i>					
Supporting Arts Training in Australia	-	0.5	-	-	-
<i>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</i>					
Supporting Transport Priorities	-	15.3	-	-	-
<i>Australian National Maritime Museum</i>					
National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability(b)	-	8.2	6.3	3.6	4.9
<i>Australian Transport Safety Bureau</i>					
Supporting Transport Priorities	-	4.6	-	-	-
<i>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</i>					
Supporting Transport Priorities	-	34.8	-	-	-
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>					
2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games – venue infrastructure	-	-	-	-	-
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	0.3	-	-	-
Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan	-	-	-	-	-
Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	-	20.0	20.0	20.0	-
Disaster Support	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Fighting Scams(b)	-	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Funding for Territories(b)	-	4.6	4.1	21.7	1.4
Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge – increase	-	-	-	-	-
National Approach for Sustainable Urban Development	-9.3	16.4	144.1	177.7	53.6
National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability(b)	-	8.2	8.7	8.3	8.2

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS (continued)</b>					
Online Safety	-	-	-	-	-
Reducing Transport Emissions	0.5	6.3	4.5	3.2	1.2
Regulatory Powers to Combat Misinformation and Disinformation	-2.3	-	-	-	-
Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive(b)	-42.2	0.5	16.5	-20.2	-54.2
Supporting Arts Training in Australia	-	8.8	-	-	-
Supporting Media Sustainability and Building Media Literacy	-	nfp	0.9	-	-
Supporting Transport Priorities	9.9	49.1	32.2	42.3	12.1
Viewer Access Satellite Television	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
White Paper on Developing Northern Australia – refresh	-	-	-	-	-
<i>National Archives of Australia</i>					
National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability(b)	-	11.6	14.2	4.4	6.3
<i>National Film and Sound Archive of Australia</i>					
National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability(b)	-	6.9	9.5	8.5	9.1
<i>National Gallery of Australia</i>					
National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability(b)	-	36.8	41.1	19.9	21.3
Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive(b)	-	2.1	2.9	3.0	3.8
<i>National Library of Australia</i>					
National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability(b)	-	38.9	54.9	28.2	29.9
<i>National Museum of Australia</i>					
National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability(b)	-	22.8	24.7	14.8	15.9
<i>National Portrait Gallery of Australia</i>					
National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability(b)	-	6.4	6.6	6.8	7.2
<i>National Transport Commission</i>					
Supporting Transport Priorities	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Old Parliament House</i>					
Delivering the Referendum to Recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples in the Constitution Through a Voice to Parliament	-	-	-	-	-
National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability(b)	-	9.8	11.8	7.9	8.4
<i>Screen Australia</i>					
Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive(b)	-	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS (continued)</b>					
<i>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</i>					
Better Funded National Broadcasters	-	-	10.9	12.2	12.4
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-43.4</b>	<b>385.8</b>	<b>504.2</b>	<b>488.3</b>	<b>278.4</b>
<b>PARLIAMENT</b>					
<i>Department of Parliamentary Services</i>					
Parliamentary Departments – additional resourcing	-	5.5	3.7	3.9	3.5
<i>Department of the House of Representatives</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
<i>Department of the Senate</i>					
Parliamentary Departments – additional resourcing	-	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET</b>					
<i>Aboriginal Hostels Limited</i>					
Closing the Gap – further investment	-	10.0	10.0	-	-
<i>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</i>					
Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive(b)	0.6	2.6	1.8	-	-
<i>Australian National Audit Office</i>					
Additional Resourcing for the Australian National Audit Office	-	3.4	3.1	4.1	3.9
<i>Australian Public Service Commission</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	3.7	1.8	-	-
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
Additional Resourcing for the National Australia Day Council	-	11.5	-	-	-
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	-2.9	-4.5	-	-
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Improving the Culture of Parliamentary Workplaces	-	4.0	-	-	-
National Net Zero Authority	-	23.2	20.0	20.0	20.0
Preserving Australia's Global Economic Influence	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing	-	11.3	2.5	2.5	2.4

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET</b>					
<b>(continued)</b>					
<i>National Indigenous Australians Agency</i>					
Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan	42.2	2.0	14.7	24.7	31.0
Closing the Gap – further investment	-8.0	144.3	30.0	-14.0	-43.1
Delivering the Referendum to Recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples in the Constitution Through a Voice to Parliament	-	5.5	-	-	-
Women’s Safety – First Nations	-	19.0	37.8	6.9	6.5
<i>Office of National Intelligence</i>					
Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>238.0</b>	<b>117.6</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>21.0</b>
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>					
<i>Australian Institute of Family Studies</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	0.5	-	-	-
<i>Department of Social Services</i>					
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	0.7	-	-	-
Central Coordination of Disability Policy – measure progress against Australia’s Disability Strategy	-	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.3
Child Support Scheme – response to family law inquiry	-	2.4	0.5	0.3	-0.5
Closing the Gap – further investment	-14.6	-8.9	9.8	10.9	0.5
Disability Workforce COVID-19 Leave Grant	..	14.0	-	-	-
Ensuring Robust Policy, Financial, Legislative and Governance Oversight of the National Disability Insurance Scheme	-	13.0	-	-	-
Forced Adoption Support Services – 10 year anniversary funding	-	-	-	-	-
Future National Redress Scheme Funding	-	61.8	25.9	26.7	27.5
Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Improving the Effectiveness and Sustainability of the National Disability Insurance Scheme	-	3.1	2.7	1.8	0.8
Increase to Working Age Payments(b)	-	961.1	1,286.6	1,289.3	1,297.0
Increased Support for Commonwealth Rent Assistance Recipients	-	523.7	699.9	720.4	738.5
Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce – 6 months extension	-	2.8	-	-	-

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)</b>					
Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels(b)	-	-2.3	-4.0	-4.2	-3.5
Parenting Payment (Single) – improved support for single parents(b)	-	355.9	486.5	494.8	503.2
Permanent Residency and Citizenship Implications of the Love and Thoms High Court Case	-	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing	-	0.5	-	-	-
Progressing the National Disability Data Asset	-	12.9	11.7	3.4	2.8
Social Services – grants and additional support	-	-	-	-	-
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Support for First Nations Disability Advocates	-	1.0	-	-	-
Support for People with Autism	-	3.7	-	-	-
Supported Employment	-	16.1	23.2	14.7	3.1
Targeting Entrenched Community Disadvantage	-	11.6	12.3	10.3	6.6
Visa and Migration System(b)	3.5	95.6	178.7	166.9	145.4
Women's Safety	-	8.0	19.1	13.5	9.5
Women's Safety – First Nations	-2.3	10.7	38.0	67.1	22.9
Younger People in Residential Aged Care	-	1.8	0.1	-	-
<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>					
Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Improving the Effectiveness and Sustainability of the National Disability Insurance Scheme	-	278.2	180.6	133.4	-490.6
Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels(b)	-	3.0	6.5	2.2	-2.5
Strengthening Medicare(b)	-	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Visa and Migration System(b)	-	14.7	27.7	31.7	33.3
<i>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</i>					
Investing in Market Quality and Safeguards for People with Disability	-	71.2	71.4	-	-
<i>Services Australia</i>					
A Modern and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule	..	3.6	-1.2	-2.1	-2.3
Additional Child Care Subsidy – improving access	-	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
Administration of Emergency Response Payments	-	231.8	-	-	-
Aged Care Regulatory Reform	..	11.3	9.1	1.6	1.6
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	0.4	-	-	-

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)</b>					
Assistance for IVF – assisted reproductive technology storage	-	3.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Boosting Employment Support	..	0.6	-	-	-
Child Care Subsidy Reform – additional integrity	-	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
Child Support Scheme – response to family law inquiry	..	2.5	..	-	-
Closing the Gap – further investment	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-	-
COVID-19 Aged Care Response	0.1	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Response	14.9	7.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Cyber Security – additional funding	-	2.8	-	-	-
Energy Price Relief Plan	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	0.3	1.5	..	..	..
Funding Pay Increases for Aged Care Workers	0.8	8.3	1.3	0.8	0.8
Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Implementing Aged Care Reform – home care	-	22.5	-	-	-
Improving Aged Care Support(b)	-	18.2	5.5	2.4	2.0
Increase to Working Age Payments(b)	5.4	20.5	3.1	2.2	2.2
Increased Support for Commonwealth Rent Assistance Recipients	5.9	10.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce – six months extension	-	0.7	-	-	-
Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding	0.7	4.0	1.2	1.1	-
Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels(b)	-	..	..	..	..
National Immunisation Program	1.6	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Parenting Payment (Single) – improved support for single parents(b)	2.4	-4.1	-30.1	-29.7	-29.3
Permanent Residency and Citizenship Implications of the Love and Thoms High Court Case	-	..	..	..	..
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) New and Amended Listings(b)	0.8	-0.5	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0
Reducing Patient Costs and Improving Services through Community Pharmacies(b)	0.2	0.9	-2.3	-5.2	-5.5
Strengthening Medicare(b)	0.5	78.5	40.2	22.2	22.1
Strengthening Medicare – improving Medicare integrity	-	6.6	2.5	1.3	0.7
Sustain myGov	-	103.9	-	-	-
Targeted Support for Apprenticeships	-	0.2	-25.5	-20.5	-9.9
Vaping Regulation Reform and Smoking Cessation Package	-	-	-	0.2	0.2
Visa and Migration System(b)	0.1	1.6	3.1	2.2	1.2
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>3,003.7</b>	<b>3,091.2</b>	<b>2,966.2</b>	<b>2,284.2</b>



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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>TREASURY</b>					
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>					
Big Data, Timely Insights Phase 2 – securing Australia’s critical economic data and supporting better informed macroeconomic policy	-	40.7	47.4	39.2	29.2
Targeting Entrenched Community Disadvantage	-	3.7	4.8	4.1	3.8
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>					
Energy Price Relief Plan	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Ensuring the Supply of Reliable, Secure and Affordable Energy	-	13.4	11.2	10.9	11.0
Fighting Scams(b)	-	18.5	23.6	15.9	-
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	31.9	37.7	-	-
Working with the Australian Resources Industry on the Pathway to Net Zero	0.4	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Office of Financial Management</i>					
Comprehensive Sustainable Finance Agenda(b)	-	1.9	3.9	1.3	1.3
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
Comprehensive Sustainable Finance Agenda(b)	-	4.3	-	-	-
Fighting Scams(b)	-	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.4
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
Amending measures of the former Government(b)	-10.9	234.4	13.8	-7.3	-7.3
Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions(b)	-	4.5	14.3	16.0	10.8
Cyber Security – additional funding	-8.6	-	-	-	-
Driving Collaboration with Small Business to Reduce the Time Spent Complying with Tax Obligations	-	5.6	9.4	5.4	1.4
Extend the Personal Income Tax Compliance Program(b)	-	1.2	1.2	43.4	43.8
Extending and merging the Serious Financial Crime Taskforce and Serious Organised Crime program(b)	-	54.2	55.6	56.5	57.5
GST compliance program – 4-year extension(b)	-	146.7	148.0	149.1	145.0
Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge – increase	-	-101.8	-228.2	-369.3	-391.5

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>TREASURY (continued)</b>					
Housing (Build-To-Rent Developments) – accelerating tax deductions and reduced managed investment trust withholding tax rate(b)	-	-	2.9	0.9	0.6
Implementation of a global minimum tax and a domestic minimum tax(b)	-	39.4	29.5	21.9	19.7
Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce – 6 months extension	-	-	-	-	-
Next Steps for Digital ID	-	1.1	-	-	-
Petroleum Resource Rent Tax – Government Response to the Review of the PRRT Gas Transfer Pricing arrangements(b)	-	1.4	1.3	0.9	0.9
Reform of the Product Stewardship for Oil Scheme(b)	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive(b)	-	-	-4.4	36.7	25.1
Securing Australians' Superannuation Package – increasing the payment frequency of the Superannuation Guarantee (SG) and investing in SG compliance(b)	-	40.2	-	-	-285.0
Simplified Trade System – additional funding	-	0.6	-	-	-
Small Business Support – Small Business Energy Incentive(b)	-	3.9	0.3	-	-
Tax Integrity – improving engagement with taxpayers to ensure timely payment of tax and superannuation liabilities(b)	-	23.2	27.0	28.3	15.8
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games – venue infrastructure	-	36.0	107.9	348.4	583.8
ACT Sustainable Household Scheme	-	7.5	-	-	-
APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023-24 projects funded under round one(b)	-	0.2	-	-	-
Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions(b)	-	1.1	0.9	..	-
Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan	-	30.5	26.5	16.5	16.5
Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment	-	105.0	130.0	86.0	100.0
Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – reprioritisation	-	-	-6.5	-	-
Closing the Gap – further investment	-	-	-	-	-

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>TREASURY (continued)</b>					
Comprehensive Sustainable Finance Agenda(b)	-	1.6	nfp	-	-
COVID-19 Response	142.6	142.6	-	-	-
Cyber Security – additional funding	-	6.7	8.5	8.2	-
Dengue and Other Disease Mitigation Through Mosquito Control in Tennant Creek	-	0.4	-	-	-
Disaster Support	-	-	-	-	-
Energy Price Relief Plan	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Enhancing National Strategies for Bloodborne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Enhancing Pacific Engagement(b)	-	5.0	15.0	25.0	35.0
Extend the Personal Income Tax Compliance Program(b)	-	0.6	0.6	-	-
Extending and merging the Serious Financial Crime Taskforce and Serious Organised Crime program(b)	-	3.1	7.8	10.3	11.5
GST compliance program – 4-year extension(b)	-	649.6	773.7	846.6	901.8
Increasing the Supply of Social and Affordable Housing and Making it Easier to Buy a Home(b)	-	2.7	-	-	-
Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions(b)	-0.3	-	-	-	-
Long Term Dental Funding Reform Developmental Work and Interim Funding	-	107.8	107.8	-	-
Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding	9.2	19.4	25.8	26.3	-
Migration – raise the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT)(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Migration Program – 2023-24 planning levels(b)	-	-5.0	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0
National Approach for Sustainable Urban Development	-	20.0	45.0	80.0	100.0
National Housing and Homelessness Agreement Transitional Funding	-	67.5	-	-	-
National Immunisation Program	-	-	2.9	-	-
National Waste Education Campaign	-9.8	-0.1	-0.1	-	-
National Water Grid Fund – addressing legacy projects	-29.5	-23.8	-17.6	-1.7	-52.4
National Water Grid Fund – delivering commitments	-4.7	-30.8	28.4	31.1	-1.2
Natural Heritage Trust – project funding	-	-	-	-	-
Partnering to Implement the National Soil Action Plan	-	20.0	-	-	-
Powering Australia – amendment to the Electric Car Discount(b)	-	-	-	-	5.0

**Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022–23 October Budget<sup>(a)</sup> (continued)**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>TREASURY (continued)</b>					
Reform of the Product Stewardship for Oil Scheme(b)	-	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
Securing Australians' Superannuation Package – increasing the payment frequency of the Superannuation Guarantee (SG) and investing in SG compliance(b)	-	1.2	0.5	-	-
Small Business Support – Helping small business manage their tax instalments and improving cashflow(b)	-	-40.0	40.0	-	-
Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders	-	11.6	14.2	-	-
Supporting Australian Critical Minerals	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Supporting Transport Priorities	-	-47.0	-	-	-
Targeting Entrenched Community Disadvantage	-	2.0	12.1	20.0	30.0
Tax Integrity – improving engagement with taxpayers to ensure timely payment of tax and superannuation liabilities(b)	-	41.1	58.6	55.5	25.8
Teacher Workforce Action Plan	4.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	-
Tobacco Excise – measures to improve health outcomes and aligning the treatment of stick and non-stick tobacco tax(b)	-	30.0	60.0	100.0	100.0
Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing(b)	-0.4	39.9	23.4	6.5	10.5
Vaping Regulation Reform and Smoking Cessation Package	-	1.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Visa and Migration System(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Visa changes for Graduates and Students – increasing visa duration and work hours(b)	-	10.0	35.0	60.0	80.0
Women's Safety	-	91.5	79.1	-	-
Working with the Australian Resources Industry on the Pathway to Net Zero	-	-6.9	1.9	5.0	-
<b>Portfolio total</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>1,892.1</b>	<b>1,795.1</b>	<b>1,793.1</b>	<b>1,637.0</b>
<b>Decisions taken but not yet announced and not for publication (nfp)</b>	<b>899.4</b>	<b>3,172.4</b>	<b>1,827.3</b>	<b>971.5</b>	<b>973.6</b>
<b>Total impact of payment measures (c)</b>	<b>1,212.0</b>	<b>13,779.0</b>	<b>10,825.0</b>	<b>8,960.0</b>	<b>7,867.0</b>

\* 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 payments, no sign before an estimate indicates increased payments.

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

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding.

## Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

### Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – funding supplementation

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	127.0	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$127.0 million in 2022–23 for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) to meet a funding shortfall predominantly related to cost recovered activities, and increased biosecurity operations including frontline border operations and import clearances. The supplementation funding will ensure that DAFF is able to meet its financial commitments as they fall due, while continuing to deliver its core functions.

See also the related payment measure titled *Strengthened and Sustainably Funded Biosecurity System*.

### Partnering to Implement the National Soil Action Plan

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	20.0	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-31.7	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-31.7	20.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.0 million in 2023–24 to fund states and territories to deliver initiatives that contribute to priority actions of the *National Soil Action Plan*, tailored to regional soil needs and conditions. Funding for this measure is subject to financial contributions from the states and territories.

This measure will be offset by redirecting \$20.0 million from the *National Soil Resources Information System* included as part of the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Agriculture 2030*, with a further \$11.7 million redirected to offset other priorities in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

### Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – independent panel

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	2.2	3.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to establish a panel to undertake an independent assessment and consultation process to inform the phase out of live sheep exports by sea.

### Renewed Australian Animal Welfare Strategy

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to develop a renewed Australian Animal Welfare Strategy (the Strategy) to establish national standards to support improved animal welfare outcomes.

The Strategy will re-establish a national framework for priority setting and associated national standards; and measures for the improvement of animal welfare outcomes.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Animal Welfare Strategy – Inspector-General of Animal Welfare – establishment*.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

**Strengthened and Sustainably Funded Biosecurity System**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	198.7	269.3	300.3	265.9
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>198.8</b>	<b>269.4</b>	<b>300.4</b>	<b>265.9</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-	74.6	79.5	80.2

The Government will provide an additional \$1.0 billion over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$268.1 million per year ongoing) to meet its election commitment to strengthen Australia’s biosecurity system. Funding includes:

- \$845.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$255.3 million per year ongoing) to maintain biosecurity policy, operational and technical functions on a sustainable basis, including regulation, surveillance, domestic preparedness and response, and international engagement and capability development
- \$145.2 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to deliver modern digital systems in cargo pathways that are integrated with business systems, cut red tape and streamline regulation and service delivery for importers
- \$40.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$12.0 million per year ongoing) to continue the *Indigenous Ranger Biosecurity Program* to reduce biosecurity risks in Northern Australia and provide social and economic benefits to First Nations, rural and remote communities.

The cost of the measure will be partially offset through introducing:

- cost recovery arrangements for the clearance of low value imported cargo, which is expected to raise \$81.3 million over 3 years from 2024–25
- a biosecurity protection levy on Australian producers of agricultural, forestry and fishery products from 1 July 2024, set at a rate equivalent to 10 per cent of the 2020–21 industry-led agricultural levies, which is estimated to increase receipts by \$153.0 million over 3 years from 2024–25. The levy recognises the benefits that primary producers derive from Australia’s biosecurity system, including detection, identification and response associated with invasive pests and diseases, maximising trade opportunities, and enhancing access to premium overseas markets.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Bolstering Australia’s Biosecurity System – protecting Australia from escalating exotic animal disease risks*.

**Supporting a Stronger and More Sustainable Agriculture Sector**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-2.6	11.6	11.3	7.5	7.9

The Government will provide \$38.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$7.6 million per year ongoing) to support agricultural statistics, climate analysis and upgrades to data and information systems for the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences.

This measure will be partially offset by savings from within the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio.



## Attorney-General's

### Adequate Funding for Oversight of Our Intelligence Agencies

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Attorney-General's Department	-	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.8
Department of the House of Representatives	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	-	-	2.3	4.9	4.9
Office of National Intelligence	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
Australian Federal Police	-	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4
Department of Home Affairs	-	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5
Department of Defence	-	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission	-	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	-0.4	-0.6	-0.9	-0.9
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	-	-0.7	-1.1	-1.5	-1.5
Australian Signals Directorate	-	-1.4	-2.1	-2.9	-2.9
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The Government will provide \$25.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$8.1 million per year ongoing) to bolster oversight of National Intelligence Community agencies. Funding includes:

- \$12.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support the review of national security and counter-terrorism laws by a full-time Independent National Security Legislation Monitor
- \$12.2 million over 3 years from 2024–25 for the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security to support the Inspector-General's oversight role
- \$1.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to the Department of the House of Representatives to support an expansion of the oversight role of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the National Intelligence Community agencies.

### Anti-Slavery Commissioner – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Attorney-General's Department	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

The Government will provide \$8.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.0 million per year ongoing) to establish an Anti-Slavery Commissioner to work across Government, industry and civil society, to support compliance with the *Modern Slavery Act 2018*, to improve transparency in supply chains and help fight modern slavery in Australia and abroad.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future* and builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Tackling Modern Slavery*.

### Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	-	0.8	1.9	2.0	1.4
Attorney-General's Department	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>

The Government will provide ongoing funding to support the delivery of Government priorities in the Attorney-General's portfolio. Funding includes:

- additional funding for Australia's participation in a number of international legal actions
- \$6.2 million in 2023–24 to be met from the Confiscated Assets Account under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* to continue electronic surveillance legislative reform
- \$6.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.4 million per year ongoing) for the Office of Parliamentary Counsel to increase legislative drafting capacity
- \$3.6 million in 2022–23 for Commonwealth representation before the Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme
- \$3.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.8 million per year ongoing) for the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission to oversee the National Anti-Corruption Commission in accordance with the expanded functions of the Inspector in the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022* as determined by the Parliament during the passage of legislation.

The financial implications for this measure are partially not for publication (nfp) due to legal and international relations sensitivities.

### **Institutional Reform to Australia's System of Federal Administrative Review**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$89.5 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) to support the establishment of a new federal administrative review body in place of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). Funding includes:

- \$63.4 million over two years from 2023–24 to appoint additional full-time members to address the backlog of AAT cases
- \$14.4 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) for the Attorney-General's Department to manage the transition to the new administrative review body
- \$11.7 million over two years from 2022–23 to develop a modern case-management system for the new administrative review body.

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

### Office of the Special Investigator Operations and Downstream Impacts Funding – extension

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Office of the Special Investigator	-	56.7	58.4	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	4.3	4.6	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	2.1	3.4	-	-
Department of Defence	-	-63.0	-66.4	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$129.4 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue the work of the Office of the Special Investigator (OSI) and support the prosecution of alleged war crimes by Australian Defence Force troops in Afghanistan. Funding includes:

- \$115.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to enable the OSI to continue investigations
- \$8.8 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Attorney-General's Department to provide support to the OSI, including legal advice and requests for evidence from foreign jurisdictions
- \$5.5 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to consider and prosecute briefs of evidence received from the OSI.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from the Department of Defence.

### Strengthening Australia's Anti-Money Laundering Framework

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support policy and legislative reforms to harden Australia against illicit financing and evaluation of Australia's anti-money laundering framework. Funding includes:

- \$8.6 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) to develop and consult stakeholders on legislative reforms to modernise Australia's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regime and support preparation for, and participation in, the evaluation of Australia's regime against global standards by the Financial Action Task Force

- \$5.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 in additional departmental resourcing for the Attorney-General's Department.

The cost of this measure will be met from the Confiscated Assets Account under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*.

### Strengthening Australia's Arrangements for High Risk Terrorist Offenders

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Federal Police	-	27.6	26.1	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	20.0	21.0	nfp	nfp
Department of the Treasury	-	11.6	14.2	-	-
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	-	2.9	2.9	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	1.4	1.4	-	-
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	0.4	0.5	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	<b>64.0</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>

The Government will provide \$130.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue to protect the Australian community from the threats posed by convicted high risk terrorist offenders, including through the assessment of ongoing risks and seeking and implementing post-sentence supervision orders after the completion of custodial sentences.

Ongoing funding from 2025–26 for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve until a review of arrangements with jurisdictions is completed.

### Stronger Privacy Protection and Enforcement

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	16.1	11.3	8.4	8.4
Attorney-General's Department	-	0.5	0.5	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	<b>16.6</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>

The Government will provide \$45.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$8.4 million per year ongoing) for stronger privacy protection and enforcement. Funding includes:

- \$44.3 million over 4 years from 2023-24 (and \$8.4 million per year ongoing) for the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to support a standalone Privacy Commissioner, progress investigations and enforcement action in response to privacy and data breaches, and enhance its data and analytics capability
- \$0.9 million over two years from 2023-24 for the Attorney-General’s Department to progress the Government’s response to the recent review of the *Privacy Act 1988* and to support a separate independent statutory review of Part IIIA of the Act, with costs associated with preparing the government response to the recent review to be met from within existing resources.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Attorney General’s Portfolio – additional resourcing*.

## Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

### ACT Sustainable Household Scheme

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	7.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.5 million in 2023-24 to support the ACT Sustainable Household Scheme, which provides concessional loans to households to electrify or improve the efficiency of their homes.

### Aviation Meteorological Services Charging Reform

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Bureau of Meteorology	-	0.9	1.4	2.0	2.7
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>	-	12.0	11.6	12.8	13.9

The Government will save \$43.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$11.7 million per year ongoing) by increasing the Meteorological Services Charge for international and domestic commercial aviation operators to ensure essential aviation meteorological services are appropriately funded.

This measure will deliver \$50.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 in additional revenue (and \$14.4 million per year ongoing) from the aviation sector. The Government will also provide \$7.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.8 million per year ongoing) to the Bureau of Meteorology to maintain and strengthen its capability to provide aviation meteorological services.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Aviation Meteorological Services – additional funding*.

### Capacity Investment Scheme

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will establish the Capacity Investment Scheme to underwrite new investment in clean energy, accelerating the development of cheap, clean renewable generation and storage and ensuring the smooth transformation of Australia’s energy market. Funding includes:

- \$9.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.4 million per year to 2041–42) for the Australian Energy Market Operator to deliver auctions in South Australia and Victoria and undertake contract management activities for selected projects
- \$6.4 million in 2023–24 for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to design the auction process in late 2023 to operate in South Australia and Victoria, and continue work on a national rollout of the scheme
- underwriting costs for clean energy projects in South Australia and Victoria selected through the auction process.

The Government will also work with New South Wales to deliver Capacity Investment Scheme auctions in 2023 in partnership with the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap.

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

The costs of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – reprioritisation*.



**Capturing Australia’s Emissions Reduction Data – additional funding**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	7.2	7.9	6.6	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$21.8 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to maintain and enhance the capability of Australia’s National Greenhouse Accounts to deliver high-quality emissions data and track progress against Australia’s emissions reduction targets.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – reprioritisation*.

**Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – reprioritisation**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-6.5	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-38.2	-32.5	-23.8	-6.0	-1.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-38.2</b>	<b>-32.5</b>	<b>-30.4</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>-1.5</b>

The Government will redirect \$113.1 million over 8 years from 2022–23 across the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio to fund portfolio policy priorities. Redirected funding includes:

- \$57.2 million from uncommitted funding from the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Emissions Reduction and New Investments under the Technology Investment Roadmap* to new measures supporting clean energy technology investment
- \$22.2 million from the partial reversal of the 2020–21 Budget measure titled *JobMaker Plan – securing Australia’s liquid fuel stocks*, including reducing uncommitted funding for diesel storage projects not taken up by industry
- \$10.5 million from the partial reversal of the 2020–21 Budget measure titled *JobMaker Plan – investment in new energy technologies*, including redirecting uncommitted research funding to delivering high-quality emissions data and reporting against Australia’s emissions reduction targets
- \$10.0 million from the partial reversal of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Strengthening the Great Barrier Reef through Stewardship and Leadership*, with uncommitted funding to be redirected towards tropical marine science activities that better align with Government priorities

- \$6.5 million from the partial reversal of the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Agriculture 2030*, with uncommitted funding from the *Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund* to be redirected to better align with Government priorities
- \$4.0 million from the partial reversal of the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Incentivising Recycling Behaviours*, with uncommitted funding from the *Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund* to be redirected to better align with Government priorities
- \$2.0 million from the partial reversal of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Streamlining Environmental Protections and Modernising Indigenous Cultural Heritage Protections*, with uncommitted funding to be redirected towards implementing the Government’s *Nature Positive Plan: better for environment, better for business*
- \$0.7 million from the partial reversal of the 2019–20 Budget measure titled *Climate Solutions Package* to redirect uncommitted funding from the Energy Efficient Communities program to better align with Government priorities.

### Ensuring the Supply of Reliable, Secure and Affordable Energy

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	16.7	8.8	7.1	0.9
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	13.4	11.2	10.9	11.0
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	<b>30.1</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>

The Government will provide \$80.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$11.1 million per year ongoing) to support the supply of cheap, clean and reliable energy across Australia. Funding includes:

- \$35.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$8.8 million per year ongoing) to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to continue compliance and enforcement activities to regulate and monitor energy markets
- \$28.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support the delivery of new cross-government energy market reforms and national energy projects as directed by Energy Ministers through the Energy Special Account
- \$10.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.4 million per year ongoing) to the AER for new legislated functions that will support Australia’s energy transformation and reduce emissions.

The Government will also increase resilience in the retail electricity sector by progressing work with Snowy Hydro Limited to register in the Retailer of Last Resort scheme.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – reprioritisation*.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Support for the Australian Energy Regulator to Implement Regulatory Changes*.

### Flood Warning Infrastructure Network Remediation

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Bureau of Meteorology	-	8.6	19.6	22.6	26.3
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	8.6	19.6	22.6	26.3

The Government will provide \$236.0 million over 10 years from 2023–24 (and \$13.9 million per year ongoing from 2032–33) to remediate high priority flood warning infrastructure and address critical reliability risks. The Bureau of Meteorology will acquire, upgrade and integrate local and state government-owned rain and river gauges into its existing flood warning network.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve until cost-sharing arrangements for the ongoing maintenance of these assets are agreed with states and territories.

### Future-proofing the Murray-Darling Basin

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	-	28.7	32.4	25.6	16.9
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	27.2	16.6	1.1	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	56.0	49.0	26.7	16.9

The Government will provide \$148.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 towards the sustainability of the Murray-Darling Basin (Basin). Funding includes:

- \$103.7 million for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to prepare for and undertake the first statutory review of the *Murray-Darling Basin Plan 2012*, with updated science to enable the Basin to adapt to the impacts of climate change
- \$44.9 million for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to provide advice and work with Basin states and affected communities on the Basin Plan.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measures titled *Murray-Darling Basin Plan – compliance and science* and *Murray-Darling Basin – delivering on water commitments*.

### Guarantee of Origin

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Clean Energy Regulator	-	6.2	12.5	6.4	4.8
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-6.2	-12.4	-6.4	-3.1
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>	-	-	0.5	3.8	4.4

The Government will provide \$38.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$6.5 million per year ongoing) to establish a Guarantee of Origin Certificate scheme to track and verify emissions associated with hydrogen and other low emissions products, and provide an enduring mechanism to certify renewable electricity.

The cost of this measure will be partially recovered from certification fees and partially provided by redirecting funding from 2023–24 from the Strategic International Partnerships Investment Stream program.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Enabling a Low Emissions Future and Supporting Green Markets*.

### Household Energy Upgrades Fund – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	23.2	75.4	111.7	128.3
Clean Energy Finance Corporation	-	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.7
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>131.0</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</i>	-	0.6	8.3	23.2	29.3

The Government will provide \$1.3 billion in funding to establish the Household Energy Upgrades Fund to support home upgrades that improve energy performance and save energy. Funding includes:

- \$1.0 billion in funding to the Clean Energy Finance Corporation to provide low-cost finance and mortgages in partnership with private financial institutions for home upgrades that save energy

- \$300.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 held in the Contingency Reserve to support upgrades to social housing, in collaboration with states and territories, that save energy
- \$36.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.1 million per year ongoing) to develop further initiatives to improve energy performance, including expanding and modernising the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards program and the Nationwide House Energy Rating scheme.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – reprioritisation*.

This measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Support for Energy Security and Reliability*.

### Hydrogen Headstart

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	7.3	2.8	2.2	151.2
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	4.2	4.8	4.7	4.8
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	11.5	7.7	6.9	156.1

The Government will provide \$2.0 billion to accelerate development of Australia’s hydrogen industry, catalyse clean energy industries, and help Australia connect to new global hydrogen supply chains. Funding includes:

- \$2.0 billion for the establishment of a new Hydrogen Headstart program, which will provide revenue support for investment in renewable hydrogen production through competitive production contracts, including funding for the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to support the development and operation of the program
- \$5.6 million in 2023-24 to analyse the implications for Australia of intensifying global competition for clean energy industry, and to identify actions before the end of 2023 to further catalyse clean energy industries, ensure Australian manufacturing competitiveness and attract capital investment
- \$2.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to establish a fund to support First Nations communities to engage with hydrogen project proponents and planning processes.

Funding for the Hydrogen Headstart program will be held in the Contingency Reserve.

**Independent Review of Australian Carbon Credit Units – initial response**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	9.1	7.4	4.5	4.5
Clean Energy Regulator	-	2.3	-0.7	-4.5	-4.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	11.4	6.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$18.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to implement priority reforms to the operation of the Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) scheme as part of the Government’s initial response to the Independent Review of Australian Carbon Credit Units. Funding includes:

- \$5.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to conduct audits of human induced regeneration projects
- \$4.5 million over two years from 2023–24 to upgrade the Clean Energy Regulator’s systems to publish carbon estimation area data
- \$4.2 million over two years from 2023–24 to consult on the design of proposed reforms
- \$3.5 million over two years from 2023–24 to establish the Carbon Abatement Integrity Committee to ensure method integrity for ACCUs.

The Government has also transferred functions relating to method development activities for ACCUs from the Clean Energy Regulator to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – reprioritisation*.

**National Climate Adaptation and Risk Program**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Bureau of Meteorology	-	16.4	6.5	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	3.0	2.1	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	19.4	8.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$28.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to develop Australia’s first National Climate Risk Assessment and a National Adaptation Plan to understand the risks to Australia from climate change, invest in a plan to adapt to those risks, and commission an independent review of the Australian Climate Service.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – reprioritisation*.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Commonwealth Climate Risk and Opportunity Management Program*.

The Government will consider future funding for the *National Climate Adaptation and Risk Program* when the National Climate Risk Assessment and a National Adaptation Plan are developed.

**National Waste Education Campaign**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	5.0	5.0	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-9.8	-0.1	-0.1	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-9.8	4.9	4.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over two years from 2023–24 towards a nationwide consumer behaviour change program for waste.

This measure will be fully offset by redirecting funding from the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Agriculture 2030*.

### National Water Grid Fund – addressing legacy projects

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-29.5	-23.8	-17.6	-1.7	-52.4
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-29.5</b>	<b>-23.8</b>	<b>-17.6</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-52.4</b>

The Government will achieve savings of \$872.5 million over 11 years from 2022–23 through responsible investment decisions on National Water Grid Fund projects, including not proceeding with:

- \$595.0 million over 7 years from 2026–27 for the Dungowan Dam project, as the business case did not provide sufficient support for construction of the project
- \$162.5 million over 7 years from 2026–27 for the Emu Swamp Dam and Pipeline project, which is being reconsidered against alternative options as part of the regional water assessment
- \$39.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for the Southern Forests Irrigation Scheme project, as additional planning activities did not provide sufficient support for construction of the project
- \$35.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for the Fingal Irrigation Scheme, as low customer demand does not support construction of the project
- \$40.3 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for projects that are being re-scoped, not progressing or do not require additional Commonwealth funding.

The measure also defers funding of \$19.1 million from 2026–27 for the Wyangala Dam Wall Raising and the Hughenden Irrigation Scheme projects, with a final decision on these projects to be taken once planning work is complete.

The savings from this measure will be redirected to fund other Government priorities.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – National Water Grid Fund – responsible investment*.



**National Water Grid Fund – delivering commitments**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.7	6.8	6.8	6.9
Department of the Treasury	-4.7	-30.8	28.4	31.1	-1.2
Total – Payments	-4.7	-30.1	35.1	37.9	5.7

The Government will provide \$70.9 million over 11 years from 2023–24 to extend resourcing for the National Water Grid Authority to deliver committed water infrastructure projects and support its expanded remit.

The Government will also reallocate \$197.1 million over 6 years from 2023–24 from within the *National Water Grid Fund* to fund construction of 3 water infrastructure projects:

- \$109.0 million for the Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme
- \$62.1 million for the Sassafras-Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme
- \$26.1 million for the Quality Water for Wannon project.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *National Water Grid – delivering commitments*.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the *National Water Grid Fund*.

**National Water Reform – First Nations peoples’ water ownership**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to consult on and design an enduring arrangement for First Nations peoples to own, access and manage water in Australia.

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

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

### Natural Heritage Trust – project funding

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will allocate \$741.3 million over 5 years from 2023–24 from the Natural Heritage Trust special account to support local and long-term environmental and agricultural outcomes. Funding includes:

- \$341.2 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to protect nature, threatened species and habitats and to maintain delivery capability through activities like the BushBlitz, Natural Resource Management (NRM) partnerships and on-ground conservation and recovery activities
- \$302.1 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to support a climate-smart, sustainable agricultural sector including funding for NRM organisations, on-ground projects, support for farmers to improve soil health and natural resources and funding to maintain delivery capability
- \$50.0 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to conserve and restore Ramsar listed wetlands and catchments
- \$48.0 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to continue management of Australia’s state-managed world heritage listed properties.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Natural Heritage Trust special account.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Next Phase of Natural Heritage Trust Funding*.

**Nature Positive Plan – better for the environment, better for business**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	49.5	60.1	49.6	54.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	..	..	..	..	..

The Government will provide \$214.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$4.5 million per year ongoing) to deliver the *Nature Positive Plan: better for the environment, better for business* (Nature Positive Plan), including:

- \$121.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to establish Environment Protection Australia to enforce environmental laws and restore confidence in Australia’s environmental protection system
- \$51.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$4.5 million per year ongoing) to establish Environment Information Australia to provide an authoritative source of high-quality environmental information
- \$34.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to implement the Nature Positive Plan, including legislative reforms and national environment standards
- \$7.7 million in 2023–24 to continue developing the foundations of a Nature Repair Market, including detailed rules (methods) for different types of projects.

The Government will delay the start date of the biodiversity certificate component of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Primary Producers – increasing concessional tax treatment for carbon abatement and biodiversity stewardship income* from 1 July 2022 to 1 July 2024. This delay will align the start date of this component of the measure with the commencement of the Nature Repair Market.

The Government will also expand the eligibility criteria for existing on-ground support programs that build capacity and support participation in carbon and biodiversity markets to include all landholders and, by broadening access to these funds, to more organisations beyond Natural Resource Management groups, including First Nations groups.

The Government will consider future funding for the Nature Positive Plan when initial establishment work has been completed and ongoing administrative and operational requirements are better understood.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Response to the Samuel Review*.

### North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority	-	-1.2	-2.7	-2.8	-2.8
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority	-	..	-	-	-

The Government will save \$9.5 million over 4 years from 2023-24 through the abolition of the North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority.

The Government will transfer the functions of the North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Savings from this measure will be redirected to fund other Government policy priorities.

### Powering the Regions Fund – final design

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	-	-	-	-
National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will allocate \$1.3 billion over 5 years from 2022-23 from \$1.9 billion provided in the 2022-23 October Budget to support the decarbonisation of existing industries, develop new clean energy industries and support sovereign manufacturing capacity essential to the energy transition including:

- \$450.3 million over 4 years from 2023-24 (and a further \$149.7 million over 3 years from 2027-28) to establish the Safeguard Transformation Stream to support decarbonisation investments at trade-exposed industrial facilities covered by the Safeguard Mechanism
- \$400.0 million over 4 years from 2023-24 to establish the Industrial Transformation Stream to support reduction of direct and indirect emissions at existing industrial facilities, or clean energy development, in regional Australia

- \$400.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to establish the Critical Inputs to Clean Energy Industries Stream to support the sovereign manufacturing capability of industries that produce inputs (primary steel production, cement and lime, alumina and aluminium) that are essential to the development of Australia’s clean energy industries
- \$14.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to accelerate the development of the offshore renewable energy industry growth strategy and regulatory compliance activities
- \$8.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support implementation and review of the Safeguard Mechanism reforms
- \$3.9 million over two years from 2023–24 for a review of policy options to reduce carbon leakage, including of an Australian carbon border adjustment mechanism.

Funding of \$89.0 million has also been provided through the Powering the Regions Fund to support energy transition investments important to regional Australia, including the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Capacity Investment Scheme* and *Ensuring the Supply of Reliable, Secure and Affordable Energy*.

The *Powering the Regions Fund* will continue to support Government purchase of Australian Carbon Credit Units.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measures titled *Establishing Offshore Renewables in Australia* and *Powering Australia – establishing the Powering the Regions Fund*.

**Protecting Australia’s Iconic National Parks**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Director of National Parks	-	76.7	122.0	86.1	70.4

The Government will provide \$355.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$68.0 million per year ongoing) to protect Commonwealth National Parks and marine reserves and deliver critical infrastructure funding for the Muṯiṯjulu community, home to the Traditional Owners of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Funding includes:

- \$127.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$40.3 million per year ongoing) to sustain the Director of National Parks’ core business, and deliver environmental conservation, on-park research and threatened species protection
- \$92.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.7 million per year ongoing) to provide essential water, sewerage and electrical services for the Muṯiṯjulu community
- \$70.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$25.6 million per year ongoing) to sustain existing assets and prevent further deterioration, and address immediate safety risks by replacing assets at the end of their functional life

- \$27.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to address critical infrastructure needs, including housing, at the Booderee, Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks
- \$25.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to improve visitor and tourism infrastructure at Kakadu National Park
- \$10.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) for essential technology and communication upgrades.

This measure, which includes essential water services for Mutitjulu, will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the *National Water Grid Fund*.

See also the related payment measure titled *National Water Grid Fund – addressing legacy projects* in the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Portfolio.

### Securing the Future of Australia’s Marine Science

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Institute of Marine Science	-	35.3	42.7	42.5	42.9

The Government will provide \$163.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$43.5 million per year ongoing) to secure the future of the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS), addressing its ongoing financial sustainability. Funding includes:

- \$88.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$29.7 million per year ongoing) for necessary increases to AIMS’ workforce to enable it to continue delivering on projects to protect and restore the Great Barrier Reef
- \$40.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$11.2 million per year ongoing) for enhancement of existing science and technology capabilities to improve the scale, scope and speed of marine monitoring and data analysis
- \$31.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.3 million per year ongoing) for critical electrical infrastructure upgrades and refurbishment of unusable and unsafe lab and office facilities
- \$3.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.3 million per year ongoing) for the replacement of the AIMS’ small research vessel.

**Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – infrastructure improvements**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	-	25.7	19.6	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$45.2 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue the renewal and repair of heritage-listed infrastructure and undertake public safety improvements at North Head Sanctuary and Cockatoo Island.

The additional funding will support work to address the critical backlog of repair work at the North Head Sanctuary and Cockatoo Island.

The Government will consider future funding for the measure titled *Sydney Harbour Federation Trust – infrastructure improvements* when longer-term delivery plans for the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust *Strategic Asset Management Plan* are known.

**Urban Rivers and Catchments Program – additional funding**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-17.3	3.2	6.9	7.2

The Government will provide additional funding of \$118.5 million over 6 years from 2023–24 for the *Urban Rivers and Catchments Program* to fund projects to improve local waterways, fund activities that restore the natural habitats of aquatic species and create recreational spaces for local communities. The additional funding will deliver the next phase of the program.

This measure will be partially offset by reprofiling funding from the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Next Phase of Natural Heritage Trust Funding*.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Urban Rivers and Catchments Program*.

### Waste Export Ban – delayed cost recovery

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	3.9	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	3.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.9 million in 2023–24 to delay the commencement of cost recovery for the regulation of waste exports under the *Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020* by one year to 1 July 2024 in recognition of the financial pressure on the recycling industry as it adapts to the full implementation of the waste export ban.

Cost recovery arrangements and future funding for this measure will be reviewed in the 2024–25 Budget to ensure they are fit-for-purpose, once introduced.

### Water Market Reform – strengthening integrity and transparency

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Bureau of Meteorology	-	7.5	8.5	8.8	7.9
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	7.5	8.5	8.8	7.9

The Government will provide \$32.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$3.4 million per year ongoing) to restore transparency, integrity and confidence to water markets including:

- a single digital platform for national water data management
- a new water market website to publish minute-by-minute updates on water market information
- water market data standards that prescribe the data that must be provided to the Bureau of Meteorology to support transparency and enforceability of the new water market regulatory regime.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve until the project’s ICT investment approval process is completed.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Murray-Darling Basin – water market reform*.



## Cross Portfolio

### Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	..	3.5	6.2	6.3	-
Department of the Treasury	-	30.5	26.5	16.5	16.5
National Indigenous Australians Agency	42.2	2.0	14.7	24.7	31.0
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	-4.0	-3.5	-1.7	-
Department of Education	-40.0	0.3	0.1	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>47.5</b>

As part of a \$250 million investment, the Government will provide funding of \$155.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support the *Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan*. Funding includes:

- \$50.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 under the *Infrastructure Investment Program* for infrastructure projects in Central Australia
- \$40.4 million over two years from 2023-24 to schools in Central Australia to improve school attendance and education outcomes. This measure will prioritise community engagement and locally driven responses in partnership with local community organisations
- \$23.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to expand the Child & Youth Assessment & Treatment Service and support the development of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation's 'Health Hub' in Alice Springs
- \$10.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for justice reinvestment initiatives in Central Australia to reduce crime, contact with the criminal justice system and recidivism through the Confiscated Assets Account
- \$10.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for broadband and mobile services upgrades to support digital connectivity needs for First Nations people in Central Australia through the *Regional Connectivity Program*
- \$9.2 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to address community safety and early intervention and crime prevention projects for First Nations people in Central Australia

- \$7.5 million over two years from 2023–24 for coordination, governance activities and capacity building in community-controlled organisations
- \$3.9 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for the development of a Youth Services Action Plan for Central Australia
- \$1.2 million in 2023–24 to establish up to 5 Junior Ranger sites in Central Australia
- \$0.3 million in 2022–23 to provide mobile and internet for Wi-Fi connectivity in Alice Springs Town Camps through the *Digital Connectivity Project*.

The remaining \$94.1 million over 5 years from 2022–23 will be held in the Contingency Reserve pending further work with Central Australian communities and First Nations organisations on the design and implementation of additional measures as part of the *Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan*.

This builds on the initial \$48.8 million package to improve community safety in Alice Springs and Central Australia announced by the Prime Minister on 24 January 2023. Funding included:

- \$25.0 million in 2023–24 to extend funding for safety and community services in Alice Springs
- \$14.2 million in 2022–23 to improve community safety in Alice Springs and surrounds
- \$2.0 million for CCTV, lighting and safety measures in Alice Springs
- \$5.6 million in 2023–24 for additional emergency accommodation and safe places in Alice Springs
- \$2.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to boost domestic violence services through the Tangentyere Council.

### Delivering the Referendum to Recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples in the Constitution Through a Voice to Parliament

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	5.5	-	-	-
Old Parliament House	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Electoral Commission	-	15.5	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	10.5	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	<b>31.5</b>	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$364.6 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to deliver the referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples in the Constitution through a Voice to Parliament. Funding includes:

- \$336.6 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Australian Electoral Commission to deliver the referendum, including \$10.6 million to produce information pamphlets for the ‘yes’ and ‘no’ cases for distribution to all Australian households
- \$12.0 million over two years from 2022–23 for the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and the Museum of Australian Democracy for neutral public civics education and awareness activities
- \$10.5 million in 2023–24 to the Department of Health and Aged Care to increase mental health supports for First Nations people during the period of the referendum
- \$5.5 million in 2023–24 to the NIAA for consultation, policy and delivery.

The Government will also extend the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Indigenous Voice – Local and Regional Voice Implementation* until 30 June 2025, to enable the investment of \$20.0 million to progress Regional Voice arrangements.

Partial funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government including \$160.0 million provisioned in the 2016–17 Budget measure titled *Towards Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples*.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Delivery of a First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum – preparatory work*.

**Energy Price Relief Plan**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of the Treasury	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Services Australia	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.7 million per year ongoing) to reduce the impact of rising energy prices on Australian households and businesses by providing targeted energy bill relief and progressing gas market reforms. Funding includes:

- \$1.5 billion over two years from 2023–24 to establish the Energy Bill Relief Fund to support targeted energy bill relief to eligible households and small business customers, which includes pensioners, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders, Family Tax Benefit A and B recipients and small business customers of electricity retailers
- \$14.7 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.7 million per year ongoing) to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to administer and enforce compliance with a temporary cap of \$12 per gigajoule on the price of gas and to develop and implement a mandatory gas code of conduct
- \$9.5 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for the Australian Energy Regulator to monitor coal and gas markets across the National Electricity Market.

The Government will also provide funding to support the New South Wales and Queensland governments to implement a cap of \$125 per tonne on the price of coal used for electricity generation. This funding is not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Supporting the Supply of Australian Gas*.

### Improving the Administration of Student Loans

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Education	3.3	11.5	12.6	7.5	1.9
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	13.6	18.7	4.7	4.7
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.2	0.2	0.1	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>6.7</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
<i>Department of Education</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
<b>Total – Receipts</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>

The Government will provide \$87.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (including \$53.1 million in capital funding, and \$2.0 million per year ongoing) to improve the administration of student loans and enhance the security and privacy of data holdings. Funding includes:

- \$42.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations to implement a new digital solution to support the efficient and effective administration of the *VET Student Loans* program
- \$36.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.0 million per year ongoing) for the Department of Education to optimise the Tertiary Collection of Student Information system to improve data quality, analytic support and the security of tertiary student loan records
- \$8.7 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Commonwealth Ombudsman and the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations to extend the *VET FEE-HELP* student redress measures by one year to 31 December 2023.

The Government will also forgo \$5.4 million in receipts over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$15.5 million over two years to 2033–34) to support students affected by a delay in the transfer of some historical tertiary education loan records to the Australian Taxation Office. This will mean waiving the following debts for affected loans, as determined at the date of transfer to the Australian Taxation Office:

- historical indexation, as well as indexation that will be applied on 1 June 2023 on loans issued prior to 1 July 2022 under the *Higher Education Loan Program*, the *VET Student Loans* program, the *Trade Support Loans* program and on loans issued in 2017 and 2018 under the *VET FEE-HELP* program
- outstanding debt for *VET FEE-HELP* loans issued from 2009 to 2016.

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

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Education – reprioritisation* and *Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation*.

### Women’s Safety

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	91.5	79.1	-	-
Federal Court of Australia	-	10.3	7.7	7.8	7.8
Department of Social Services	-	8.0	19.1	13.5	9.5
Attorney-General’s Department	-	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.6
Department of Home Affairs	-	5.1	2.0	1.4	1.5
Australian Law Reform Commission	-	1.7	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>113.6</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>24.4</b>

The Government will provide a further \$326.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$19.4 million per year ongoing) to deliver women’s safety initiatives under the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–32* (the National Plan). Funding includes:

- \$159.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to extend the Family and Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses National Partnership Agreement with state and territory governments and to continue to address service gaps to and support frontline service delivery
- \$38.2 million to extend the current *Escaping Violence Payment (EVP)* and *Temporary Visa Holders Experiencing Violence Pilot (TVP)* to January 2025. The cost of this proposal would be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services
- \$33.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$7.6 million per year ongoing) to continue and expand nationally the *Family Law Priority Property Pool* program (PPP500) that helps separated couples achieve quick, fair and affordable settlements via a streamlined court process to resolve small property disputes
- \$24.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$5.9 million per year ongoing) to pilot an additional referral pathway for the *Support for Trafficked People Program* and restructure the program to better meet the needs of victim-survivors, while increasing ongoing funding to address current and projected demand

- \$18.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$5.0 million per year ongoing) to improve safety in international child abduction cases for women and children fleeing violence
- \$13.4 million over two years from 2023–24 to extend the *Lawyer-assisted Family Law Property Mediation* program, assisting separated couples to mediate and reach agreement on property division in family law matters involving small property pools
- \$12.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to develop and distribute social media resources for young people on consent with advice from an expert advisory group, and to support community-led sexual violence prevention pilots
- \$10.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to expand the family violence provisions within the *Migration Regulations 1994* and support visa holders experiencing domestic and family violence, including secondary applicants for permanent visa subclasses, offshore temporary Partner visa applicants and Prospective Marriage visa holders
- \$8.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for initiatives aimed at early intervention to prevent domestic, family and sexual violence, including by developing a perpetrator risk assessment framework for frontline service providers, extending the Mensline Changing for Good Service and developing a national perpetrator referral database of services to improve uptake of intervention services
- \$6.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.9 million per year ongoing) for the Attorney-General’s Department to work with states and territories to strengthen and harmonise sexual assault and consent laws, and for the Australian Law Reform Commission to review justice responses to sexual violence
- \$3.3 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to review emergency accommodation services and their suitability for children and to conduct an independent evaluation of the 1800RESPECT service.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Women’s Safety*.

See also the related payment measure titled *Women’s Safety – First Nations*.

**Women’s Safety – First Nations**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	19.0	37.8	6.9	6.5
Department of Social Services	-2.3	10.7	38.0	67.1	22.9
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>29.4</b>

The Government will provide \$194.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$4.0 million in 2027–28) to support the *Dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan* (Action Plan) under the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032*. Funding includes:

- \$145.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24, including a provision of \$128.6 million in the Contingency Reserve, to support activities which address immediate safety concerns for First Nations women and children who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, family, and domestic and sexual violence
- \$23.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support families impacted by violence and at risk of engaging in the child protection system, through delivery of 7 place-based, trauma-aware and culturally responsive healing programs aimed at early intervention and recovery and supporting families
- \$17.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to deliver on family safety initiatives under the Action Plan
- \$7.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$4.0 million in 2027–28) to support the development of a standalone First Nations National Plan for Family Safety, including governance, secretariat and data arrangements.

To support priorities under the 2023 *Commonwealth Closing the Gap Implementation Plan*, the Government will also provide \$68.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to support Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Providers to deliver legal and non-legal support for First Nations victim-survivors of family, domestic and sexual violence, and will also undertake an initial review to inform the development of a national standard for government data on lost, missing, or murdered First Nations women and children.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services and the National Indigenous Australians Agency’s *Indigenous Advancement Strategy*.

See also the related payment measure titled *Women’s Safety*.



## Defence

### Additional Assistance to Ukraine

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$189.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to deliver additional assistance to Ukraine following the invasion by Russia. This includes the provision of Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicles and unmanned aerial vehicles, infantry training to the Ukrainian Armed Forces and 155-millimetre artillery ammunition to Ukraine as part of a joint initiative between France and Australia.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence and funding already provided for by the Government.

This measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Assistance to Ukraine*.

### Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.4 billion over 10 years from 2023–24 to establish the Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator within the Department of Defence to lift capacity to translate disruptive new technologies into Defence capability rapidly, in close partnership with Australian industry.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment *Advanced Strategic Research Agency* as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*, and implements a key priority in line with the recommendations of the *Defence Strategic Review*.

### Australian Defence Force Deployments

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Defence	37.4	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$37.4 million in 2022–23 for Australian Defence Force deployments, including:

- assisting the Solomon Islands’ Government to maintain stability and security under *Operation Lilia*
- providing training to the Armed Forces of Ukraine as part of a United Kingdom-led program under *Operation Kudu*
- undertaking additional surveillance in support of the Department of Home Affairs’ *Operation Sovereign Borders*
- supporting the Vanuatu Government following Tropical Cyclones Judy and Kevin in March 2023, including deployment of personnel, air transport and aerial damage assessments under *Operation Vanuatu Assist 23*.

### Department of Veterans’ Affairs Claims Processing – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Veterans’ Affairs	-	64.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$64.1 million in 2023-24 to provide additional resourcing to help eliminate the claims backlog and continue providing increased support to veterans who are having claims processed. This measure will respond to increased demand for downstream services, particularly in the Veteran Access Network, Complex Case Management, Account Processing, Information Access and Rehabilitation, Pharmacy and Health Approvals.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measures titled *Investing in Frontline Service Delivery* and *Expanding the Demand Driven Funding Model*.

This measure supports the *Australian Government Response to the Interim Report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide*.

**Extension of the Defence Industry Pathways Program**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.4 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to extend the Defence Industry Pathways Program within the Western Australian shipbuilding sector. The Program provides 12-month skills development opportunities through which participants gain an understanding of defence industry and obtain a nationally accredited Certificate III qualification.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

**Modernisation and Sustainment of ICT Systems**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	71.1	67.0	59.9	55.7
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	-	71.2	67.1	60.0	55.8

The Government will provide \$254.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$56.1 million per year ongoing from 2027–28) to replace, enhance and sustain the Department of Veterans' Affairs' new and at-risk legacy ICT systems.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Modernisation to Reduce Wait Times to Access Support and Services*.

This measure supports the *Australian Government Response to the Interim Report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide*.

**Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program – initial implementation**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	34.7	39.9	-	-
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	-	19.1	6.2	-	-
Department of Education	-	11.0	26.9	39.9	50.7
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	-	10.2	6.1	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	4.5	3.1	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	1.9	2.0	-	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	1.7	3.5	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	1.5	1.6	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	1.2	1.2	-	-
Department of Defence	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Finance	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>50.7</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	-	-	..	..

The Government will provide \$4.5 billion over 10 years from 2023–24 (and \$482.7 million per year ongoing) to support the initial steps in Australia's acquisition of a conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability. This forms part of the whole-of-program costs over the decade and funding includes:

- \$4.2 billion over 10 years from 2023–24 (and \$482.7 million per year ongoing) to support the establishment and ongoing operation of a new Australian Submarine Agency (the Agency), within the Defence portfolio to manage Australia's nuclear-powered submarine program. This includes \$15.3 million over 10 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) to establish an Independent Monitor and Adviser to provide independent assurance for the nuclear-powered submarine program through periodic health-checks and proactive advice. The Agency will be funded through the Department of Defence until the Agency has been formally established
- \$127.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for 4,000 additional commencing Commonwealth supported places at universities and other higher education providers for courses that support the skills requirements of the nuclear-powered submarine program, including STEM and management disciplines. Of these places, at least 800 will be allocated to South Australian universities with the remainder to be allocated through a competitive process

- \$87.2 million over two years from 2023–24 to support initial regulatory activities and the development of regulatory standards and frameworks, and non-proliferation and safeguards arrangements for the nuclear-powered submarine program including:
  - \$25.2 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency to conduct nuclear licencing activities and provide advice and services
  - \$21.9 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office to support the establishment of non-proliferation and safeguard arrangements with the International Atomic Energy Agency
  - \$16.3 million over two years for the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation to support radiological baselining and monitoring, and provide advice on the safe implementation of nuclear technology
  - \$7.9 million in 2023–24 for the Agency to support the establishment of the Australian Nuclear-Powered Submarine Safety Regulator and develop associated nuclear regulatory standards and frameworks
  - \$7.6 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to conduct the environmental regulation and assessments required under relevant environmental legislation
  - \$5.2 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Australian Radioactive Waste Agency within the Department of Industry, Science and Resources to support the development of radioactive waste management, storage and disposal arrangements with the Department of Defence and the Agency
  - \$3.1 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Department of Health and Aged Care to provide radiation health and safety advice, and support the review national of regulatory arrangements
- \$52.7 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide international policy advice and diplomatic support for the nuclear-powered submarine program
- \$11.1 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Department of Finance to provide commercial, financial and investment program management advice in support of the delivery of the nuclear-powered submarine program
- \$3.9 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations to establish a dedicated taskforce to support the development and delivery of skills and training initiatives for the nuclear-powered submarine program
- \$2.4 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Attorney-General’s Department to provide legal and policy advice for the nuclear-powered submarine program, including for the development of relevant treaties and international agreements

- \$1.1 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Department of Education to support the development and delivery of education, skills and training initiatives for the nuclear-powered submarine program.

The Government will also provide Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd with an equity injection over 5 years from 2023–24 to commence early construction and design works for a submarine construction yard and to design the Skills and Training Academy, in South Australia. The financial implications of this component of the measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

This measure forms part of the Government’s nuclear-powered submarine program announced on 14 March 2023.

This measure will support the implementation of the Government’s response to the *Defence Strategic Review (2023)*.

This measure will be offset through a broader reprioritisation within the *Defence Integrated Investment Program*.

### Recognising the Australian Defence Force’s Unique Service to the Nation

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$397.4 million over two years from 2023–24 to support the retention of Defence personnel and the achievement of Defence’s workforce growth targets. Funding includes:

- \$395.4 million over two years from 2023–24 to pilot a \$50,000 continuation bonus that would be offered to Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel nearing the completion of relevant initial periods of service
- \$2.0 million in 2023–24 to conduct a defence housing feasibility review aimed at reducing the housing burden on ADF personnel, encouraging home ownership and ensuring Defence housing meets future needs.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure supports the priority for growth and retention of a highly skilled Defence workforce within the Government’s response to the *Defence Strategic Review*.

**Sir John Monash Centre – additional funding**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional capital funding of \$8.3 million over 6 years from 2023–24 to support the Sir John Monash Centre in France.

The additional funding is required to replace ageing technical equipment and maintain compatibility with new and emerging technology.

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

**Supporting Veteran Families at Risk**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$0.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.2 million per year ongoing) to expand the supports under the *Defence, Veterans' and Families' Acute Support Package Act* to grandparents who are full-time carers for grandchildren who are children of a veteran.

**Supporting Veterans – volunteer training in suicide recognition and intervention**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.0	1.0	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$2.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue the Department of Veterans' Affairs' mental health literacy and suicide intervention training program for the ex-service community.

This measure supports the *Australian Government Response to the Interim Report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide*.

## Education

### Additional Child Care Subsidy – improving access

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	-	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
Department of Education	-	..	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide \$2.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to streamline the delivery of the Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) and expand the exceptional circumstances criteria that can be applied to applications to backdate ACCS (child wellbeing) by more than 28 days.

The changes will improve access to the ACCS (child wellbeing), which supports families that need practical help to support their child’s safety and wellbeing.

The cost of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Child Care Subsidy Reform – additional integrity* and *Education – reprioritisation*.

### Child Care Subsidy Reform – additional integrity

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	-	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
Department of Education	-	-29.5	-37.4	-38.9	-39.0
Total – Payments	-	-28.2	-36.0	-37.6	-37.6

The Government will undertake additional payment integrity activities to safeguard the *Child Care Subsidy* program from fraud and non-compliance. This will achieve net savings of \$139.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24.

Funding of \$13.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 will be provided to the Department of Education to support a range of activities to further reduce fraudulent Child Care Subsidy claims. To support this work, Services Australia will receive a further \$5.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for their digital forensics capability.

The savings from this measure will offset the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce* and other Government policy priorities in the Education portfolio.



This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Child Care Subsidy Reforms Integrity Package*.

### Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Education	0.1	30.8	25.5	9.1	6.9

The Government will provide \$72.4 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) sector to build and retain the ECEC workforce. Funding includes:

- \$34.4 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to subsidise ECEC services to backfill up to 75,000 early childhood educators, early childhood teachers and centre directors to undertake mandatory or highly recommended training, or to pay an allowance to the educator if training is undertaken outside work hours
- \$33.1 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to provide financial assistance for up to 6,000 educators in the ECEC sector to undertake a paid practicum in initial teacher education courses at a bachelor or post-graduate level
- \$4.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support up to 2,000 ECEC workers to undertake a practicum exchange at a different service, with a living allowance for students undertaking a practicum in a rural or remote location.

The initiatives will prioritise support for First Nations educators, and educators in regional and remote areas.

The cost of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Child Care Subsidy Reform – additional integrity* and *Education – reprioritisation*.

### Education – reprioritisation

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Education	-14.1	-15.4	-9.0	-10.7	-3.9

The Government will achieve savings of \$53.1 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$3.8 million per year ongoing) across the Education portfolio. Savings include:

- \$36.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.0 million per year ongoing) from legacy grant schemes the *Strategic University Reform Fund* and the *Regional Research Collaboration Program* to optimise the Tertiary Collection of Student Information system to improve data quality, analytic support and the security of tertiary student loan records
- \$11.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 from uncommitted funding in the *National School Reform Fund* and the *Quality Outcomes Program* identified through the Government Spending Audit
- \$3.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.7 million per year ongoing) by ceasing funding for the *Quality Initiatives Program*, which is duplicative of other expenditure in the Education portfolio
- \$1.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) by recovering overpayments and improving funding integrity in non-government schools.

The savings from this measure will be redirected to fund other Government policy priorities in the Education portfolio.

### First Nations – supporting education outcomes

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Education	-2.2	14.4	16.4	0.2	-

The Government will continue initiatives that support better educational outcomes for First Nations peoples, a key priority under the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap*. Funding includes:

- \$32.8 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Clontarf Foundation to extend its existing program for the 2024 school year to support school engagement for at-risk First Nations young men

- savings of \$4.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 from the *Building Boarding Schools on Country Program*, bringing total investment in the program to \$70.8 million to construct one new boarding school at Windjana Gorge, Western Australia and construct an Indigenous Education Research Centre near the school, and upgrade the existing Yiramalay Studio School in the Kimberley Region, Western Australia.

The Government will also expand the scope of the *City-Country Partnerships Program*, a commitment under the *2023 Commonwealth Closing the Gap Implementation Plan* that supports partnerships between high performing city schools and remote schools with a high proportion of First Nations students, to allow any high performing Independent, Catholic or Government metropolitan school to apply to participate in the program.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from within the Education portfolio.

### Higher Education Support – amendments

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Education	-10.0	5.4	2.6	1.3	0.7

The Government will provide additional funding of \$18.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$4.7 million per year ongoing) to extend and expand existing higher education student support programs. Funding includes:

- \$17.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$4.7 million per year ongoing) in additional funding for the *Higher Education Disability Support Program* to enable providers to better support students with disability to access and succeed in higher education, including by helping to purchase equipment and modify teaching materials and delivery methods
- \$1.0 million in 2023–24 to maintain the national Microcredentials Marketplace, which enables users to find and compare registered microcredential courses offered by tertiary education providers.

The Government will also extend the *Women in STEM Cadetships and Advanced Apprenticeships Program* for two years to 30 June 2027, to provide new and existing participants more time to complete their science, technology, engineering and maths qualification while simultaneously continuing their careers.

This measure will be fully offset by savings from within the Education portfolio.

### Strengthening the Capability of the Education Portfolio to Deliver Critical Functions

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Education	-	30.9	32.9	37.6	4.1
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	-	31.0	33.0	37.7	4.2

The Government will provide \$105.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (including \$57.9 million in capital funding, and \$4.1 million per year ongoing) to strengthen the Education portfolio’s capability to deliver critical functions. Funding includes:

- \$91.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (including \$57.9 million in capital funding, and \$4.1 million per year ongoing) to transform program administration for schools and higher education providers by developing a stable, secure, and streamlined information and communications technology platform
- \$14.2 million in 2023–24 to support the Department of Education’s critical business and policy functions.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Child Care Subsidy Reform – additional integrity* and *Education – reprioritisation*.

### Teacher Workforce Action Plan

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	4.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	-
Department of Education	-13.6	-3.2	-4.2	-6.6	0.4
Total – Payments	-9.6	3.8	2.8	0.4	0.4

The Government will provide \$35.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to attract more people to the teaching profession and retain more teachers in the workforce. This funding forms part of the \$328 million *National Teacher Workforce Action Plan* (the Action Plan) agreed by Commonwealth, State and Territory Education Ministers in December 2022. Funding includes:

- \$25.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish a Teacher Workload Reduction Fund to pilot new ways to reduce teacher workloads and maximise the time they have to teach
- \$10.0 million over two years from 2022–23 for a national communications campaign to raise the status of the teaching profession.

As part of the Action Plan the Government agreed in December 2022 to broaden the cohorts eligible for teaching bursaries to include mid-career professionals, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and other underrepresented communities.

In addition, the Government will provide \$9.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for the Department of Education, the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership, and the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority to support the implementation of the Action Plan.

This measure will be fully offset from savings within the Education Portfolio.

## Employment and Workplace Relations

### Addressing Silicosis and Silica-Related Diseases

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.3	2.0	0.8	0.8
Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency	-	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1
Total – Payments	-	3.2	3.1	1.9	1.9

The Government will provide \$10.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.9 million per year ongoing) to address the rise of silicosis in workers and develop a national strategy for the prevention of silicosis and silica-related diseases. Funding includes:

- \$4.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.8 million per year ongoing) to establish a dedicated occupational lung diseases team to oversee implementation and investigate long-term reforms for an improved national framework for occupational lung diseases
- \$4.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) to extend the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency’s remit to include the prevention of silicosis and other silica related occupational diseases and broaden the functions of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council
- \$1.2 million over two years from 2023–24 to Safe Work Australia’s social partners to increase awareness and support better work practices relating to managing silica dust in the workplace.

The cost of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation*.

### Australian Skills Guarantee – implementation

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	2.8	2.1	2.1	1.5

The Government will provide \$8.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) to implement the Australian Skills Guarantee, ensuring one in 10 workers on major Australian Government-funded projects is an apprentice, trainee or paid cadet.

The Australian Skills Guarantee will apply from 1 July 2024 to projects with contracts valued at \$10.0 million or more in the construction and information and communications technology sectors and will include sub-targets for women. More ambitious targets will be set for flagship construction projects with contracts valued at \$100.0 million or more.

For information and communications technology projects, initial targets for apprentices, trainees, paid cadets, and the targets for women will be negotiated with suppliers on a project-by-project basis, with targets based on workforce information provided during the tender process.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation*.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Australian Skills Guarantee*.

### Boosting Employment Support

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	4.6	18.2	2.0	0.8	0.2
Services Australia	..	0.6	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>

The Government will provide \$26.3 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to boost employment services for young Australians in the care economy, continue pre-employment services for First Nations people who are incarcerated, trial a new regional employment service approach and support workers and communities through enhancements to the *Local Jobs Program*. Funding includes:

- \$15.2 million over two years from 2022–23 to support the establishment of the Y Careers Agency to provide young people with employment opportunities in the care economy, including the early childhood education and care, disability and aged care sectors
- \$5.7 million over two years from 2022–23 to extend the *Time to Work Employment Services* program (non-remote) for 12 months to provide continued pre-employment services for First Nations people who are incarcerated
- \$5.6 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support continuity of employment services in the Broome employment region and ensure future services are responsive to the needs of the local community
- \$0.2 million in efficiencies over two years from 2023–24 through enhancements to the *Local Jobs* program to support workers and communities to adjust to dynamic economic and labour market conditions.

The Government will also abolish the *ParentsNext* program from 1 July 2024 and develop a replacement voluntary program, with interim changes to be considered as soon as possible to move *ParentsNext* to voluntary participation.

Y Careers delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

This measure will be offset by savings from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio – reprioritisation*.

### Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman	-	-4.1	-3.9	-3.9	-3.9
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-16.9	-36.4	-47.6	-48.3	-47.9
Total – Payments	-16.9	-40.5	-51.5	-52.2	-51.9

The Government will achieve savings of \$212.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$41.4 million per year ongoing) across the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio which will be redirected to fund other portfolio policy priorities. Savings include:

- \$111.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 by reducing place allocations for the *Self-Employment Assistance Small Business Coaching* program to more accurately reflect utilisation of places
- \$27.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 by temporarily reducing uncommitted *Industry Workforce Training* program funding
- \$22.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 by ceasing the *Entrepreneurship Facilitators Program* from 1 July 2023
- \$20.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 by temporarily reducing uncommitted funding to support Job and Skills Councils
- \$15.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 by reducing the departmental operating funding of the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman by 2.5 per cent
- \$10.4 million over two years from 2022–23 by not proceeding with the *Accelerating Australian Apprenticeships Pilot* program
- \$3.9 million over two years from 2022–23 by rescoping the *Skills Assessments Pilots* to align with current demand trends
- \$1.1 million in 2023–24 by ceasing the *Career Revive* program on 30 June 2023.



The savings from this measure will be redirected to fund other Government policy priorities in the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

### Extension of National Skills Agreement Negotiation Resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	5.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.5 million in 2023–24 to continue supporting negotiations on a long-term skills funding agreement with the states and territories. Subject to the outcome of these negotiations, the Government has also retained \$3.7 billion in the Contingency Reserve for a 5-year National Skills Agreement that will commence on 1 January 2024.

The cost of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation*.

### Foundation Skills Programs – redesign and pilot extension

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	12.9	-11.3	-6.2	4.6

The Government will introduce a redesigned Commonwealth foundation skills program to improve access to training for all Australians seeking to develop their language, literacy, numeracy and digital skills from 1 July 2024. This measure delivers on the Government’s commitment from the Jobs and Skills Summit to reinvigorate foundation skills programs to support workers and vulnerable Australians to gain secure employment.

The redesigned program will expand eligibility to those who are not registered job seekers, and will be delivered through a mix of national and local solutions to improve access and delivery. This will include a specific focus on First Nations people with place-based, whole of community projects designed to meet community language, literacy, numeracy, and digital needs, and delivered through First Nations organisations in partnership with TAFEs and other Registered Training Organisations, or Adult and Community Education sector providers.

The Government will also provide \$3.5 million over two years from 2022–23 to extend the Foundation Skills for Your Future Remote Community Pilots by 12 months to 30 June 2024 to align with the commencement of the redesigned program.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the *Foundation Skills for Your Future* program and the *Skills for Education and Employment* program.

**National Careers Institute – continuation**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	5.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$5.1 million in 2023–24 to continue functions of the National Careers Institute and to evaluate its role in supporting Australians to access careers information. Funding will ensure the *Your Career* website is based on the latest labour market data and will continue the delivery of the School Leavers Information Kit to enable young people to make informed decisions about their education, employment, and training pathways.

The cost of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation*.

**Safe and Fair Workplaces**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	12.5	12.1	1.1	1.1
Fair Work Commission	-	0.6	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>

The Government will provide \$27.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) to improve the safety and fairness of workplaces, and continue detailed consultation with key industries. Funding includes:

- \$20.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to increase to the Productivity, Education and Training Fund, to support engagement and practical activities of worker and employer representatives with workplace reforms as they progress and the implementation of the Government’s Workplace Relations agenda
- \$4.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) to establish the National Construction Industry Forum including representatives from key employer groups, unions and government to provide advice on major challenges facing the building and construction industry including workplace relations, industry culture, skills and training, safety, gender equality and productivity
- \$2.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to develop a targeted training package on workplace psychosocial hazards, to be provided to organisations that train health and safety representatives in the Commonwealth jurisdiction

- \$0.8 million in 2023–24 to conduct a review of modern awards in the context of new gender equality and job security objects and the updated modern awards and minimum wages objectives in the *Fair Work Act 2009*, the review will also consider opportunities to make awards simpler to use
- \$0.3 million in 2023–24 for a specialist review into the operations of the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman.

The Government is continuing its comprehensive consultation with stakeholders on the implementation of election commitments and Jobs and Skills Summit outcomes to close loopholes in the workplace relations system, including the Same Job, Same Pay principle, the regulation of employee-like forms of work, and legislating a fair, objective definition of casual employment.

The Government will also engage with stakeholders to explore the design and implementation of a national labour hire licensing scheme in Australia.

The cost of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Employment and Workplace Relations – reprioritisation*.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measures titled *Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit* and *Secure Australian Jobs*.

### Targeted Support for Apprenticeships

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	2.7	25.1	18.1	2.0	6.4
Services Australia	-	0.2	-25.5	-20.5	-9.9
Total – Payments	2.7	25.3	-7.3	-18.4	-3.5

The Government will provide additional funding of \$54.3 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to introduce a new non-financial support model for Australian Apprenticeships from 1 July 2024. The model will redesign and refocus key support services currently delivered by the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network to increase apprenticeship completion rates and the diversity of the apprentice workforce.

Grant funding of \$5.0 million over 3 years from 2024–25 will be provided to organisations with appropriate expertise in supporting women in the workplace, to further support women in historically male dominated trade apprenticeships. This will include providing education, advice or support to increase culturally safe and inclusive workplaces, reduce the cultural barriers to women’s participation, address workplace challenges and support businesses to attract and retain women. The new model will also provide support to women who commence their non-traditional trade apprenticeships prior to 1 July 2024 during their transition to new service arrangements.

This measure delivers on the Government’s commitment from the Jobs and Skills Summit to explore options to improve the apprenticeship support system and drive-up completions. It will also assist employers linked to major and flagship construction projects to meet their targets for apprentices and women under the Australian Skills Guarantee.

The cost of this measure will be offset by savings achieved from streamlining Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System service arrangements by transferring the processing of wage subsidy claims from Services Australia to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and providers.

## Finance

### Buy Australian Plan

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Finance	-	6.6	4.0	4.7	2.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	6.6	4.0	4.7	2.9

The Government will provide \$18.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) to the Department of Finance (Finance) to improve the Government procurement process for business, including:

- delivering tools to improve the ability of businesses to compete for procurement opportunities more effectively
- improving AusTender to increase transparency and establish a supplier portal for panels
- increasing engagement with small-to-medium enterprises to promote awareness of opportunities to sell to the Australian Government
- improving procurement and contract management capability across the Australian Public Service to deliver value-for-money Commonwealth procurements.

The cost of this measure will be met by an increase in fees Commonwealth entities pay to use Whole of Australian Government coordinated procurement arrangements managed by Finance.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Buy Australian Plan*.

### Electoral Commission – critical ICT replacement (second tranche)

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Finance	-	0.1	-	0.2	0.2
Australian Electoral Commission	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>

The Government will provide additional funding (including capital and ongoing funding) to build and sustain the second tranche of the Australian Electoral Commission’s (AEC) ICT modernisation project.

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

The financial implications for this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to ongoing commercial negotiations.

### Finance Portfolio – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Finance	-	18.0	12.3	12.4	12.5

The Government will provide \$55.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$12.5 million per year ongoing) for the Department of Finance (Finance) to support the delivery of the Government’s policy agenda, including:

- \$40.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$9.5 million ongoing) to increase Finance’s capacity to deliver high quality policy and financial advice, improve the quality of government spending and investment and strengthen governance arrangements for government entities
- \$10.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$3.0 million ongoing) to enhance the accountability and effectiveness of the Government’s use of specialist investment vehicles by establishing a comprehensive central oversight and governance function within Finance
- \$4.0 million in 2023–24 for enhancements to the Parliamentary Expenses Management System to improve governance, operational support for clients and transparency of parliamentary expenses.

### Improving the Culture of Parliamentary Workplaces

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Finance	-	16.7	12.7	11.6	12.4
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	4.0	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>12.4</b>

The Government will provide \$57.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$12.4 million per year ongoing) to improve the culture of parliamentary workplaces for both parliamentarians and staff. Funding includes:

- \$51.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$12.4 million per year ongoing) to establish the Parliamentary Workplace Support Service as an independent statutory authority to provide human resources, and work health and safety support to parliamentarians and staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*
- \$5.7 million in 2023–24 for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Finance to implement remaining recommendations from *Set the Standard: Report on the Independent Review into Commonwealth Parliamentary Workplaces* (Set the Standard Report).

This measure delivers on the Government’s commitment to implement the recommendations of the Set the Standard Report.

### Next Steps for Digital ID

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Finance	-	10.0	-	-	-
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	1.1	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	1.1	-	-	-
Digital Transformation Agency	-4.5	4.5	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The Government will provide \$26.9 million in 2023–24 to sustain and develop the next stage of the Digital ID program. Funding includes:

- \$24.7 million for the Department of Finance and the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) to maintain the current Digital ID system and design the policy and legislative foundations to transition to an economy-wide Digital ID ecosystem with an independent regulator

- \$1.1 million for the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to provide ongoing privacy assurance for the Digital ID program
- \$1.1 million for the Australian Taxation Office for communications research associated with the myGovID brand.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the DTA.

### Parliamentary Workplace Reform

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Finance	-	39.6	39.7	39.8	39.9

The Government will provide \$159.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$39.9 million per year ongoing) to provide additional frontline electorate staff resources for each parliamentarian, and extend the nominated traveller expense entitlement to every parliamentarian, to support an increased capacity for parliamentarians to be engaged and responsive to the increased needs of the community.

### Securing a Unique and Critical Defence Capability

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Defence	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Finance	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will acquire an ownership interest in CEA Technologies Pty Limited to expand its sovereign defence capability and ensure the continued development and supply of equipment critical to Australia’s defence capability. The ownership interest will grow to 100 per cent over a number of phases.

The Government will also provide \$3.2 million over 4 years from 2023-24 (and \$0.8 million per year ongoing) to support effective governance of the Commonwealth interest in CEA Technologies Pty Limited.

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



## Foreign Affairs and Trade

### An Australian Development Program Fit for Our Times

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	5.6	10.4	10.3	132.2

The Government will provide \$158.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 and \$8.6 billion over 10 years from 2027–28 in additional Official Development Assistance to ensure that Australia’s Official Development Assistance to developing countries continues to grow. Funding includes:

- \$121.8 million in 2026–27 and \$8.6 billion over 10 years from 2027–28 to increase Australia’s Official Development Assistance budget by 2.5 per cent per year on an ongoing basis from 2026–27
- \$36.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to improve the administration of the program and maximise the benefits and effectiveness of Australia’s investment.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Additional Official Development Assistance*.

### Austrade and Export Market Development Grants – reprioritisation

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	3.0	5.0	-43.5	-25.5

The Government will achieve savings of \$61.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 by reducing funding for the Export Market Development Grants program. No funding already committed or applications currently under assessment will be impacted by this measure.

The savings from this measure will be redirected to fund Government policy priorities in the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

### Australian Diplomatic Representation to Afghanistan

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.6

The Government will provide \$10.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.6 million per year ongoing) to continue Australian diplomatic representation to Afghanistan from Australia’s interim mission in Doha, Qatar, established following the international military withdrawal and the closure of the Australian Embassy in Kabul.

### Australian Engagement in Southeast Asia

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	7.8	10.3	10.8	11.9
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.8
Total – Payments	-	11.6	13.9	14.5	15.7

The Government will provide \$55.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$11.9 million per year ongoing) to enhance Australian diplomatic and business engagement with Southeast Asia and Timor-Leste. Funding includes:

- \$35.7 million over 4 years (and \$10.4 million per year ongoing) to build closer diplomatic and economic connections with Southeast Asia including by enhancing diplomatic capability, facilitating increased visits by leaders and emerging leaders from Southeast Asian nations and providing opportunities to study in Australia
- \$14.9 million to extend funding for the National Centre for Asia Capability (Asialink Business) for a further 4 years to support Australian businesses to deepen their engagement in our region
- \$5.2 million over 4 years (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) to increase diplomatic engagement with Timor-Leste.

**Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – Sasape Shipyard**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (National Interest component)</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will provide a financing package to Sasape International Shipyard Limited (Sasape) in Solomon Islands to support acquisition of land and capital upgrades to restore Sasape’s shipyard functionality.

The financing package includes a loan through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific complemented by grant funding which will be met from within Australia’s existing Official Development Assistance funding.

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

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – expansion*.

### Australian Secret Intelligence Service – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Secret Intelligence Service	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The Government will provide \$468.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$185.6 million per year ongoing) to modernise the Australian Secret Intelligence Service.

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

### Enhanced Strategic Capability

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	17.3	22.1	20.7	20.0

The Government will provide \$80.0 million over 4 years (and \$20.0 million per year ongoing) to increase cooperation with partners to support a peaceful, open, stable and prosperous region.

Funding will enhance the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s ability to communicate Australia’s story about who we are and promote our vision for the region.

**Enhancing Pacific Engagement**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	0.3	1.5	..	..	..
Australian Federal Police	-	71.9	74.6	71.1	99.6
Department of Home Affairs	-	7.6	6.5	7.8	8.3
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman	-	5.3	4.5	8.1	9.4
Department of the Treasury	-	5.0	15.0	25.0	35.0
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-	4.7	1.2	1.3	1.3
Attorney-General's Department	-	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.1
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.1
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-1.4	36.9	27.8	40.1	63.3
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-35.3	33.4	94.3	95.4	93.1
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-36.5</b>	<b>175.8</b>	<b>234.2</b>	<b>259.1</b>	<b>320.6</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	20.0	50.0	85.0	125.0
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-	..	..	10.0	10.0
<b>Total – Receipts</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>135.0</b>

The Government will provide \$1.9 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 to expand Australia's engagement with Pacific Island countries. Funding includes:

- \$370.8 million over 4 years to expand and improve the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme, to support sustainable scheme growth and improve support for workers in line with Australian and Pacific aspirations
- \$1.4 billion over 4 years to build Pacific peace and security, to support Pacific family priorities and the relevant commitments under the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent including:
  - Defence's expansion of Australia's engagement with Pacific Island countries including through the provision of security infrastructure and maritime security capability including in support of the Government's response to the Defence Strategic Review, with Defence expenditure to be met from within existing resources

- Australian Federal Police and the Attorney-General’s Department’s strengthening of Pacific law enforcement and criminal justice cooperation with partners in the Pacific
- \$114.3 million over 4 years to support a stronger, more united Pacific region, including supporting regional architecture, taking a regional approach to humanitarian relief and disaster preparedness, and improving diplomatic capability
- \$89.5 million over 4 years to deepen Pacific connections by strengthening cultural and people-to-people ties with the region and promote shared values.

Expansion and improvement of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme is estimated to increase receipts by \$300.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and the Department of Defence. This measure will also be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Support to the Pacific and Timor-Leste – additional support*.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measures titled *Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives and Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility*.

### Expansion of Emerging Markets Impact Investment Fund

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-15.0	-56.0	-52.0	-45.0

The Government will provide \$210.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to expand the Emerging Markets Impact Investment Fund (EMIIF) from \$40.0 million to \$250.0 million.

The EMIIF will continue to provide catalytic financing for small and medium enterprises operating in the Indo-Pacific and support the mobilisation of private and multilateral finance for development outcomes, including women’s economic empowerment and climate action.

The cost of this measure will be met from within Australia’s existing Official Development Assistance funding. As the majority of funding will provide equity and loan financing (rather than grants), the measure has a positive impact on the underlying cash balance.

### Indo-Pacific Economic Framework

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	6.6	9.7	7.8	7.8

The Government will provide \$31.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to deliver technical assistance and capacity building support to Indo-Pacific nations to participate in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF).

The IPEF is a regional arrangement with Indo-Pacific members to build cooperation and economic integration in the Indo-Pacific region.

### Maintaining Support for an Effective Foreign Service

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	110.9	93.2	94.5	78.3

The Government will provide \$376.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$77.3 million per year ongoing) to maintain and improve delivery of core activities of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Funding includes:

- \$250.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$69.8 million per year ongoing) to address a funding shortfall in overseas property expenses
- \$90.2 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for improvements to assure the reliability of DFAT’s International Communications Network at overseas posts
- \$29.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$6.6 million per year ongoing) to continue the administration of the *Foreign Arrangements Scheme* to ensure that arrangements between state or territory governments (and their entities) and foreign entities are consistent with Australia’s foreign policy
- \$3.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (\$5.7 million over 7 years from 2023–24) for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s participation in the design and build of, and transition to, the new National Security Office Precinct
- \$3.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.9 million per year ongoing) to sustain nuclear monitoring activities undertaken by Geoscience Australia.

### Simplified Trade System – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	13.6	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	8.0	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	1.7	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.6	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The Government will provide an additional \$23.8 million in 2023–24 to continue initiatives to modernise and improve Australia’s international trade system, including delivering the simplified trade system reforms and continuation of the Trade Information Service.

### Sydney WorldPride Grant

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	0.9	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$0.9 million in 2022–23 to support delivery of the Sydney Harbour Bridge WorldPride March held on 5 March 2023 in Sydney, New South Wales.



## Health and Aged Care

### 10 Year National Action Plan for LGBTIQ+ Health and Wellbeing

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.9 million over two years from 2022–23 to develop a 10 Year National Action Plan to support the health and wellbeing of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer and Asexual (LGBTIQ+) people and establish a LGBTIQ+ Health Advisory Group. The Action Plan will provide a national framework to improve the health outcomes of, and address health disparities, experienced by LGBTIQ+ Australians.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Supporting the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People*.

### A Modern and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	..	3.6	-1.2	-2.1	-2.3
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	5.6	-69.8	-122.0	-134.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.4	-0.6	-1.1	-1.3
Total – Payments	..	9.6	-71.5	-125.3	-137.6

The Government will provide \$137.2 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to ensure better targeted and more effective health care, and provide certainty that the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) remains clinically appropriate, including:

- \$125.6 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to improve access to primary health care services and improve clinical practice through amendments to the MBS, including:
  - \$23.6 million to remedy previous changes to MBS orthopaedic items which have impeded patient access to orthopaedic procedures
  - \$18.5 million for testing genetic variants in patients suspected of having either a myeloid or lymphoid haematological malignancy

- \$16.8 million to introduce a new MBS item for an EndoPredict® gene expression profiling test to determine a patient’s risk of recurrent breast cancer
- \$13.1 million to introduce genetic testing for hearing loss in children
- \$10.9 million in 2023–24 to support the MBS Continuous Review program to ensure the MBS remains clinically appropriate.

The Government will also achieve efficiencies of \$461.3 million over 5 years from 2022-23, including:

- \$301.9 million over 3 years from 2024–25 by streamlining and modernising Chronic Disease Management planning items and improving associated regulations from 1 November 2024, consistent with recommendations from the MBS Review Taskforce
- \$151.7 million over 5 years from 2022–23 by reforming the MBS time-tiered general attendance items for general practice, including:
  - \$250.8 million of efficiencies to introduce a minimum consultation time for Level B items for general practitioners (GPs) to promote consistency in GP billing practices,
  - \$99.1 million to establish a new MBS item for a longer consultation of 60 minutes or more to support improved access and service affordability for patients with chronic conditions and complex needs
- \$6.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to align the MBS with contemporary practice, including:
  - \$3.1 million to introduce testing for the quantification of N-terminal pro B-type natriuretic peptide in patients with systemic sclerosis to assess the risk of pulmonary arterial hypertension
  - \$2.2 million to amend selected MBS Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery items and hospital requirements in line with sector advice, and to ensure patient safety is maintained
  - \$0.8 million to clarify co-claiming restrictions to ensure patients receive the same benefits for the same services, and improve practitioner billing practices
- \$0.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 by consolidating the Quality Use of Pathology Program into a redesigned Quality Use of Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Pathology Program from 1 July 2024.

**Aged Care Regulatory Reform**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	..	11.3	9.1	1.6	1.6
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	98.7	48.4	29.4	22.9
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	-	73.4	4.3	2.9	2.9
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.7	1.7	-	-
Total – Payments	..	185.1	63.5	33.9	27.5

The Government will provide additional funding of \$309.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to implement the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and other initiatives to strengthen the regulation of the aged care sector and improve the health and safety of older Australians receiving aged care. Funding includes:

- \$139.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to improve the accountability and transparency of approved aged care providers through enhancements to the Star Rating system
- \$72.3 million in 2023–24 to support the development and implementation of a new, stronger Aged Care Regulatory Framework to support the new Age Care Act which is due to commence from 1 July 2024
- \$59.5 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to fund the ICT infrastructure to establish a national worker screening and registration scheme from 1 July 2024
- \$25.3 million in 2023–24 to ensure the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission is appropriately resourced to deliver its audit and compliance program in 2023–24
- \$12.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to improve food and nutrition in aged care through the development, monitoring and enforcement of food and nutritional standards.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2022–23 October Budget Measure titled *Improving the Investment in Aged Care*.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Fixing the Aged Care Crisis*.

See also the related payment measure titled *Improving Aged Care Support* in the Health and Aged Care Portfolio.

The Government will consider future funding for this measure when the longer-term legislative arrangements under the new Aged Care Act are developed.

**Assistance for IVF – assisted reproductive technology storage**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	-	3.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-0.1	..	..	..
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-2.6	-1.6	-0.8	0.2
Total – Payments	-	0.9	-1.1	-0.3	0.7

The Government will subsidise, from 1 July 2023, storage costs of eggs, sperm or embryos for patients with cancer and people at risk of passing on genetic diseases or conditions, for eligible participants who have undergone Medicare Benefits Schedule covered genetic testing.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Support for New and Expecting Parents*.

**COVID-19 Aged Care Response**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	223.1	361.5	-	-	-
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	3.1	3.1	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0.3	-	-	-	-
Services Australia	0.1	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	226.7	364.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$591.3 million over two years from 2022–23 to continue the Government's response to COVID-19 in aged care. Funding includes:

- \$536.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to reimburse aged care providers for additional costs incurred due to COVID-19 outbreaks that occur on or before 31 December 2023
- \$41.3 million over two years from 2022–23 to extend access to in-reach PCR testing in residential aged care homes to 31 December 2023
- \$13.4 million in 2023–24 to reimburse aged care providers for the cost of leave entitlements for casual staff and those who have no other access to leave payments where staff cannot attend work due to being COVID-19 positive.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *COVID-19 Package – aged care*.

### COVID-19 Response

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	142.6	142.6	-	-	-
Services Australia	14.9	7.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	4.6	3.5	-	-	-
Australian Digital Health Agency	2.9	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>153.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>

The Government will provide additional funding over 5 years from 2022–23 to expand the COVID-19 vaccine strategy and provide Australians with COVID-19 treatments. Funding includes:

- \$757.4 million over two years from 2022–23 to ensure access to a range of vaccine administration channels, including community pharmacies, Primary Health Networks and the *Vaccine Administration Partnership Program*
- \$285.5 million over two years from 2022–23 to protect priority groups from COVID-19, by providing states and territories 50 per cent of the cost for Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing and agreed price per COVID-19 vaccination dose delivered for Australians most at risk of severe COVID-19 and death
- \$250.5 million over two years from 2022–23 to extend Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items for PCR pathology testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory pathogens to 31 December 2023
- \$160.2 million over two years from 2022–23 for additional COVID-19 vaccine procurement and logistic arrangements, and to extend the Essential Vaccines Schedule
- \$61.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to continue resourcing for the *National COVID-19 Vaccine Program*
- \$57.3 million over two years from 2022–23 to extend support for First Nations Australians to access COVID-19 testing and vaccinations to 30 June 2024
- \$43.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to invest in ICT infrastructure to prepare for future pandemic events and extend existing COVID-19 programs

- \$14.3 million over two years from 2022–23 to extend Commonwealth funding for Healthdirect’s Living with COVID service to 31 December 2023
- \$14.2 million over two years from 2022–23 to extend MBS items for general practitioners (GPs) to undertake telehealth consultations to evaluate eligible COVID-positive patients’ suitability for oral antivirals
- \$12.7 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to establish and maintain a scalable GP-led Respiratory Clinic Panel, to be activated in response to another COVID-19 wave or other major health emergency
- \$4.7 million in 2023–24 to partner with culturally and linguistically diverse communities to boost COVID-19 vaccination rates
- \$3.9 million over two years from 2022–23 to support COVID-19 expert advisory groups and rapid health technology assessments to provide advice on COVID-19 vaccines and treatments
- \$3.1 million in 2022–23 to support digital mental health services to meet increased demand driven by the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$0.8 million over two years from 2022–23 to support cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for mRNA COVID-19 vaccine-associated myocarditis
- \$0.7 million over two years from 2023–24 to improve the detection of COVID-19 in wastewater samples from selected inbound Qantas flights, and to test incoming passengers from China, Hong Kong and Macau.

The Government has made further COVID-19 treatment and vaccine purchases under existing advance purchase agreements on the advice of the Science and Industry Technical Advisory Group, including:

- the treatment tixagevimab and cilgavimab (Evusheld®)
- the Moderna COVID-19 bivalent BA.4/5 vaccine (Spikevax®).

The financial implications of the COVID-19 treatment purchases are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

The Government will also:

- maintain access to Medicare rebates for telehealth appointments for patients with COVID-19, regardless of whether they have an existing clinical relationship with a general practitioner, and subsidise consultations for vulnerable people with suspected COVID-19 to obtain a referral for a PCR test

- support eligible doctors and midwives through continued access to the Run-Off Cover Scheme by extending the medical indemnity legislative arrangements to address workforce shortages arising from COVID-19.

This measure will be partially met through the existing resources of the Department of Health and Aged Care. Commonwealth payments to the States are managed by the Treasury.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Guaranteeing Medicare– strengthening primary care*, 2022–23 October Budget measure *COVID-19 Package – Hospitals and Emergency Response*, *COVID-19 Package – Personal Protective Equipment and Rapid Antigen Tests*, *COVID-19 Response Package – Vaccine and Treatments*, 2022–23 March Budget measure *COVID-19 Response Package – Vaccine and Treatments*, 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *COVID-19 Package – Medicare and medicines*, 2021 – 22 MYEFO Measure *COVID 19 Response Package – vaccines and treatments purchases* and *COVID-19 Response Package – COVID-19 Vaccine Program*, and the 2020-21 MYEFO measure *COVID-19 Response Package-vaccination and treatments*.

### **Dengue and Other Disease Mitigation Through Mosquito Control in Tennant Creek**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	0.4	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-0.4	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide an additional \$0.4 million in 2023–24 to extend support to the Northern Territory Government’s dengue fever (and other mosquito-borne disease) mitigation measures in Tennant Creek program.

Commonwealth payments to the states are managed by the Treasury.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

### Enhancing National Strategies for Bloodborne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	9.8	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	<b>12.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>

The Government will provide \$19.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to extend activities to support the prevention, intervention and treatment of blood borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections. Funding includes:

- \$13.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to expand activities that aim to reduce the transmission of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in Australia, including providing appropriate care for all people living with HIV in Australia without access to Medicare
- \$6.6 million in 2023–24 for the continuation of activities through the national blood borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections strategies, including extending sexual health services provided by Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations to First Nations peoples.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

This measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Renewing Australia's Efforts to End the HIV Pandemic*.

### Ensuring Ongoing Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety for All Australians

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	-	3.7	3.3	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$9.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (including \$5.1 million in capital) to upgrade the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency's existing facilities and equipment and expand their workforce to support increased regulatory activity.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.



### Establish the Australian Centre for Disease Control

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	42.1	47.7	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	0.3	0.5	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Total – Payments	-	42.5	48.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$91.1 million over two years from 2023–24 (including \$0.2 million in capital) to commence the establishment of the Australian Centre for Disease Control.

### Funding Pay Increases for Aged Care Workers

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	0.8	8.3	1.3	0.8	0.8
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	246.3	105.4	73.3	76.7
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.1	-	-	-
Total – Payments	0.8	255.7	106.7	74.1	77.6

The Government will provide \$515.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$956.9 million over 10 years from 2022–23) to fund the outcome of the Fair Work Commission's decision on the Aged Care Work Value Case. The decision was to increase award wages by 15 per cent from 30 June 2023 for many aged care workers including registered nurses, enrolled nurses, assistants in nursing, personal care workers, home care workers, recreational activity officers, and some head chefs and cooks. Funding includes:

- \$311.2 million for a new grant program for *Commonwealth Home Support Programme* providers to cover the cost of the increase in award wages
- \$98.7 million for a new grant program to fund historical leave provisions for Commonwealth-funded aged care providers
- \$58.9 million for a targeted indexation boost to funding for the *Indigenous Employment Initiative, Multi-Purpose Service Program, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program, and Trusted Indigenous Facilitators* program
- \$6.7 million for a transition grant to provide temporary viability support for residential aged care providers
- \$2.0 million for a transition grant to cover any potential shortfall for care recipients under the *Home Care Packages Program*

- \$37.4 million in implementation costs for the Department of Health and Aged Care and Services Australia.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Improving the Investment in Aged Care*.

The Budget also includes \$10.9 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$29.2 billion over 10 years from 2022–23) to meet the cost of the Aged Care Work Value case with funding to other aged care programs including residential aged care and the *Home Care Packages Program*, which will be delivered through increases that will flow through program indexation.

### Good Friday Appeal – Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	-

The Government will donate \$6.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to The Royal Children’s Hospital’s Good Friday Appeal in 2023, 2024 and 2025. Funding will support world-class medical care for sick children and their families through treatment, research, leadership and training.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

### Implementing Aged Care Reform – home care

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	239.9	36.0	17.9	15.9
Services Australia	-	22.5	-	-	-
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	4.2	-	-	-
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	-	2.0	-	-	-
Department of Veterans’ Affairs	-	0.3	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	268.9	36.0	17.9	15.9

The Government will provide additional funding of \$338.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to improve the in-home aged care system. Funding includes:

- \$166.8 million in 2023–24 to release an additional 9,500 Home Care Packages
- \$73.1 million in 2023–24 for the design, build, implementation and sustainment of the ICT changes necessary to enable the new *Support at Home Program*
- \$71.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority to undertake pricing and costing research activities to develop efficient unit prices annually for the *Support at Home Program*
- \$15.7 million over two years from 2023–24 to establish a single aged care assessment system, including the establishment of a First Nations assessment workforce
- \$10.9 million in 2024–25 to run a trial to test products and services for a new assistive technologies loan program, commencing in July 2024 within 2 states and territories
- \$0.7 million in 2023–24 to establish the Aged Care Sustainability Taskforce to provide advice to Government on the creation and maintenance of a high quality and sustainable aged care system
- \$0.1 million in 2023–24 for an Independent Implementation Readiness Assessment of the aged care reforms.

The Government will postpone the commencement of the *Support at Home Program* to 1 July 2025 in response to sector feedback that a longer lead time is needed, and extend grant arrangements for the *Commonwealth Home Support Programme* for a further 12 months to 30 June 2025.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Improving the Investment in Aged Care*.

This measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Implementing Aged Care Reform*.

### Improving Aged Care Support

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	0.9	171.2	265.3	195.2	180.8
Services Australia	-	18.2	5.5	2.4	2.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	..	0.1	0.1
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>189.4</b>	<b>270.8</b>	<b>197.6</b>	<b>182.8</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	7.5	3.7	3.1

The Government will provide \$827.2 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to continue to improve the delivery of aged care services and respond to the *Final Report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety*. Funding includes:

- \$487.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$133.6 million ongoing) to extend, and make ongoing, the Disability Support for Older Australians Program
- \$112.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to introduce a new General Practice in Aged Care incentive payment to improve general practitioner attendance and continuity of care in residential aged care homes, and to reduce avoidable hospitalisations
- \$98.7 million over two years from 2023–24 for a new Market Adjustment Program and to provide business advisory services to improve the viability of the residential aged care sector
- \$81.9 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to develop and implement a new Aged Care Act to support aged care sector reform and undertake discovery and design of associated ICT system changes
- \$41.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (including \$11.9 million in capital funding from 2022–23) to build a new place assignment system, allowing older Australians to select their residential aged care provider
- \$6.3 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority to deliver its functions in line with amendments to the *Aged Care Act 1997* and the *Health Reform Act 2011* which took effect on 12 August 2022.

The Government will introduce a new hoteling supplement of \$10.80 per resident per day by separating out the existing hoteling component of the Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) price (the \$10 Basic Daily Fee Supplement) starting 1 July 2023. The Government will also adjust the care minute allocations within the AN-ACC funding model from 1 October 2023 to better align care minutes with resident needs.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Improving the Investment in Aged Care*.

This measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Implementing Aged Care Reform*.

### Improving Health Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	45.7	85.7	74.2	85.5
Cancer Australia	-	2.2	11.5	12.7	12.2
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>97.7</b>

The Government will provide \$363.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support its commitment to close the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health and wellbeing outcomes, and improve outcomes in aged care. Funding includes:

- \$238.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to improve First Nations cancer outcomes through building capability and growing the healthcare workforce to improve screening and prevention activities, coordination, access support and research and data collection
- \$77.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in aged care, including:
  - \$52.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to increase the funding available to aged care providers in very remote areas under the *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program* by calculating funding levels for residential care services using the Australian National Aged Care Classification price
  - \$8.1 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to support providers transition to new accountability measures and obligations under the proposed new Aged Care Act
  - \$7.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to fund capacity building of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to potentially provide aged care services
  - \$4.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to develop mandatory cultural awareness training for aged care staff
  - \$3.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support project and program assurance activities
  - \$1.7 million in 2023–24 to appoint an interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner
- \$28.2 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for workforce accommodation to support the delivery of 30 dialysis units for First Nations peoples in regional and remote Australia with end-stage kidney disease
- \$16.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to:
  - develop a national campaign to promote increased uptake of First Nations Australians' health assessments, and improve administration and coordination of health assessments and linkages with allied health services

- update eligibility for outcome payments under the *Practice Incentives Program – Indigenous Health Incentive* to include all Medicare Benefits Schedule items for the preparation and review of a *Mental Health Treatment Plan*
- \$1.4 million over two years from 2023–24 to expand the delivery of the Strong Born campaign which provides information about fetal alcohol spectrum disorder to First Nations peoples
- \$0.9 million in 2023–24 to the Australian Indigenous Doctors’ Association to continue to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors and medical students.

The Government will also transfer the management of the Puggy Hunter Memorial Health and Aged Care Scholarships Scheme from the Australian College of Nursing to a First Nations organisation from 2023–24.

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

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve until final sites for dialysis units have been determined.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

This measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Strengthening First Nations Health*.

### Improving the Investment in Aged Care

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Veterans’ Affairs	-	-	-15.5	-18.1	-22.6
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-583.5	-681.7	-851.8
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	-	-599.0	-699.8	-874.4

The Government will temporarily reduce the residential aged care provision ratio from 78.0 places to 60.1 places per 1,000 people aged over 70 years. The reduction in the ratio reflects the increasing preference of older Australians to remain in their homes, and will save \$2.2 billion over 3 years from 2024–25.

The savings from this measure will be redirected to the Government’s commitments in the health and aged care portfolio.

## Investment in Sport

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Sports Commission	-	8.5	1.1	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	4.8	0.5	1.0	3.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>

The Government will provide \$39.8 million over 7 years from 2023–24 to support major sporting events, sports diplomacy, and sport and physical activity in Australia. Funding includes:

- \$16.3 million over 6 years from 2024–25 to support the Confederation of Australian Sport to host the World Masters Games 2029 in Perth, Western Australia, with funding subject to confirmation of a successful bid for Australia to host this event
- \$8.3 million in 2023–24 for the extension of the *Local Sporting Champions* program, which supports young Australians to participate in state, national and international sporting competitions
- \$3.8 million in 2023–24 to the Australian Sports Foundation to enhance the organisation’s information technology network to address emerging cyber security risks
- \$3.3 million in 2023–24 to continue Surf Life Saving Australia’s vocational education and training support for Australia’s surf lifesaving volunteers
- \$3.3 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue and expand The Big Issue’s Community Street Soccer Program
- \$2.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to the Department of Health and Aged Care and the Australian Sports Commission to support women and girls participation in talent and development programs to increase female representations in coaching, officiating and sports administration
- \$1.6 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to Reconnect Australia to expand sport and recreation programs for disadvantaged Australians in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory
- \$0.8 million in 2023–24 to develop a new National Sport Plan and undertake a review of the *Australian Sports Commission Act 1989*
- \$0.2 million in 2023–24 to support development of the Government’s *Major Sporting Events Strategic Investment Model* to better quantify the broader social and economic impacts of major sporting events.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

### Long Term Dental Funding Reform Developmental Work and Interim Funding

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	107.8	107.8	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	1.9	0.9	0.2	..
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	109.7	108.7	0.2	..

The Government will provide \$219.4 million over 4 years from 2023-24 to progress work on longer-term adult public dental reform, extend the existing *Public Dental Services for Adults* funding agreement to 30 June 2025, and fund the 2023–2026 National Dental Care Survey.

The *Public Dental Services for Adults* funding agreement supports dental health services for adults who rely on the public dental system, through the states and territories.

Commonwealth payments to the states are managed by the Treasury.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

### Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	14.5	-5.1	-16.9	2.5	-
Department of the Treasury	9.2	19.4	25.8	26.3	-
Services Australia	0.7	4.0	1.2	1.1	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	..	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	24.5	18.9	10.5	30.4	0.5

After consultation with the states and territories, the Government will provide additional funding of \$358.5 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to deliver Medicare Urgent Care Clinics by the end of 2023, including for 8 new Clinics. The Medicare Urgent Care Clinics will reduce pressure on hospital emergency departments and improve access for urgent, but not life-threatening, care. All Medicare Urgent Care Clinics will be open during



extended business hours with no appointments required and will ensure that patients do not have out-of-pocket costs.

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

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Urgent Care Clinics*.

## Mental Health

### Payments (\$m)

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Mental Health Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-1.3	160.8	93.9	-79.7	-84.8
Total – Payments	-1.3	160.8	93.9	-79.7	-84.8

The Government will provide \$556.2 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$36.0 million ongoing) to strengthen Australia’s mental health and suicide prevention system. Funding includes:

- \$260.2 million over two years from 2023–24 to extend Commonwealth psychosocial supports for people with severe mental illness who are not in the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- \$136.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$36.0 million ongoing) to support the mental health of survivors of torture and trauma before moving to Australia on humanitarian grounds, through the *Program of Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma*, and other culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- \$91.3 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for additional psychology placements, including 500 psychology post-graduate placements, 500 one-year internships, and 2,000 supervisor training sessions (1,000 of which will be refresher places), and a redesign of psychology higher education pathways
- \$17.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to upskill the mental health capabilities of the broader health workforce through training, resources and professional development materials. This will include reviewing and improving undergraduate curricula for nursing, midwifery and allied health to ensure students are receiving contemporary training in mental health
- \$14.4 million over two years from 2023–24 to support the continuation of postvention services nationally for people experiencing grief and distress as a result of suicide loss
- \$8.7 million in 2023–24 to continue the current service capacity of digital mental health services and to maintain the Head-to-Health website

- \$8.7 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to establish and operate 2 independent national mental health lived-experience peak bodies to advise on mental health policies and programs and to support lived-experience research
- \$6.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue child and youth mental health supports, including supporting digital work and study and student mentoring
- \$6.2 million in 2023–24 to support children to build and maintain a positive body image and reduce body dissatisfaction and appearance pressures
- \$2.8 million in 2023–24 to extend mental health supports for Australians living with eating disorders and their families
- \$2.1 million in 2023–24 to continue the National Workplace Initiative to provide a centralised repository of evidence-based interventions to support employers to support the mental health of employees in the workplace
- \$0.9 million over two years from 2022–23 to support the continued operation of Head to Health services in Shepparton, Seymour, and Mildura.

The Government will partially offset these costs by redirecting \$46.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$10.2 million ongoing), achieved by reducing funding available under the 2018–19 Budget measure titled *Prioritising Mental Health – Aftercare following a suicide attempt*, and the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Mental Health*. Universal aftercare will continue to be provided under the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Aftercare services for people discharged from hospital following a suicide attempt*.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

The cost of this measure will also be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care and the National Mental Health Commission.

The Government has provisioned funding for future mental health priorities in response to the Better Access evaluation.

### National Clinical Quality Registry Program

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	8.3	10.2	11.0	10.4

The Government will provide \$40.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to establish the National Clinical Quality Registry Program for tracking the safety and performance of treatments and devices, thereby improving performance reporting for clinicians and hospitals.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

### National Immunisation Program

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	1.6	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	65.6	95.4	102.4	103.8
Department of the Treasury	-	-	2.9	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>104.3</b>

The Government will provide funding of \$449.4 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$118.0 million ongoing) and deliver efficiencies of \$74.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$18.1 million ongoing) for new and amended listings on the National Immunisation Program (NIP).

Funding of \$446.5 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$117.7 million ongoing) will be provided for Shingrix® to replace Zostavax® on the NIP for the prevention of herpes zoster virus (shingles) in a wider range of eligible patients.

From 1 July 2023, Gardasil®9, for the prevention of Human Papillomavirus, will be available to eligible patients up to the age of 25. The recommended dose schedule for some patients will reduce from 2 to one, resulting in efficiencies of \$71.2 million over 5 years (and \$17.8 million ongoing).

### National Medical Stockpile

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	0.7	0.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1.4 million over two years from 2022–23 to ensure the National Medical Stockpile can sustain its stock and procure additional chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear countermeasures, store surplus consumables and develop long term strategies.

**Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) New and Amended Listings**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	136.7	450.7	507.5	544.1	557.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.9	4.6	5.0	5.7	4.7
Services Australia	0.8	-0.5	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0
Total – Payments	139.5	454.8	511.8	548.9	560.7
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will provide \$2.2 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 for new and amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the Life Saving Drugs Program, the National Epidermolysis Bullosa Dressing Scheme and the Stoma Appliance Scheme.

Examples of new and amended PBS listings since the 2022–23 October Budget include:

- nirmatrelvir and ritonavir (Paxlovid®), for the treatment of adults with COVID-19
- evolocumab (Repatha®) from 1 December 2022, for the treatment of hypercholesterolaemia
- pegcetacoplan (EMPAVELI™) from 1 December 2022, for the treatment of adults with paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria
- vericiguat (Verquvo®) from 1 December 2022, for the treatment of chronic heart failure
- daratumumab (Darzalex®) from 1 January 2023, for the treatment of newly diagnosed systemic light chain amyloidosis
- faricimab (Vabysmo®) from 1 January 2023, for the treatment of neovascular age-related macular degeneration and diabetic macular oedema
- nivolumab + ipilimumab (OPDIVO®/YERVOY®) from 1 March 2023, for the treatment of Stage III or IV malignant melanoma
- elexacaftor + tezacaftor + ivacaftor (Trikafta®) from 1 May 2023, for the treatment of cystic fibrosis in patients aged 6 to 11 years
- vosoritide (Voxzogo®) from 1 May 2023, for the treatment of patients with achondroplasia whose epiphyses are not closed.

The cost of some medicines listed will be reduced by revenue from rebates negotiated as part of purchase agreements. Details of the receipts for this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

### Preparatory Work for Implementation of New Legislation to Modernise the National Gene Technology Scheme – more effective delivery of regulation

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	3.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.2 million in 2023–24 (including \$1.1 million in capital funding in 2023–24) to support legislative amendments to the *National Gene Technology Scheme* to ensure regulation is fit for purpose and supports the growth of the biotechnology sector.

### Preventive Health Reform

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	23.1	13.9	9.6	4.2

The Government will provide \$53.4 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.4 million ongoing) for preventive and other health initiatives. Funding includes:

- \$26.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to extend support for research and data collection activities that support women and girls' health outcomes
- \$10.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue support for Men's Sheds and existing national men's health research and data collection initiatives, in line with the *National Men's Health Strategy 2020–2030*
- \$6.3 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to continue the Australian Burden of Disease Study and initiatives to monitor and improve the evidence base of health and wellbeing outcomes, in line with the *National Preventive Health Strategy 2021–2030*
- \$4.3 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue research that supports prevention and early intervention initiatives for chronic conditions
- \$3.2 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to fund the Australian Branded Food Database, Healthy Food Partnership and contribute to the ongoing implementation of the Health Star Rating system in collaboration with the states and territories
- \$2.2 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.4 million ongoing) to continue, and implement changes to, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease scheme.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2023-24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

### Reducing Harm Caused by Alcohol and Other Drugs in Australia

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	19.4	13.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$33.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to improve health outcomes through extending existing alcohol and drug programs in the community.

Funding includes:

- \$17.3 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance program, which provides financial support to the social and community services sector
- \$5.9 million in 2023–24 for the Alcohol and Drug Foundation to run the Good Sports program, which offers free support to community sports clubs to develop policies relating to alcohol and other drug use and mental health
- \$3.5 million over two years from 2023–24 to the Glen for Women, which provides culturally appropriate alcohol and other drug treatment services to First Nations women
- \$3.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to Hello Sunday Morning for its Daybreak program, which provides free online and mobile app services to support Australians experiencing problematic use of alcohol to reduce their intake and related harms
- \$2.7 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Path2Help program, which provides a national online directory linking people to locally available support and information services
- \$1.1 million over two years from 2023–24 for the SMART Recovery Australia program online platform, which provides free access to addiction support programs.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

**Reducing Patient Costs and Improving Services through Community Pharmacies**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	0.2	0.9	-2.3	-5.2	-5.5
Department of Health and Aged Care	0.1	202.0	-131.5	-48.6	-80.2
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	3.0	2.7	0.4	0.4
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-4.1	-11.2	-14.9	-16.4
Total – Payments	0.2	201.7	-142.3	-68.3	-101.7
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will provide \$1.3 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 and deliver savings of \$1.3 billion over 4 years from 1 July 2023 to reduce patient costs and improve access to medicines and related services delivered by community pharmacies. Funding includes:

- \$654.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$168.4 million ongoing) for community pharmacy programs under the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement (7CPA)
- \$377.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$98.4 million ongoing) to make patient access more affordable under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Opioid Dependence Treatment program
- \$111.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$24.2 million ongoing) to provide electronic-prescription delivery infrastructure and services, including mandating the use of e-prescribing for high risk and high cost medicines subsidised under the PBS
- \$114.1 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$31.0 million ongoing) to subsidise community pharmacies to administer eligible National Immunisation Program vaccines
- \$79.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$19.9 million ongoing) to double the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance to ensure the ongoing viability of pharmacies due to reduced dispensing income
- \$10.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for the Therapeutic Goods Administration to assist medicine sponsors repurpose targeted medicines by expanding approval for their use in Australia.

The Government will also achieve efficiencies of \$1.3 billion over 4 years from 2023–24, including:

- \$1.2 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$438.7 million ongoing) by allowing 2 months’ worth of certain PBS medicines to be dispensed by pharmacies from 1 September 2023. Per year, per medicine, concession card holders may save up to \$43.80 and general patients may save up to \$180.
- \$73.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$3.6 million ongoing) by revising the estimated uptake and changing the medication management arrangements for residential aged care homes previously announced in the 2022–23 March Budget. Improved medication safety and quality use of medicines for residential aged care residents will be led by community pharmacy.

This measure will also be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

The savings from some medicines are impacted by revenue from rebates negotiated as part of purchase agreements. Details of the receipts for this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

### Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-414.6	-415.9	-417.0	-422.0

The Government has identified \$1.7 billion over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$422.9 million ongoing) from health and aged care programs which will be reinvested in new or expanded health and aged care services.

The Government will provide \$4.3 million over 4 years (and \$0.9 million ongoing) to the Department of Health and Aged Care to expand program evaluation activities to better target investment in health and aged care programs.



## Strengthening Medicare

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	0.5	78.5	40.2	22.2	22.1
Department of Health and Aged Care	0.2	988.9	1,265.4	1,162.2	1,182.7
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	320.0	341.1	124.9	125.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	7.1	10.2	9.7	9.4
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	4.6	4.7	-	-
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	2.4	2.4	-	-
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Department of Social Services	-	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1,402.8</b>	<b>1,665.4</b>	<b>1,320.5</b>	<b>1,340.9</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Digital Health Agency</i>	-	32.3	32.3	32.3	32.3

The Government will provide \$5.7 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 as an initial investment to provide better access and more affordable care for patients in response to the *Strengthening Medicare Taskforce Report*. This investment will improve the quality and accessibility of multidisciplinary primary care, modernise Australia's digital health infrastructure, improve the financial sustainability of general practices, grow and upskill Australia's health workforce, and ease the pressure on hospitals.

Funding to support greater access to primary care services includes:

- \$3.5 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 to address the decline in general practitioners' bulk billing of patients on low incomes, and children. This funding will triple the bulk billing incentive benefits for consultations for Commonwealth concession card holders and patients aged under 16 years of age. These increased incentives would apply to:
  - all face-to-face general practice consultations more than 6 minutes in length
  - all telehealth general practice services which are between 6 and 20 minutes in length (Level B consultations)
  - longer telehealth general practice consultations where a patient is registered with their GP through MyMedicare

- \$445.1 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to increase funding for the Workforce Incentive Program–Practice Stream, to both increase the maximum incentive payment to \$130,000 per practice, per annum and make more general practices eligible for the maximum payment. This funding will support practices to expand multidisciplinary teams and employ more nurses, allied health and other health professionals in practices
- \$143.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to improve access to primary care after hours programs, comprising:
  - \$77.9 million to extend the Primary Health Networks (PHN) After Hours Program to support general practices to fill access gaps
  - \$25.4 million to establish a Homelessness Support Program to support homeless people’s access to primary care services
  - \$15.3 million to establish a PHN Multicultural Access Program to support multicultural communities to access primary care services
  - \$14.8 million to support PHNs implement and support these after hours programs
  - \$7.0 million to support Healthdirect’s after hours GP helpline, and
  - \$3.5 million to the Department of Health and Aged Care to implement and monitor the measure
- \$98.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to connect frequent hospital users to a general practice to receive comprehensive, multidisciplinary care in the community which will reduce the likelihood of hospital re-admission
- \$79.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support PHNs to commission allied health services to improve access to multidisciplinary care for people with chronic conditions in underserved communities
- \$60.2 million in 2023–24 to extend Practice Incentive Program–Quality Improvement payments for an additional year to 30 June 2024, and to undertake an intensive review of all general practice incentive programs
- \$47.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$12.3 million per year ongoing) to improve the treatment of chronic wounds by establishing a Chronic Wound Consumables Scheme for people with diabetes aged 65 years and First Nations people aged 50 years and over to provide eligible people with subsidised wound consumables. The measure will also provide health care professionals with education and training on chronic wound management
- \$29.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to support the Royal Flying Doctor Service to deliver essential services to people living in remote communities through additional primary care visits and increased aeromedical evacuations

- \$19.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$3.2 million per year ongoing) to implement MyMedicare to formalise the relationship between patients and their primary care providers to improve patient care and health outcomes
- \$5.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to enable access to longer telehealth consultations through the MBS for patients and general practices under MyMedicare from 1 November 2023.

Funding to support the expansion of national digital infrastructure includes:

- \$429.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to modernise My Health Record (MHR) including by creating a new National Repository platform which supports easier, more secure data sharing across all healthcare settings, investment to improve the sharing of pathology and diagnostic imaging information, and targeted investment to increase allied health professionals' connection to MHR
- \$325.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and approximately \$79.9 million per year ongoing), to establish the Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA) as an ongoing entity to deliver on the Government's commitment to strengthen Medicare. This measure will also fund a review of the ADHA's enabling legislation to ensure the agency remains fit for purpose
- \$69.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$4.2 million per year ongoing) to respond to recommendations made in the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce Report, and the Independent Review into Medicare Integrity and Compliance to digitise additional health services, and better connect health data to improve access to services for customers and health professionals.

The Government has provisioned funding for the Commonwealth's contribution to the Intergovernmental Agreement on National Digital Health with the states and territories.

Funding to grow and upskill the medical and health workforce and improve access to essential services by investing in training, workforce incentives and trials for innovative models of care, includes:

- \$50.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to establish the Primary Care and Midwifery Scholarships program to support registered nurses and midwives to undertake post-graduate study and improve their skills
- \$46.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to recognise the important role nurse practitioners and participating midwives play in the delivery of health care services, through:
  - increasing Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) schedule fees for standard nurse practitioner attendance items
  - expanding the eligibility for MBS case conferencing items to enable nurse practitioners to participate in allied health multidisciplinary case conferences

- removing the legislated requirement for collaborative arrangements between participating midwives, nurse practitioners and medical practitioners to prescribe Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme medications
- \$34.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to enable non-vocationally recognised doctors to receive MBS rebates under the Other Medical Practitioner Program
- \$31.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to trial enhanced training arrangements to support international medical students working in rural and remote locations
- \$27.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to improve the provision of, and access to, primary care and support services in thin markets by trialling integrated services and joint commissioning across primary health, First Nations health services, disability, aged care, and veterans' care sectors in up to 10 locations
- \$17.5 million over two years from 2022–23 to extend the General Practice Incentive Fund until 30 June 2024 and to expand its eligibility to all PHNs to improve access to primary care in thin markets
- \$10.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to boost the primary care nursing workforce by creating 6,000 primary care clinical placements and providing incentives to clinics employing returning nurses. The measure will also fund a scope of practice review to examine current models of primary care
- \$4.5 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (\$5.4 million over 6 years) to increase rural generalist trainees by expanding the single employer model trials by a further 10 trial sites from 1 July 2023
- \$4.2 million over two years from 2022–23 to support James Cook University to deliver the Australian General Practice Training program.

Funding to support patient-centred policy development and the uptake and monitoring of investments in Strengthening Medicare includes:

- \$21.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to raise awareness of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics and MyMedicare.
- \$13.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to strengthen consumer and community representation in the design and delivery of primary care policy
- \$6.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation framework and establish an Implementation Oversight Committee as an advisory body to the Department of Health and Aged Care.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care; from funding already provided for by the Government; and by reprioritising funding from the Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment *Strengthening Medicare Fund* as published in the *Plan for a Better Future* and builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measures titled *Rural and Regional Health* and *Strengthening Medicare GP Grants*.

### Strengthening Medicare – improving Medicare integrity

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	11.8	2.3	2.3	2.4
Services Australia	-	6.6	2.5	1.3	0.7
Total – Payments	-	18.4	4.8	3.6	3.0

The Government will provide \$29.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to strengthen the integrity of the Medicare system in response to key recommendations of the Independent Review into Medicare Integrity and Compliance (Philip Review).

A taskforce will be established in the Department of Health and Aged Care to identify and disrupt instances of fraud and serious non-compliance before they occur. The taskforce will also produce immediate policy and legislative amendments, including to:

- limit the duration of backdated patient-billed claims through practices, to prevent fraudulent claims being submitted through practices
- permit appropriate data sharing with Services Australia to allow entities and bank accounts associated with known fraud to be blocked from receiving claims payments
- enable the Department of Health and Aged Care to audit providers by removing the requirement for external consultation with peak bodies to occur before issuing a notice to produce.

The Government may consider additional measures to improve Medicare integrity in response to the Philip Review, pending consideration of broader policy aspects.

### Support for Children and New and Expecting Parents

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	7.6	10.8	-	-

The Government will provide \$19.7 million over two years from 2023–24 to help parents support their children’s health and early development. Funding includes:

- \$6.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to extend the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood’s role to maintain and expand delivery of donor milk across Australia

- \$5.3 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue support for the Australian Breastfeeding Association’s National Breastfeeding Helpline
- \$5.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to extend funding for Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder prevention, diagnosis and support activities
- \$3.4 million over two years from 2023–24 to continue activities that address declines in childhood immunisation rates for children at 5 years and under.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

### Supporting Affordable Health Care – Cost Recovery Arrangements

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	10.1	6.7	6.4	6.3
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	-	5.7	9.0	9.3	9.8

The Government will provide \$29.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to design, implement and maintain a range of cost recovery arrangements to support affordable health care and ensure services provided to commercial entities are consistent with the Australian Government Charging Framework. Funding includes:

- \$13.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$3.4 million ongoing) to revise cost recovery arrangements relating to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, including implementing a new cost recovery scheme for stockholding assessments and funding for assessment of Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee applications
- \$11.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.9 million ongoing) to fund enhanced services to the medical device industry under new arrangements relating to the Prostheses List. These costs will be partially offset from increased revenue of \$9.3 million over 4 years (\$3.3 million ongoing) recovered from existing and new charges for services to the industry
- \$3.0 million in 2023–24 to implement cost recovery arrangements for the Medicinal Cannabis Program, including \$2.3 million in capital funding to update the operating systems of the Office of Drug Control

- \$1.2 million over two years from 2023–24 to design and develop cost recovery arrangements for the Medical Services Advisory Committee to support an efficient Medicare Benefits Schedule
- \$0.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to design and develop cost recovery arrangements for the *Stoma Appliance Scheme* to support ostomates to access subsidised stoma products.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

### Therapeutic Goods Administration – public good activities

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.5

The Government will provide \$61.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for the Therapeutic Goods Administration’s delivery of public good activities.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled *Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs*.

### Urgent Health Supports for Flood-affected Communities

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.8 million in 2022–23 to provide urgent mental health and mosquito-borne disease supports to communities impacted by flooding in Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales, including First Nations communities.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

**Vaping Regulation Reform and Smoking Cessation Package**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	53.5	67.2	172.7	173.4
Cancer Australia	-	5.1	5.3	1.8	2.0
Department of the Treasury	-	1.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	0.8	0.8
Services Australia	-	-	-	0.2	0.2
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>180.9</b>

The Government will provide \$511.1 million over 4 years from 2023-24 (and \$101.1 million ongoing) for a new national lung cancer screening program, nicotine vaping product regulation and reform, and cessation support activities for tobacco and vaping use.

Funding includes:

- \$263.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and up to \$101.1 million per year ongoing) to establish and maintain a national lung cancer screening program, including program design, implementation and monitoring, National Cancer Screening Register expansion, communications, workforce training and updated clinical guidance
- \$141.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to expand the *Tackling Indigenous Smoking* program to prevent the uptake, and reduce the prevalence, of vaping by First Nations Australians
- \$63.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for national public health campaigns to prevent uptake and reduce smoking and vaping, including additional funding provisioned in the Contingency Reserve for a targeted youth campaign
- \$29.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to increase and enhance smoking and vaping cessation support
- \$13.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for legislative and regulatory reform, the testing of tobacco products for prohibited ingredients, to increase inspections of manufacturers, importers, wholesalers and retailers, and to communicate these changes to stakeholders.

Commonwealth payments to the States are managed by the Treasury.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure will complement the change to the tobacco excise. These changes are part of the Government's response to the National Tobacco Strategy and related initiatives on vaping and smoking prevention and cessation, and an enhanced regulatory approach to vaping.



## Home Affairs

### Adult Migrant English Program – improved delivery model

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will introduce an improved delivery model for the *Adult Migrant English Program* from 1 January 2025 within existing funding, to improve English language, employment, and settlement outcomes for migrants by providing flexible tuition options, introducing a national curriculum, supporting professional development for teachers, and enhancing client support and performance management.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Improving the Adult Migrant English Program*.

### Continuation of Immigration Assessment Authority

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	-	4.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.0 million in 2023–24 for the Immigration Assessment Authority to continue merits review of unsuccessful protection visa applications eligible for fast track review under the *Migration Act 1958* pending the establishment of a new federal administrative review body.

**Cyber Security – additional funding**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	0.2	27.9	3.0	3.1	3.1
Department of the Treasury	-	6.7	8.5	8.2	-
Department of Defence	-	3.9	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	2.8	-	-	-
Australian Signals Directorate	-0.2	-2.9	-3.0	-3.1	-3.1
Australian Taxation Office	-8.6	-	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-</b>

The Government will provide \$101.6 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$11.8 million per year ongoing) to support and uplift cyber security in Australia. Funding includes:

- \$46.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$11.8 million per year ongoing) to establish the Coordinator for Cyber Security to ensure that the Commonwealth’s cyber security efforts are strategic, coordinated, timely and effective. The Coordinator will be supported by the National Office of Cyber Security and dedicated resources from within the Department of Home Affairs and other Commonwealth entities, with capacity to surge further in the event of a cyber incident
- \$23.4 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to the Department of the Treasury for a small business cyber wardens program delivered by the Council of Small Business Organisations Australia, to support small businesses to build in-house capability to protect against cyber threats
- \$19.5 million in 2023–24 to continue work to improve the security of critical infrastructure assets and assist owners and operators to respond to significant cyber-attacks
- \$12.2 million in 2023–24 to sustain cyber resilience of Commonwealth entities currently serviced by the Cyber Hubs pilot program and to continue assessment and certification of service providers used by the Commonwealth entities to host data.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resources of the Department of Home Affairs and by redirecting funding provided to the Australian Taxation Office for Cyber Hub pilot activities.

**Disaster Support**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	2.9	4.3	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
National Emergency Management Agency	-3.5	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The Government will provide funding to improve Australia’s resilience to natural disasters and support recovery of impacted communities including:

- \$125.7 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$28.3 million per year ongoing) to uplift the capacity of the National Emergency Management Agency to support Australians during, and following, a disaster. Funding from 2024–25 will be held in the Contingency Reserve, pending a review of the agency’s funding requirements
- \$10.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to scope the capability needs to modernise Australia’s emergency service communications to provide Commonwealth, and state and territory agencies high-speed and high-capacity mobile broadband services, to improve the operational effectiveness and safety of public safety personnel
- \$8.6 million in 2023–24 to supplement and maintain a national emergency management stockpile of disaster response resources
- \$8.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to continue to provide financial assistance to eligible New Zealanders in Australia following a disaster
- \$7.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.6 million per year ongoing) to establish and maintain a Disaster Recovery Management System
- \$7.2 million over two years from 2023–24 to extend mental health services supporting communities affected by disasters
- \$2.3 million in 2022–23 to extend the *Regional Small Business Support Program Pilot* until 30 June 2023 to continue existing support to regional small businesses, with costs met from within existing uncommitted resources of the National Emergency Management Agency
- Funding to finalise building a new national cell broadcast messaging system to improve emergency warning communications, with the financial implications of this element not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

The Government will also provide \$200 million in 2023–24 for disaster resilience initiatives through the *Disaster Ready Fund* to address a broad range of natural hazards, infrastructure needs, and for systemic risk reduction projects. Funding for this element has already been provided for by the Government.

The support outlined in this measure is in addition to previous assistance of \$1.4 billion committed by the Commonwealth Government in response to multiple disaster events under Category C and D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. The cost of this assistance will be met from funding previously included in the Contingency Reserve.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Disaster Support*.

### Enduring Funding Mechanism for AusCheck

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	-	34.6	43.4	45.6	41.2
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-	28.7	44.7	51.7	39.8

The Government will provide \$164.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to establish enduring funding arrangements for AusCheck, providing funding stability for background checking and card issuing services, recovered through charging regulated sectors. AusCheck’s services will also be extended to the migration service industry through a strengthened ‘fit and proper person’ assessment for Registered Migration Agents, subject to the passage of legislation.

The Government will also finalise arrangements for the transition to a single Government issuing body for aviation and maritime security identification cards from 2025.

Under this measure, the Government will introduce charges for background checks and card issuance for major events and biological hazard checks. Combined with updated existing charges, this measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$164.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24.

**Immigration Policy Settings for New Zealand Citizens**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Education	-	-	-	-	-
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	..	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	-	-	..	..	..
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	-	-	..	..
<b>Total – Receipts</b>	..	-	..	..	..

The Government will provide a direct pathway to Australian citizenship for New Zealand citizens in Australia from 1 July 2023, by allowing those who hold a non-protected Special Category visa (subclass 444), and meet general residence and other eligibility requirements, to apply directly for citizenship without becoming permanent residents first.

This measure is estimated to increase payments for government services and benefits by \$1.3 billion over 5 years from 2022–23, and increase receipts by \$795.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23. Funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Migration Program – 2022–23 planning levels*.

### Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	-	9.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.1 million in 2023–24 to extend existing *Youth Transition Support* services for 12 months to 30 June 2024 to continue settlement services to young refugees and migrants to improve their employment outcomes.

The Government will remove the 5-year maximum duration of eligibility for services under the *Settlement Engagement and Transition Support Program*, the *National Community Hubs Program* and *Youth Transition Support* services to ensure continued support for refugees and migrants who have been in Australia for longer than 5 years and have unresolved settlement related needs.

### Permanent Residency and Citizenship Implications of the Love and Thoms High Court Case

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	-	1.6	1.4	1.1	0.4
Department of Social Services	-	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Services Australia	-	..	..	..	..
Total – Payments	-	1.8	1.7	1.4	0.6

The Government will provide \$5.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.2 million per year ongoing) to support a pathway to permanent residency for individuals who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, and who satisfy the tripartite test as set out in *Mabo v Queensland [No. 2] (1992) 175 CLR 1*, as a result of the High Court’s decision in *Love v Commonwealth; Thoms v Commonwealth (2020) 270 CLR 152*.

Eligible individuals will be invited to apply for the Resolution of Status visa (subclass 851) for permanent residence providing access to essential Government entitlements, services and programs.

**Protecting the Australian Border**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Finance	-	-0.1	-0.1	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-73.7	-20.3	-18.4	4.5	4.6
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-73.7</b>	<b>-20.4</b>	<b>-18.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>

The Government will provide \$17.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to continue additional capacity within the Australian Border Force’s Airline Liaison Officer Program to disrupt illegitimate international travel to Australia.

The Government has ceased further work on the Digital Passenger Declaration as it is no longer a priority since the easing of COVID-19 border restrictions, resulting in expenditure savings of \$121.4 million over 3 years from 2022–23.

**Visa and Migration System**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Home Affairs	73.4	165.8	27.9	12.3	15.3
Department of Social Services	3.5	95.6	178.7	166.9	145.4
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	0.4	2.9	3.0	1.7	0.8
Department of Health and Aged Care	0.1	2.1	3.9	3.5	2.9
Services Australia	0.1	1.6	3.1	2.2	1.2
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	14.7	27.7	31.7	33.3
Department of Education	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>282.6</b>	<b>244.3</b>	<b>218.3</b>	<b>198.9</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	-	..	..	..
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total – Receipts</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>

The Government will provide \$125.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to continue implementing outcomes from the Jobs and Skills Summit to strengthen the migration system in order to ease critical skills shortages across the economy and build a more productive workforce. Funding includes:

- \$75.8 million over two years from 2023–24 to extend the current surge in visa processing resources to ensure timeliness of visa processing and improve existing visa processing systems
- \$50.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$15.3 million per year ongoing) for additional enforcement and compliance activities to maintain the integrity of the migration system. Funding from 2025–26 will be held in the Contingency Reserve, pending an evaluation of the effectiveness of the activities.

This component builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit*.

In addition, the Government will return funding of \$163.2 million over two years from 2022–23 to the Department of Home Affairs to continue its visa processing capabilities, recognising the cancellation of the *Global Digital Platform*, associated with the 2016–17 Budget savings measure titled *Reforming the Visa and Migration Framework*, by the former Government.

The Government will also provide a permanent visa pathway for a Temporary Protection (subclass 785) visa (TPV) and Safe Haven Enterprise (subclass 790) visa (SHEV) holders who held or applied for a TPV or SHEV before 14 February 2023.

The pathway to permanent residency is estimated to increase payments for government services and benefits by \$732.5 million over 5 years from 2022–23.

This measure is estimated to have a negligible impact on receipts over the 5 years from 2022–23.



## Industry, Science and Resources

### Enhanced Support for Small and Medium-sized Businesses and Startups

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	8.8	31.4	45.9	-4.1

The Government will provide \$431.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$79.2 million per year ongoing) to improve support for small to medium enterprises (SMEs) and startups. Funding includes:

- \$392.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$68.2 million per year ongoing) to establish the Industry Growth Program to support Australian SMEs and startups to commercialise their ideas and grow their operations. Support will be targeted towards businesses operating in the priority areas of the National Reconstruction Fund
- \$39.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$11.0 million per year ongoing) to continue the Single Business Service, supporting SMEs engagement with all levels of government.

This measure repurposes and expands funding that was previously supporting SMEs through the *Entrepreneurs' Programme*, and is additionally offset by redirecting funding from within the Industry, Science and Resources portfolio.

### Growing Australia’s Critical Technologies Industries

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-56.9	-20.6	13.4	31.6	17.9

The Government will provide \$116.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support the development of critical technologies in Australia to drive economic growth, boost technology industries and support the creation of new jobs. Funding includes:

- \$101.2 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support businesses to integrate quantum and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies into their operations, through:
  - a Critical Technologies Challenge Program, which will support projects that use critical technologies to solve significant national challenges, and will commence with a focus on projects that use quantum computing
  - extending the National AI Centre and its role in supporting responsible AI usage through developing governance and industry capabilities
  - establishing an Australian Centre for Quantum Growth to support ecosystem growth and commercialisation in Australia’s quantum industry
  - supporting small and medium enterprises’ adoption of AI technologies to improve business processes and increase trade competitiveness
- \$14.8 million over 4 years from 2023-24 to establish the Powering Australia Industry Growth Centre to develop advanced technology and skills as part of the Government’s Australian Made Battery Plan.

This measure will be fully offset by redirecting funding from within the Industry, Science and Resources Portfolio.

**National Reconstruction Fund Corporation – establishment**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Reconstruction Fund Corporation	-	53.2	-	-	-
National Reconstruction Fund Corporation	-	-	nfp	nfp	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-7.3	-30.6	2.0	2.1	2.1
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>National Reconstruction Fund Corporation</i>	-	5.2	21.7	50.3	111.5

The Government will provide \$61.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.2 million per year ongoing) to establish the National Reconstruction Fund Corporation (NRFC). Funding includes:

- \$53.2 million in 2023–24 for the establishment and operational costs of the NRFC, with ongoing operations expected to be funded from revenues earned on investments made
- \$8.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.2 million per year ongoing) for the Department of Industry, Science and Resources to assist and support the establishment and oversight of the NRFC.

The NRF will earn estimated receipts of \$188.7 million over the forward estimates from the \$15.0 billion of investments in loans, equity investments and guarantees, with the returns to be reinvested to ensure the NRFC’s sustainability.

Some elements of this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

The measure builds on and will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *National Reconstruction Fund – establishment*.

### Refocusing Support for the Australian Space Industry

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-34.4	-9.0	-8.0	6.9	1.0

The Government will refocus support for the Australian space industry by maintaining investment in successful space programs and providing appropriate regulation for the space industry. Funding includes:

- \$34.2 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for the Australian Space Agency to continue to lead the national policy and strategy coordination of Australia’s civil space sector activities
- improving regulatory settings for businesses and funding programs that support Australian space projects and remove cost recovery requirements under the *Space (Launches and Returns) Act 2018*.

The savings from this measure will be partially redirected to fund other Government policy priorities in the Industry portfolio.

### Safely Managing Australia’s Radioactive Waste

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	67.2	85.8	90.8	76.6

The Government will provide \$476.4 million over 7 years from 2023–24 (and \$38.7 million ongoing from 2030–31) for the safe and sustainable management and disposal of Australia’s radioactive waste. Funding includes:

- \$304.5 million over 7 years from 2023–24 (and \$38.7 million ongoing from 2030–31) for the Australian Radioactive Waste Agency in the Department of Industry, Science and Resources to continue to manage a comprehensive national inventory of radioactive waste, coordinate the safe disposal and storage of radioactive waste, and to establish safe and secure disposal pathways for radioactive waste
- \$162.2 million over 7 years from 2023–24 to continue preparatory work for the establishment of the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility, including technical, design, regulatory and governance activities, and community engagement consistent with the *National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012*
- \$9.7 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to develop a pathway for the long-term disposal of Australia’s intermediate-level radioactive waste generated from non-defence activities.

**Securing a Responsive Nuclear Medicine and Science Capability for Australia**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	nfp	-	-	-
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide funding over 10 years from 2023–24 to support the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) in its provision of nuclear medicines to Australians, including:

- \$44.5 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to support ANSTO to manage the planned upcoming maintenance shutdown of its nuclear reactor, including the importation of nuclear medicine that would ordinarily be produced by the reactor
- \$39.9 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to formally wind-up ANSTO Nuclear Medicine Pty Ltd by 1 July 2024 and transfer its operations, assets and liabilities to ANSTO
- Funding over 10 years from 2023–24 for ANSTO to construct a new nuclear medicine manufacturing building, as well as ongoing maintenance of the current ageing facility
- Funding over two years from 2023–24 for ANSTO to develop a business case for a new facility supporting Australia’s sovereign nuclear security science capability.

The financial implications are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

### Strengthening Australia’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Capabilities

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-8.4	59.9	21.8	15.4	12.5

The Government will provide \$132.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$17.3 million per year ongoing) to boost Australia’s capability, capacity and outreach in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Funding includes:

- \$59.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$15.2 million per year ongoing) for infrastructure and ICT upgrades at Questacon, and to continue Questacon’s national STEM education and engagement programs to increase science engagement
- \$51.2 million over two years from 2023–24 for critical ICT and equipment upgrades at the National Measurement Institute to strengthen its capacity to maintain national measurement standards and increase confidence in Australian goods and services
- \$12.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.1 million in 2027–28, \$2.2 million in 2028–29 and \$1.8 million per year ongoing from 2029–30) for a new legislative framework to replace the *National Measurement Act 1960* to reduce regulatory burden on businesses and better align Australia’s measurement standards with international best practice
- \$9.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to promote STEM and encourage strong engagement between STEM professionals and policy makers through the National Science and Technology Council, the Prime Minister’s Prizes for Science and the Science Meets Parliament initiatives.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from within the Industry, Science and Resources portfolio.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Supporting Talent and Leadership in Australian Science and Technology*.

### Supporting Australian Critical Minerals

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.8
Department of the Treasury	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-1.1	16.2	18.4	16.5	16.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>

The Government will provide \$80.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support the Australian critical minerals sector to build diverse and competitive supply chains, attract international investment and transition to net zero. Funding includes:

- \$57.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to undertake international engagement to promote Australian critical minerals projects and build diverse and resilient supply chains with key international partners
- \$23.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for critical minerals policy development and project facilitation, including activities to showcase Australia’s environmental, social and governance credentials to international markets.

This measure will be offset by redirecting funding from within the Industry, Science and Resources portfolio.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Supporting Australia’s Resources*.

### Working with the Australian Resources Industry on the Pathway to Net Zero

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	0.4	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-6.9	1.9	5.0	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-21.4	nfp	5.7	5.8	1.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-21.0</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>

The Government will provide funding over 5 years from 2022–23 to support the Australian resources industry to grow national prosperity and continue to drive the transition to net zero. Funding includes:

- \$14.3 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to establish a partnership with the Queensland Government to support technology projects that reduce emissions and enhance energy security. This will be offset by redirecting funding from the *Gas Well Trials* program
- \$12.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for a review of the environmental management regime for offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas storage activities to ensure it is fit-for-purpose for a decarbonising economy. This will include consultation requirements for offshore projects, including with First Nations peoples. The review will also examine opportunities to provide regulatory and administrative certainty for offshore carbon capture and storage projects to enable Australian industry to meet net zero targets whilst delivering domestic energy security and regional energy security
- \$6.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to deliver a Future Gas Strategy to support Australia’s energy system to become cleaner, cheaper and more reliable while maintaining our international reputation as a trusted energy supplier to the region. This will be offset by ceasing the *Strategic Basins Plans* and achieving savings from the 2020–21 MYEFO measure titled *JobMaker Plan – gas-fired recovery – delivering accelerated exploration in the Beetaloo sub-basin*
- \$4.5 million in 2023–24 to develop a roadmap to grow an offshore petroleum decommissioning industry in Australia. This will be offset by ceasing the *Strategic Basins Plans* and achieving savings from the 2020–21 MYEFO measure titled *JobMaker Plan – gas-fired recovery – delivering accelerated exploration in the Beetaloo sub-basin*
- \$0.4 million in 2022–23 to accelerate the reforms to the Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism
- Funding in 2023–24 to continue activities related to the decommissioning of the Northern Endeavour floating oil production storage and offtake facility which is moored between the Laminaria and Corallina oil fields in the Timor Sea. The financial implications are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities, but will be fully recovered by the Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Supporting Australia’s Resources*.



## Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

### 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games – venue infrastructure

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	36.0	107.9	348.4	583.8
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>348.4</b>	<b>583.8</b>

The Government will provide up to \$3.4 billion over 10 years from 2023–24 to support venue infrastructure for the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games. Funding includes:

- a capped investment of up to \$2.5 billion for the development of Brisbane Arena
- a capped investment of up to \$935.0 million investment towards 16 new or upgraded venues as part of the Minor Venues Program.

### Better Funded National Broadcasters

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	-	-	10.9	12.2	12.4
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-	-	-	17.9	18.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>31.0</b>

The Government will provide \$7.7 billion over 5 years from 2023–24 to support Australia’s national broadcasters, including \$6.0 billion for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and \$1.8 billion for the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS). Funding includes:

- \$7.6 billion over 5 years from 2023–24 for base operational funding for the ABC and SBS, determined on a 5 year rolling basis from 2023–24 for the operation of television, radio and digital media services
- \$52.4 million over 3 years from 2025–26 for the ABC to continue to support local news and current affairs services
- \$45.0 million over 4 years from 2024–25 for SBS to continue the availability of news and content for Chinese and Arabic speaking communities in Australia.

Partial funding for this measure for base operational funding for the ABC and SBS has already been provided for by the Government.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Better Funded National Broadcasters*.

### Building a Better Future Through Considered Infrastructure Investment

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	105.0	130.0	86.0	100.0
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	20.0	20.0	20.0	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	17.9	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	0.7	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>143.5</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The Government will provide \$1.8 billion over 10 years from 2023–24 for infrastructure priorities to support productivity and jobs. Funding includes:

- \$1.1 billion in 2032–33 to continue existing road maintenance and safety programs, with:
  - \$500.0 million for the *Roads to Recovery Program*
  - \$350.0 million for *national road network maintenance*
  - \$110.0 million for the *Black Spot Program*
  - \$85.0 million for the *Bridges Renewal Program*
  - \$65.0 million for the *Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program*
  - \$18.9 million for transport research organisations and innovation projects
- \$361.9 million over 8 years from 2023–24 for infrastructure projects in New South Wales, including safety upgrades on the Bells Line of Road and Nowra Bypass planning
- \$200.0 million over two years from 2023–24 for the *Major Projects Business Case Fund* to support the planning of land transport infrastructure projects
- \$60.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to continue supplementary local road funding in South Australia

- \$3.0 million in 2023–24 to undertake a feasibility study for an intermodal terminal in Parkes, New South Wales to support the Inland Rail program, with funding to be redirected from existing National Intermodal Corporation equity.

The Government will also provide:

- equity funding to WSA Co Limited for the construction of facilities to support border services and law enforcement operations at the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport, with the financial implications not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities
- \$18.5 million in 2023–24 for border agencies to undertake design and planning work for operations.

The Government will undertake an independent strategic review of the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP) to ensure the \$120.0 billion pipeline over 10 years is fit for purpose and the Government’s investment is focused on projects which improve long-term productivity, supply chains and economic growth in our cities and regions.

Updated IIP project schedules will be finalised following the review, with Government working with states and territories to determine priorities.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measures titled *Building a Better Future through considered Infrastructure Investment* and *Support for the Aviation Sector*.

### Funding for Territories

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	4.6	4.1	21.7	1.4
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$31.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.0 million per year ongoing) to support the delivery of essential services and infrastructure to the Indian Ocean Territories and Norfolk Island. Funding includes:

- \$24.4 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to upgrade rockfall and landslide infrastructure and repair roads and footpaths on Christmas Island
- \$6.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.0 million per year ongoing) to support the work health and safety of workers in the Indian Ocean Territories and Norfolk Island
- \$0.7 million in 2023–24 to support the delivery of state-type services on Norfolk Island.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts will also collect and retain non-taxation revenue for activities on Norfolk Island, including museum pass entry fees, rental income, and gift and merchandise sales to directly fund maintenance at the Kingston and Arthur’s Vale Historic Area World Heritage site.

### Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge – increase

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-101.8	-228.2	-369.3	-391.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	-101.8	-228.2	-369.3	-391.5

The Government will increase the Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge rate from 27.2 cents per litre of diesel by 6 per cent per year over 3 years from 2023–24 to 32.4 cents per litre in 2025–26. This will decrease expenditure on the fuel tax credit by \$1.1 billion over 4 years from 2023–24.

The change to the Road User Charge was a decision of the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers in April 2023 to contribute to road maintenance and repair.

### Minimising Online Gambling Harms

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide funding to continue to support the National Self-exclusion Register (BetStop), with the financial implications not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

The Government will also implement a ban on the use of credit cards for online gambling in Australia, excluding for-profit and not-for-profit charitable and other lotteries, with the Australian Communications and Media Authority’s powers to be increased to enforce the ban through an amendment to the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001*.

### National Approach for Sustainable Urban Development

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	20.0	45.0	80.0	100.0
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-9.3	16.4	144.1	177.7	53.6
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>189.1</b>	<b>257.7</b>	<b>153.6</b>

The Government will provide \$687.4 million over 6 years from 2022–23 for a national approach to sustainable urban development in Australia. Funding includes:

- \$305.0 million over 5 years from 2023–24 for the Macquarie Point Precinct and University of Tasmania Stadium, to deliver urban renewal projects in Hobart and Launceston
- \$211.7 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to establish the Thriving Suburbs Program to provide grants for community infrastructure in urban and suburban communities through a competitive grants program
- \$159.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to establish the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program to support investment in place-based priorities of local urban communities through a collaborative partnerships approach with state, territory and local governments and communities
- \$11.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to establish the Cities and Suburbs Unit within the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to deliver the National Urban Policy and the regular *State of Cities* report.

**National Cultural Policy – National Collecting Institutions – sustainability**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Library of Australia	-	38.9	54.9	28.2	29.9
National Gallery of Australia	-	36.8	41.1	19.9	21.3
National Museum of Australia	-	22.8	24.7	14.8	15.9
Old Parliament House	-	9.8	11.8	7.9	8.4
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	8.2	8.7	8.3	8.2
Australian National Maritime Museum	-	8.2	6.3	3.6	4.9
National Film and Sound Archive of Australia	-	6.9	9.5	8.5	9.1
National Portrait Gallery of Australia	-	6.4	6.6	6.8	7.2
National Archives of Australia	-	11.6	14.2	4.4	6.3
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>149.6</b>	<b>177.8</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>111.2</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>National Library of Australia</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>0.8</i>

The Government will provide \$535.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$118.3 million per year ongoing) to support the operations and long-term financial sustainability of 9 National Collecting Institutions. Funding includes:

- \$146.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$31.2 million per year ongoing) for the National Library of Australia, including for the continuation of the Trove digital database, extension of storage facilities, building maintenance and IT infrastructure
- \$119.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$23.1 million per year ongoing) for the National Gallery of Australia, including for building upgrades and maintenance
- \$78.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$16.6 million per year ongoing) for the National Museum of Australia, including for gallery refurbishments, fire safety works, IT upgrades and leasing of additional storage space
- \$37.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$8.8 million per year ongoing) for the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, including for building refurbishments and upgrades and conservation works
- \$36.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$8.2 million per year ongoing) for the National Archives of Australia, including to upgrade data centres and digitise at-risk and high priority records

- \$34.0 million over 4 years (and \$9.7 million per year ongoing) for the National Film and Sound Archive, including to replace building management, security and fire safety systems
- \$33.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$8.1 million per year ongoing) in additional operating funding to enable the Bundanon Trust to make full use of its facilities
- \$27.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$7.5 million per year ongoing) for the National Portrait Gallery of Australia, including for building upgrades, repairs and maintenance
- \$23.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$5.1 million per year ongoing) for the Australian National Maritime Museum, including for building repairs, safety and compliance works.

Partial funding for the National Collecting Institutions will be held in the Contingency Reserve until final project details for capital works are settled.



### Online Safety

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	32.2	32.9	33.3	33.7
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>33.7</b>

The Government will provide an additional \$134.1 million over 4 years (and \$33.7 million per year ongoing, in addition to the existing base funding of \$10.3 million per year ongoing) for the Office of the eSafety Commissioner to continue to support Australians online, including through enhanced educational, outreach and investigatory activities.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

### Reducing Transport Emissions

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	0.5	6.3	4.5	3.2	1.2
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	3.6	1.2	0.2	0.2
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	-	-	-	-5.2
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-3.8</b>

The Government will provide \$20.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for initiatives to decarbonise the transport and infrastructure sectors and support achieving our net zero by 2050 target. Funding includes:

- \$7.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to develop a Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan to support the decarbonisation of the transport and infrastructure sectors
- \$7.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to develop Fuel Efficiency Standards to encourage light vehicle manufacturers to increase the supply of fuel efficient and electric vehicles in the Australian market

- \$5.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support Australia’s transition to electric vehicles through the development of a national charging infrastructure mapping tool, safety guidance and training for emergency service workers. Funding will also support the evaluation of requirements for retrofitting existing multi-residential buildings with electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and a large format battery recycling, reuse and stewardship initiative in Australia
- \$0.6 million in 2023–24 to develop a Maritime Emissions Reduction National Plan to facilitate the energy transition for the domestic maritime sector.

The costs of this measure will be fully offset, including by redirecting funding from the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Powering Australia – Driving the Nation Fund – establishment*.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure *Powering Australia – Driving the Nation Fund – establishment*.

### Regulatory Powers to Combat Misinformation and Disinformation

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.9
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-2.3	-	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>

The Government will provide \$7.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for the Australian Communications and Media Authority to combat online misinformation and disinformation on global digital platforms to reduce the spread of harmful content.

The costs of this measure will be partially offset by redirecting residual unallocated funding from the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Supporting Regional Australia* and the 2020–21 Budget measure titled *National Bushfire Recovery Fund*, which is available due to lower utilisation of funds than was budgeted for through these programs.

**Revive – National Cultural Policy and Location Incentive**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	0.6	2.6	1.8	-	-
Australia Council	-	22.5	45.5	62.6	72.6
National Gallery of Australia	-	2.1	2.9	3.0	3.8
Screen Australia	-	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	1.5	1.7
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-4.4	36.7	25.1
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-42.2	0.5	16.5	-20.2	-54.2
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-41.6</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>49.9</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australia Council</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.6</i>

The Government will provide \$286.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$81.2 million per year ongoing) to support Australia’s arts, entertainment and cultural sector under the *National Cultural Policy – Revive* (Revive). Funding includes:

- \$199.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$72.3 million per year ongoing) for Creative Australia to support delivery of Revive and to establish 4 new bodies to provide greater strategic oversight and engagement across the sector including a First Nations-led body, Music Australia, Writers Australia and Creative Workplaces
- \$13.4 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to protect First Nations traditional knowledge and cultural expression and First Nations artists and related workers through the introduction of stand-alone legislation and artist mentorship and training programs
- \$12.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$3.7 million per year ongoing) to expand the *Public Lending Right* and *Educational Lending Right Schemes* to include digital material
- \$12.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$3.0 million per year ongoing) for Screen Australia to support Australian interactive games businesses to grow operations and capitalise on emerging opportunities
- \$11.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to pilot long-term loans of National Gallery of Australia works to regional and suburban cultural institutions across Australia
- \$11.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to establish a First Nations Languages Policy Partnership and conduct a National Indigenous Languages survey to improve outcomes for First Nations peoples

- \$8.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.2 million per year ongoing) to increase funding for the *Regional Arts Fund* to support cultural development in regional and remote communities
- \$5.0 million in 2023–24 to develop and implement an Arts and Disability Associated Plan under Australia’s Disability Strategy 2021–2031
- \$4.2 million over 3 years from 2024–25 to support access to art and music therapy programs
- \$3.8 million over two years from 2023–24 for the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies to digitise and store at-risk audio-visual material
- \$2.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support specialist arts education programs in schools
- \$1.8 million in 2023–24 for the Copyright Agency to enhance the *Resale Royalty Scheme*.

The Government will also provide:

- \$112.2 million over 4 years from 2024–25 to attract investment from large-budget screen productions and provide domestic employment and training opportunities by increasing the *Location Offset* rebate rate to 30 per cent, whilst increasing the minimum Qualifying Australian Production Expenditure thresholds to \$20.0 million for feature films and \$1.5 million per hour for television series
- \$6.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.8 million per year ongoing) for Ausfilm to continue to market Australia as a destination for screen production
- \$0.5 million over 3 years from 2024–25 (and \$0.2 million per year ongoing) for the Australia-India Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement to enable eligible producers to access the *Producer Offset*, a refundable tax offset for approved Australian expenditure.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Supporting the Arts*, the 2020–21 Budget measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – communications, cyber safety and the arts* and the *Location Incentive* program.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve until policy and program details have been finalised.

### Supporting Arts Training in Australia

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	8.8	-	-	-
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	-	0.5	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	<b>9.3</b>	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.3 million in 2023–24 to support the national arts training organisations. Funding includes:

- \$8.8 million in 2023–24 to support the operations of the national performing arts training organisations and review their long-term sustainability
- \$0.5 million in 2023–24 to support course offerings and upgrade facilities at the Australian Film Television and Radio School.

### Supporting Media Sustainability and Building Media Literacy

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	nfp	0.9	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.1 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support local news media and promote media literacy. Funding includes:

- \$5.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to support the financial sustainability of the Australian Associated Press
- \$2.5 million over two years from 2023–24 to build media literacy in culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- \$1.6 million in 2023–24 to develop the *News Media Assistance Program* and support public interest journalism and media diversity.

The Government will provide additional funding in 2023–24 to support the continued provision of broadcasting services in remote and First Nations communities and to initiate work to assess the state of broadcasting transmission and reception equipment in these areas. The financial implications of this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts portfolio.

**Supporting Transport Priorities**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	9.9	49.1	32.2	42.3	12.1
National Transport Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	-	34.8	-	-	-
Australian Maritime Safety Authority	-	15.3	-	-	-
Australian Transport Safety Bureau	-	4.6	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-47.0	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>12.1</b>

The Government will provide \$267.4 million over 7 years from 2022–23 to support land, maritime and aviation transport priorities, including to increase productivity and maintain safety across the sectors. Funding includes:

- \$64.2 million over 6 years from 2022–23 for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to enable the delivery of transport and infrastructure priorities, including \$35.6 million for IT systems to support infrastructure investment and road vehicle safety regulation
- \$56.8 million in additional funding in 2023–24 to support and review the ongoing safety and regulatory functions of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau
- \$43.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish a new National Road Safety Action Grants Program to support community education and awareness, vulnerable road users, First Nations road safety, technology, innovation and research
- \$30.0 million over 3 years from 2025–26 to support the delivery of a common user facility at the Cairns Marine Precinct, to be met from funding previously included in the Contingency Reserve
- \$22.3 million over 6 years from 2023–24 for phase 3 of the Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project to continue assessments of local government road assets, which will support development of a national automated road access system for heavy vehicles
- \$18.9 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to procure road safety data, research and evaluate projects
- \$16.5 million over 5 years from 2023–24 for the car safety ratings program which includes testing protocols for light vehicles and safety evaluations of used vehicles

- \$13.5 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for an additional round of the *Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program* to support improved safety and access at remote airstrips and facilitate air connectivity and the delivery of goods and services to remote communities
- \$1.2 million in 2023–24 to continue development of the Maritime Single Window project and deliver a business case to streamline reporting for Australian sea ports
- \$0.4 million in 2022–23 to enable the National Transport Commission to progress the rail interoperability work plan, to be met from funding previously included in the Contingency Reserve.

This measure will be partially offset by the redirection of unspent funding under the *Road Safety Program*, and funding previously provided for the Road Safety Innovation Fund, the Road Safety Awareness and Enablers Fund, Amy Gillet Foundation and Supporting Young and Vulnerable Road Users programs which have been consolidated into the new National Road Safety Action Grants Program.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measures titled *Support for the Aviation Sector* and *Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions*.

### Viewer Access Satellite Television

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide funding over 8 years from 2023–24 to extend the *Viewer Access Satellite Television* program to ensure that Australian viewers who are currently unable to receive terrestrial digital broadcasting services can continue to access free-to-air television services.

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

### White Paper on Developing Northern Australia – refresh

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.7 million in 2023–24 to update the *Our North, Our Future: White Paper on Developing Northern Australia* to identify opportunities to address new and emerging geographic and economic challenges in Northern Australia.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.



## Parliament

### Parliamentary Departments – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Parliamentary Services	-	5.5	3.7	3.9	3.5
Department of the Senate	-	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3
Total – Payments	-	7.7	6.0	6.1	5.8

The Government will provide \$25.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$5.8 million per year ongoing) to support the operations of the parliamentary departments. Funding includes:

- \$15.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$3.5 million per year ongoing) for the Department of Parliamentary Services to alleviate accommodation pressures at Australian Parliament House, including to facilitate remedial capital works
- \$9.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.3 million per year ongoing) for the Department of the Senate to support increased parliamentary committee activity
- \$1.6 million in 2023–24 in capital funding for the Department of Parliamentary Services to support the delivery of ICT services to other parliamentary departments.

## Prime Minister and Cabinet

### Additional Resourcing for the Australian National Audit Office

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian National Audit Office	-	3.4	3.1	4.1	3.9

The Government will provide \$14.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$3.9 million per year ongoing) to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) to deliver its audit program, comply with updated auditing standards and upgrade systems to ensure it can safeguard data. The additional funding will ensure that the ANAO is able to deliver 45 performance audits in 2023–24 and 48 performance audits per year ongoing from 2024–25.

### Additional Resourcing for the National Australia Day Council

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	11.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$11.5 million in 2023–24 to support the operations of the National Australia Day Council, including for the Council to provide further support for the Australian of the Year recipients and a \$10 million grants program to deliver community events for Australia Day 2024.

**APS Capability Reinvestment Fund: 2023–24 projects funded under round one**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-2.9	-4.5	-	-
Australian Public Service Commission	-	3.7	1.8	-	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	0.7	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	0.7	-	-	-
Australian Institute of Family Studies	-	0.5	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	0.4	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	0.4	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.4	-	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	0.3	-	-	-
Department of Education	-	0.2	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	0.2	-	-	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	0.1	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	..	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	4.7	-2.7	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>	-	-	2.1	-	-

The Government will allocate \$18.5 million over two years from 2023–24 from the \$25 million APS Capability Reinvestment Fund (the Fund). Funding includes:

- \$8.4 million in 2023–24 for projects to uplift capability across the Australian Public Service (APS), including cultural competency, gender impact analysis and futures analysis skills for APS staff and enhancing the quality of data to inform policy analysis
- \$14.3 million over two years from 2023–24 (including \$4.2 million from existing resources) allocated to other projects aligned with the purposes of the Fund, including:
  - \$10.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to provide start-up funding for an in-house consulting service within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet that can deliver high-quality strategic consulting services to the APS
  - \$3.4 million over two years from 2023–24 to the Australian Public Service Commission to boost First Nations employment in the APS.

The cost of this measure will be met from funding previously included in the Contingency Reserve. The balance of the Fund (\$6.5 million) will be available for further projects in the 2024–25 Budget process.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measures titled *An Ambitious and Enduring APS Reform Plan*, and *Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses*.

### Closing the Gap – further investment

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Services Australia	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-	-
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	-	10.0	10.0	-	-
Department of Education	-	0.3	-	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-8.0	144.3	30.0	-14.0	-43.1
Department of Social Services	-14.6	-8.9	9.8	10.9	0.5
Total – Payments	-22.5	146.0	49.7	-3.2	-42.6

The Government will provide \$492.7 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for a range of measures to support critical investment in infrastructure, employment, justice, education and housing initiatives for First Nations peoples, including:

- \$150.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to improve water security for regional and remote First Nations communities by investing in First Nations water infrastructure projects through the *National Water Grid Fund*
- \$111.7 million in 2023–24 for a new one-year partnership with the Northern Territory Government to accelerate building of new remote housing to reduce overcrowding
- \$97.7 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support the development of a New Jobs Program trial to replace the Community Development Program (CDP) and to meet increased demand for the CDP as a result of sustained higher levels of demand since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$38.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to improve access to better education and address learning gaps in First Nations primary and secondary education through culturally appropriate distance learning and expanding the on-country junior ranger program

- \$23.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$45.1 million over 8 years to 2031–32) to rectify the disrepair of residential housing in the Wreck Bay Village, Jervis Bay
- \$21.6 million in 2023–24 to extend the *Indigenous Boarding Providers* grants program for rural and remote First Nations students for an additional year
- \$20.8 million over two years from 2023–24 to Aboriginal Hostels Limited to improve the service offering and undertake urgent repairs and capital works
- \$14.1 million over two years from 2022–23 for a 2-year partnership with the Northern Territory Government and the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory to enhance and develop activities supporting community safety and social emotional wellbeing on alcohol and drug use
- \$11.8 million over two years from 2023–24 to address food security barriers by progressing improvements in accessing affordable food and other essential items in remote First Nations communities
- \$3.4 million in 2023–24 to extend existing Commonwealth funding by one year for Custody Notification Services to ensure continued services across Australia
- an extension of the *Closing the Gap Outcomes and Evidence Fund* by two years to 31 December 2026, which provides targeted grant funding to Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations to deliver improved and co-designed methods of service delivery for First Nations people.

The cost of this measure will be partially offset and met within the existing resourcing of the National Indigenous Australians Agency, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and the Department of Social Services.

This investment is in addition to other cross-government initiatives to Close the Gap, including the 2023–24 Budget measures titled *Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan*, *Women's Safety – First Nations*, *First Nations – supporting education outcomes*, and *Improving Health Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People*.

**National Net Zero Authority**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	23.2	20.0	20.0	20.0
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>

The Government will provide \$83.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to establish a national Net Zero Authority (the Authority) to promote orderly and positive economic transformation associated with decarbonisation and energy system change in regional areas, including support for impacted workers.

As an interim step, an agency will be established from 1 July 2023, initially within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, to lead the design and establishment of the Authority and to perform functions of the Authority, pending formal establishment of the Authority.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing*. The Government will consider future funding for the Authority after the design work has been finalised, with the Government having provisioned ongoing funding for the Authority in the Contingency Reserve.

**Preserving Australia’s Global Economic Influence**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>	<b>nfp</b>

The Government will provide ongoing funding to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to strengthen international engagement and preserve Australia’s influence in key regional and economic fora, including the G7, G20 and ASEAN.

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

**Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	11.3	2.5	2.5	2.4
Department of Social Services	-	0.5	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	11.8	2.5	2.5	2.4

The Government will provide \$19.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.4 million per year ongoing) in additional resourcing for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to support the delivery of key priorities and reforms. This includes providing support for the next Independent Intelligence Review, the National Cabinet Reform Agenda and further development and implementation of the National Strategy for the Care and Support Economy.

## Social Services

### Administration of Emergency Response Payments

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	-	231.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$231.8 million in 2023–24 to enable Services Australia to respond to natural disaster events. Including the delivery of the *Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment* and *Disaster Recovery Allowance*.

This measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Administration of COVID-19 and Emergency Payments*.

The Government will consider the nature of future funding for Services Australia to respond to natural disaster events when longer-term administration of the program is known.

### Central Coordination of Disability Policy – measure progress against Australia’s Disability Strategy

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.3

The Government will provide \$10.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to establish a Central Coordination of Disability Policy function in the Department of Social Services, to drive whole-of-government action on disability policy and improve accountability against *Australia’s Disability Strategy 2021–2031*.

The cost of this measure will be met by reprioritising funding from the Department of Social Services Program 3.1 (Disability and Carers).



**Child Support Scheme – response to family law inquiry**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	..	2.5	..	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	2.4	0.5	0.3	-0.5
Total – Payments	..	4.9	0.5	0.3	-0.5

The Government will provide \$5.1 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (with savings of \$0.5 million per year ongoing) to address the *Child Support Scheme* recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Australia’s Family Law System. Funding will also be used to change child support rules to improve support for secondary students who turn 18 in the holiday period between 2 secondary school years.

**Disability Workforce COVID-19 Leave Grant**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	..	14.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.1 million over two years from 2022–23 for targeted financial support for disability workers who deliver personal support to National Disability Insurance Scheme participants, contract COVID-19, and do not have access to leave entitlements. This will support vulnerable Australians by lowering the risk of COVID-19 transmission in high-risk disability settings. Disability support providers who pay leave entitlements to eligible staff who contract COVID-19 will be reimbursed at a rate of \$450 where a worker has lost at least 8 hours but less than 20 hours of work and \$750 where a worker has lost more than 20 hours of work.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Pandemic Support Payment Extensions*.

**Ensuring Robust Policy, Financial, Legislative and Governance Oversight of the National Disability Insurance Scheme**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	13.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.0 million in 2023–24 to the Department of Social Services to ensure it has resources to continue to provide policy advice and oversight of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the National Disability Insurance Agency.

### Forced Adoption Support Services – 10 year anniversary funding

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to help remember mothers, adopted people and wider families affected by forced adoption on the 10 year anniversary of the national apology for forced adoptions (the National Apology). The National Apology acknowledged the experiences of those affected by forced adoptions, which created a lifelong legacy of pain and suffering.

The funding also allows for the delivery of trauma-informed support services for people affected by forced adoption.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services.

### Future National Redress Scheme Funding

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	61.8	25.9	26.7	27.5

The Government will provide additional funding of \$142.2 million over 5 years from 2023–24 for continued implementation of the *National Redress Scheme for Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse* (the Scheme). This will allow the processing of a greater-than-expected number of applications and provide continued funding to Redress Support Services. Funding includes:

- \$80.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to continue Redress Support Services funding, to provide support to survivors through the application processes and via counselling and other services
- \$62.1 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to support the administration of the Scheme in response to continued high demand and support the implementation of the Government’s response to the second year review of the Scheme.

The measure extends the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *National Redress Scheme*.

### Improving the Effectiveness and Sustainability of the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	278.2	180.6	133.4	-490.6
Department of Social Services	-	3.1	2.7	1.8	0.8
Department of Finance	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	281.4	183.2	135.2	-489.7

A sustainable growth trajectory for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is critical for its long-term viability, ensuring it can continue to provide life-changing outcomes for future generations of Australians with disability.

As a first step towards ensuring a sustainable NDIS, the Government will provide \$732.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support participant outcomes and the effective and sustainable operation of the Scheme. Funding includes:

- \$429.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to invest in the National Disability Insurance Agency’s (NDIA’s) capability and systems, to improve processes and planning decisions
- \$73.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to better support participants to manage their plan within budget, including assistance from NDIA during the year and holding plan managers, support coordinators and providers to account
- \$63.8 million over two years from 2023–24 to take a lifetime approach to ensure plans are more transparent and flexible for life events
- \$56.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to strengthen supported independent living decisions, including by introducing a home and living panel with highly trained staff to improve consistency across decisions and updating guidelines for planners to improve participants’ ability to live independently
- \$48.3 million over two years from 2023–24 to invest in the NDIA’s ability to detect, respond to, and reduce fraud and non-compliant payments, and to develop a business case for new IT platforms and systems to detect and prevent fraud and non-compliant payments
- \$29.3 million over two years from 2023–24 to support the quality and effectiveness of services provided to participants, through improving oversight of services and increasing take up of evidence-based supports
- \$24.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to work with participants and providers to trial blended payment models, to increase incentives for providers to innovate service delivery and improve outcomes

- \$7.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to partner with communities to pilot alternative commissioning approaches to improve access to supports in remote and First Nations communities.

To provide participants with greater certainty around their plan funding, the NDIA will also move to allowing for longer plans for participants, where appropriate.

To make it easier for participants to access evidence-based assistive technology and other supports, the Department of Social Services will work with stakeholders to establish an expert advisory panel to identify evidence-based supports, and the NDIA will implement preferred provider arrangements to leverage the buying power of the NDIS.

The NDIS Scheme Actuary has projected that without action, Scheme expenses would increase by \$17.2 billion over 4 years from 2023–24. The funding in this measure supports the NDIA to improve the administration of the Scheme, which will reduce additional growth in Scheme expenses by \$15.3 billion, moderating additional growth to \$1.9 billion over 4 years from 2023–24.

As a second step, National Cabinet has committed to an NDIS Financial Sustainability Framework (the Framework). Whilst the NDIS remains demand driven, the Framework will provide an annual growth target in the total costs of the Scheme of no more than 8 per cent by 1 July 2026, with further moderation of growth as the Scheme matures. This will moderate growth in NDIS costs by \$622.8 million in 2026–27 and \$59.0 billion over 7 years from 2027–28 to 2033–34. At 8 per cent per annum growth, the NDIS will be the fastest growing Commonwealth payment program.

The Government will work with the disability community and states and territories to implement these initiatives and the Framework and ensure that every dollar goes to support those who need it most.

**Increase to Working Age Payments**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	5.4	20.5	3.1	2.2	2.2
Department of Social Services	-	961.1	1,286.6	1,289.3	1,297.0
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.4	1.0	1.3	1.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>981.9</b>	<b>1,290.7</b>	<b>1,292.8</b>	<b>1,300.6</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	60.0	80.0	80.0

The Government will provide \$4.9 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 (with \$1.3 billion per year ongoing) to increase support for people receiving working age payments including the JobSeeker Payment. This measure will:

- increase the base rate of working age and student payments by \$40 per fortnight. This increase applies to the JobSeeker Payment, Youth Allowance, Parenting Payment (Partnered), Austudy, ABSTUDY, Disability Support Pension (Youth), and Special Benefit. It will commence on 20 September 2023
- extend eligibility for the existing higher single JobSeeker Payment rate for recipients aged 60 years and over to recipients aged 55 years and over who are on the payment for 9 or more continuous months.

The increased support for recipients aged 55 years and over, the majority of whom are women, acknowledges the additional challenges older Australians face in re-entering the workforce, such as age discrimination or poor health.

The measure is expected to increase personal income tax receipts by \$220.0 million over 3 years from 2024-25 (with \$80.0 million per year ongoing).

**Increased Support for Commonwealth Rent Assistance Recipients**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	5.9	10.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Department of Social Services	-	523.7	699.9	720.4	738.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	3.0	3.6	3.5	3.4
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.7
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>537.9</b>	<b>704.6</b>	<b>725.3</b>	<b>743.3</b>

The Government will provide \$2.7 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.7 billion per year ongoing) to increase the maximum rates of the *Commonwealth Rent Assistance* (CRA) allowances by 15 per cent to help address rental affordability challenges for CRA recipients.

**Investing in Market Quality and Safeguards for People with Disability**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	-	71.2	71.4	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$142.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to support the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Quality and Safeguards Commission (the Commission) in carrying out its role of safeguarding NDIS participants. The additional funding will support the Commission to assist participants, minimise the risk of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation, improve market quality and participant experience, complete outstanding casework, and improve the Commission's internal ICT capability.

### Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce – six months extension

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	2.8	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	0.7	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.2	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	<b>3.7</b>	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.7 million in 2023–24 to extend the measure to provide age and veterans pensioners a once-off credit of \$4,000 to their Work Bonus income bank and temporarily increase the maximum income bank until 31 December 2023.

Under this measure, pensioners can earn up to \$11,800 before their pension is reduced, supporting pensioners who want to work, or work more hours, to do so without losing their pension. There is expected to be a minor increase in personal income tax receipts in 2024–25 as a result of this measure.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce*.

### National Housing and Homelessness Agreement Transitional Funding

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	67.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$67.5 million in 2023–24 to boost homelessness funding to states and territories. The funding will be used to support the provision of homelessness services through the *National Housing and Homelessness Agreement in 2023–24*. The current *National Housing and Homelessness Agreement* provides over \$1.6 billion to states and territories, with Government committing to a one year extension for the *National Housing and Homelessness Agreement* to 30 June 2024 in the 2022–23 October Budget, while negotiations are underway with states and territories.

Commonwealth payments to the states and territories are managed by the Treasury.

**Parenting Payment (Single) – improved support for single parents**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	2.4	-4.1	-30.1	-29.7	-29.3
Department of Social Services	-	355.9	486.5	494.8	503.2
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	9.3	24.5	34.3	39.0
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	4.4	6.8	8.0	8.9
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>365.4</b>	<b>487.6</b>	<b>507.4</b>	<b>521.8</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0

The Government will provide \$1.9 billion over 5 years from 2022-23 (and \$0.5 billion per year ongoing) to extend eligibility for *Parenting Payment (Single)* to support single principal carers with a youngest child under 14 years of age. The existing eligibility provides support to single principal carers with a child aged under 8 years of age.

Improved support for single parents will provide wellbeing benefits particularly for single mothers, who are overwhelmingly the recipients of this payment, and their children. This measure recognises that caring responsibilities can act as a barrier to employment while also recognising that connections with the labour force are likely to improve economic outcomes throughout a carer’s lifetime.

**Progressing the National Disability Data Asset**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	12.9	11.7	3.4	2.8
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>

The Government will provide additional funding of \$31.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to meet the remaining costs of establishing the National Disability Data Asset (NDDA) and its underlying infrastructure – the Australian National Data Integration Infrastructure.

When established, the NDDA will be an enduring national asset comprising a system of linked, de-identified Commonwealth, and state and territory data on Australians with disability. It will inform disability policy development and service delivery and support the Government’s election commitment to make Australia’s Disability Strategy accountable.

The cost of this measure will be met by reprioritising funding from the Department of Social Services Program 3.1 (Disability and Carers).



**Social Services – grants and additional support**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will reprioritise unspent funding of \$34.3 million over two years from 2022–23 to continue a range of activities under the Financial Wellbeing and Capability sub-program. Funding includes:

- \$32.8 million over two years from 2022–23 to provide additional financial wellbeing and capability supports for vulnerable individuals, families and communities in financial crisis
- \$1.5 million in 2023–24 to undertake a review of the Financial Wellbeing and Capability sub-program.

The Government will also reprioritise unspent funding of \$0.4 million in 2023–24 for an Early Learning Childcare Facilities Improvement Grant opportunity as part of its election commitment to provide funding to identified early learning centres and other community organisations to improve facilities.

**Support for First Nations Disability Advocates**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	1.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$1.0 million in 2023–24 under the *National Disability Advocacy Program* to extend individual advocacy support for First Nations people with disability.

The cost of this measure will be met by reprioritising funding from the Department of Social Services Program 3.1 (Disability and Carers).

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Better Support for People Living with Disability*.

### Support for People with Autism

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	3.7	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.9	0.3	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	-	-

The Government will provide funding of \$27.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to undertake additional pilots of early interventions for infants with signs of autism, and further progress the Government’s election commitment to deliver a National Autism Strategy. Funding includes:

- \$22.1 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to undertake 2 pilots of pre-emptive early interventions for infants showing signs of autism. The pilots will leverage the design of the ‘Inklings’ pilot already underway in Western Australia, with the approach adapted for conditions in different jurisdictions
- \$3.7 million in 2023–24 to undertake a co-designed national consultation and engagement process on the National Autism Strategy, and to support the Autism Cooperative Research Centre to continue to undertake research to inform the Strategy
- \$1.2 million over two years from 2023–24 to undertake consultation on a National Roadmap to improve the physical and mental health of autistic people.

The cost of this measure will be met by reprioritising funding from the Department of Social Services Program 3.1 (Disability and Carers), and by redirecting unallocated funding from the *Information, Linkages and Capacity Building* program.

This measure builds on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *National Autism Strategy*.

### Supported Employment

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	16.1	23.2	14.7	3.1

The Government will provide \$57.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support the evolution of the supported employment sector, following the recent Fair Work Commission decision on the Supported Employment Services Award 2020 and other changes impacting the sector. Funding includes:

- \$35.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to establish a structural adjustment fund to assist supported employment organisations to evolve their business models

- \$11.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to establish a targeted disability employment advocacy service and information program for supported employees
- \$6.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to evaluate existing supported employment initiatives and trials, pilot job expos for supported employees and their families, and help organisations transition to the revised award
- \$3.2 million over two years from 2023–24 to extend the Job Access Complaints Resolution and Referral Service and the National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline
- \$1.1 million in 2023–24 to undertake initial research, design and consultation work in preparation for the delivery of the Government’s election commitment to establish a Disability Employment Centre of Excellence.

The cost of this measure will be met by reprioritising funding from the Department of Social Services Program 3.1 (Disability and Carers).

### Sustain myGov

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Services Australia	-	103.9	-	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	104.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$134.5 million in 2023–24 to sustain the myGov platform for an additional year, to continue to securely support over 25 million accounts and connect Australians to 15 government services.

It will include maintenance of streamlined and secure digital credentials, such as the Medicare Card now available in the myGov app.

This measure will partially offset by continuing Services Australia’s user charging arrangements with the Australian Taxation Office and Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, and be partially met from within existing resourcing of Services Australia.

The Government will consider future funding for *myGov* in the context of the Government’s response to the recommendations of the *Critical National Infrastructure – myGov User Audit*. The Government has provisioned ongoing funding in the Contingency Reserve.

### Targeting Entrenched Community Disadvantage

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Social Services	-	11.6	12.3	10.3	6.6
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	3.7	4.8	4.1	3.8
Department of the Treasury	-	2.0	12.1	20.0	30.0
Total – Payments	-	17.3	29.2	34.4	40.4

The Government will provide \$199.8 million over 6 years from 2023–24 to address entrenched community disadvantage, including through place-based approaches, engaging with philanthropy and promoting social impact investment. Funding includes:

- \$100.0 million over 5 years from 2024–25 to establish a social impact investment Outcomes Fund to make contractual payments to states, territories and service providers based on delivering agreed, measurable outcomes through specific projects, with funding to be provisioned in the Contingency Reserve pending the outcome of a co-design process with stakeholders, including states and territories
- \$64.0 million over 6 years from 2023–24 to extend the *Stronger Places, Stronger People* program to deliver place-based initiatives in partnership with 10 local communities and state and territory governments to improve outcomes for disadvantaged children and their families, and to enhance place-based initiatives in 6 of these communities
- \$16.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to the Australian Bureau of Statistics to implement the Life Course Data Initiative to capture data insights to inform long term policy responses aimed at interrupting cycles of intergenerational disadvantage
- \$11.6 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for a Social Enterprise Development Initiative to provide grants, online education and mentoring for eligible organisations to build capability to access capital, better participate in the social impact investing market and support improved social outcomes
- \$7.8 million over two years from 2023–24 to develop a whole-of-government Framework to Address Community Disadvantage that will identify strategic objectives and key principles to guide how the Commonwealth will work in partnership with communities to enable them to build their capability to address cycles of disadvantage.

The Government will also provide \$8.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.2 million per year ongoing) to support the Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis with secretariat and research support.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services.

**Younger People in Residential Aged Care**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	2.8	2.1	0.6	-
Department of Social Services	-	1.8	0.1	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	-	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	-

The Government will provide \$7.3 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for a package of initiatives to further reduce the number of people under the age of 65 living in residential aged care. Funding includes:

- \$3.6 million over two years from 2023–24 to provide targeted education and training packages for General Practitioners, clinical staff, social workers, carers, advocates, families, and other organisations and people that support and influence the decision making of younger people in residential aged care
- \$2.4 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to establish a central function in the Department of Health and Aged Care to support nationally consistent decision making on the eligibility of younger people seeking to enter residential aged care
- \$1.3 million in 2023–24 to evaluate actions already taken by governments to reduce the number of younger people in residential aged care, to inform future initiatives.

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### Big Data, Timely Insights Phase 2 – securing Australia’s critical economic data and supporting better informed macroeconomic policy

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	40.7	47.4	39.2	29.2
Department of Finance	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>29.2</b>

The Government will provide \$156.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (\$197.0 million over 7 years from 2023–24 and \$9.4 million per year ongoing from 2030–31) to continue the Australian Bureau of Statistics’ (ABS) implementation of its 10-year plan to modernise and replace legacy ICT systems. This measure will support the transition of key data assets to a secure cloud environment, including the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and 4 key business surveys.

As part of this measure, the ABS will also move to a full monthly CPI, including obtaining more frequent data observations of prices in the economy.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve pending the further development of ICT system requirements, as part of the Government’s commitment to ensuring that critical future investment is properly scoped and provides maximum value for the taxpayer.

**Comprehensive Sustainable Finance Agenda**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	4.3	-	-	-
Australian Office of Financial Management	-	1.9	3.9	1.3	1.3
Department of the Treasury	-	1.6	nfp	-	-
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>	-	-	4.3	-	-

The Government will provide \$14.2 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to support its sustainable finance agenda, including:

- \$8.3 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.3 million per year ongoing) to establish a sovereign green bond program to raise capital for environmental and climate change related programs
- \$4.3 million in 2023–24 for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to ensure the integrity of sustainable finance markets by investigating and undertaking enforcement action against market participants engaging in greenwashing and other sustainable finance misconduct
- \$1.6 million in 2023–24 to support the initial development of a sustainable finance taxonomy for classifying economic activities according to their impact on sustainability goals.

Funding for ASIC activities will be cost recovered through levies under ASIC’s industry funding model.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve.

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

### Driving Collaboration with Small Business to Reduce the Time Spent Complying with Tax Obligations

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Taxation Office	-	5.6	9.4	5.4	1.4

The Government will provide \$21.8 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.4 million per year ongoing) to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to lower the tax-related administrative burden for small businesses. Funding includes:

- \$12.8 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to trial an expansion of the ATO independent review process to small businesses (with aggregated turnover between \$10 million and \$50 million) subject to an ATO audit. The trial will commence on 1 July 2024 and run for 18 months
- \$9.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.4 million per year ongoing) for 5 new tax clinics from 1 January 2025 to improve access to tax advice and assistance for 2.3 million small businesses. Eligibility for funding will be extended to TAFE institutions to improve access to tax clinic services in regional areas.

The measure also delivers reforms to cut paperwork and reduce the time small businesses spend doing taxes:

- from 1 July 2024, small businesses will be permitted to authorise their tax agent to lodge multiple Single Touch Payroll forms on their behalf, reducing paperwork for small businesses
- from 1 July 2024, small businesses will benefit from faster, safer and cheaper income tax refunds by reducing the use of cheques
- from 1 July 2025, small businesses will be permitted up to 4 years to amend their income tax returns, reducing the burden of making revisions.



## Fighting Scams

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	18.5	23.6	15.9	-
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.4
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	4.3	2.0	2.1	2.1
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>	-	-	4.8	4.2	4.2

The Government will provide \$86.5 million over 4 years from 2023–24 to combat scams and online fraud. Funding includes:

- \$58.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to establish the National Anti-Scam Centre within the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to improve scam data sharing across government and the private sector and to establish public-private sector Fusion Cells to target specific scam issues
- \$17.6 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$4.4 million per year ongoing) for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to identify and take down phishing websites and other websites which promote investment scams, to be cost recovered through levies under ASIC’s industry funding model
- \$10.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.2 million per year ongoing) to the Australian Communications and Media Authority and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to establish and enforce an SMS sender ID registry to impede scammers seeking to spoof industry and government brand names in message headers.

Partial funding for this measure will be held in the Contingency Reserve pending further development of ICT system requirements for the National Anti-Scam Centre.

This measure builds on the 2022-23 October Budget measure titled *Fighting Online Scams*.

### Increasing the Supply of Social and Affordable Housing and Making it Easier to Buy a Home

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Department of the Treasury	-	2.7	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	2.8	-	-	-

The Government will introduce a number of housing measures to increase support for social and affordable housing across the country and improve access for home buyers, including:

- increasing the Government-guaranteed liability cap of the National Housing and Finance Investment Corporation (NHFIC) by \$2.0 billion to \$7.5 billion to enable NHFIC to increase its support for social and affordable housing through loans from the Affordable Housing Bond Aggregator
- amending NHFIC’s Investment Mandate to require NHFIC to take reasonable steps to allocate a minimum of 1,200 homes to be delivered in each state and territory within 5 years of the Housing Australia Future Fund commencing operation
- expand the eligibility of the Home Guarantee Scheme to:
  - allow any 2 eligible people to be joint applicants for a guarantee beyond spouses and de facto partners
  - allow non-first home buyers who have not owned a property in Australia for at least 10 years to access the First Home Guarantee and Regional Home Guarantee
  - allow a single legal guardian of children to access the Family Home Guarantee
  - allow Australian permanent residents to access the Scheme
- redirecting interest earnings on unallocated NHFIC funds to support more social and affordable housing and delivery of housing priorities.

The Government will also provide \$2.7 million in 2023–24 to the Treasury to support delivery of priority housing measures. The Government is also enabling up to 3 additional members to be appointed to the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council to provide a greater breadth of policy expertise.

This measure expands on the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Safer and More Affordable Housing*.

See also the related payment measure titled *National Housing and Homelessness Agreement Transitional Funding*.

**Treasury Portfolio – additional resourcing**

Payments (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	31.9	37.7	-	-
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	1.6	1.7	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6
Department of the Treasury	-0.4	39.9	23.4	6.5	10.5
<b>Total – Payments</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</i>	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$162.4 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$8.3 million per year ongoing) to support the delivery of Government priorities in the Treasury portfolio. Funding includes:

- \$88.8 million over two years from 2023–24 to support the continued operation of the Consumer Data Right in the banking, energy and non-bank lending sectors, progress the design of action initiation and uplift cyber security
- \$32.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for the Treasury to support the continued delivery of key programs and statutory reviews and to upgrade ICT systems
- \$22.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$5.6 million per year ongoing) to continue the Centre for Population and modelling of the fiscal benefits of migration
- \$10.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$2.1 million per year ongoing) to establish a central evaluation function within Treasury to provide leadership and improve evaluation capability across Government, including support to agencies and leading a small number of flagship evaluations each year
- \$5.0 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to continue a superannuation consumer advocate to improve members' outcomes, offset by an increase in the Superannuation Supervisory Levy administered by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
- \$2.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.6 million per year ongoing) to the Australian Taxation Office to enable increased disclosure of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission's regulatory activities to enhance transparency and accountability in the charity sector
- \$1.9 million over two years from 2023–24 to establish a public registry of beneficial ownership of companies and other legal vehicles, including trusts.

In addition, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission will establish the first phase of a complaints mechanism for designated consumer and small business advocacy groups to raise systemic issues under consumer law ('super complaints') within existing resourcing.

This measure will be partially offset by reprioritisation of existing functions within the Treasury portfolio and by reducing the frequency of Financial Regulator Assessment Authority reviews from every two years to every 5 years.

## Notes

- (a) The following definitions are used in this Budget Paper:
- ‘real’ means adjusted for the effect of inflation
  - real growth in expenses is calculated using the consumer price index (CPI) as the deflator
  - the Budget year refers to 2023–24, while the forward years refer to 2024–25, 2025–26, and 2026–27
  - one billion is equal to one thousand million.
- (b) Figures in tables and generally in the text have been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.
- estimates under \$100,000 are rounded to the nearest thousand
  - estimates \$100,000 and over are generally rounded to the nearest tenth of a million
  - estimates midway between rounding points are rounded up.
- (c) For the budget balance, a negative sign indicates a deficit while no sign indicates a surplus.
- (d) The following notations are used:
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| -       | nil   |
| na      | not applicable  |
| ..      | not zero, but rounded to zero   |
| \$m     | millions of dollars   |
| \$b     | billions of dollars   |
| nfp     | not for publication   |
| AEDT    | Australian Eastern Daylight Time  |
| AEST    | Australian Eastern Standard Time  |
| NEC/nec | not elsewhere classified  |
| *       | The nature of this measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided. |

- (e) The Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory are referred to as ‘the Territories’. References to the ‘States’ or ‘each State’ include the Territories. The following abbreviations are used for the names of the States, where appropriate:

NSW	New South Wales
VIC	Victoria
QLD	Queensland
WA	Western Australia
SA	South Australia
TAS	Tasmania
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
NT	Northern Territory

- (f) In this paper, the term ‘Commonwealth’ refers to the Commonwealth of Australia. The term is used when referring to the legal entity of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The term ‘Australian Government’ is used when referring to the Government and the decisions and activities made by the Government on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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